

FY25 ANNUAL REPORT – WAITSFIELD

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is valued! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

Regional Commissioner
Alice Peal
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Don La Haye

Waitsfield Activities Through June 30, 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025)

- Assisted town in process for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan development and approval (approval 11/13/24). Met with the Planning Commission to discuss water quality restoration opportunities identified through the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning process.
- Provided planning and engineering grant support for the Meadow Road Bridge
- Discussed water quality restoration funding opportunities with the Selectboard, Planning Commission and Conservation Commission. Secured funding to proceed with Project Development on four municipally owned properties along the Mad River.
- Identified 53 discretionary municipal water quality restoration projects from the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Projects Database supported by goals identified in the municipal plan.
- Provided GIS support for zoning district boundaries data and submitting to state repository.
- Hosted a municipal wastewater workshop in collaboration with Friends of the Mad River, Yestermorrow and the Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division.
- Managed the Mad River Path Active Transportation Corridor feasibility study
- Provided technical assistance and reviewed Irasville Substation upgrade project (248) and relevant town planning initiatives and documents
- Provided information on climate planning, enhanced energy planning, hot weather preparedness planning, and VT Community Charging Program.
- Supported town in planning around Mill Brook landslide mitigation.

Overview of CVRPC Programs and Services

- ❖ *Assistance for town plan and bylaw updates, focusing on predictable and effective local permitting*
- ❖ *Brownfields environmental site assessments to facilitate redevelopment and economic growth*
- ❖ *Transportation planning, studies, data collection, traffic counts, and coordination of local involvement through the regional Transportation Advisory Committee*
- ❖ *Emergency planning for natural disasters and coordination with local volunteers and the State*
- ❖ *Climate and energy planning to support projects to reduce energy burdens and build resilience*
- ❖ *Natural resource planning to protect water resources, preserve forest blocks, enhance recreational opportunities and support agricultural and forest industries*
- ❖ *Regional Planning to coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth*
- ❖ *Geographic Information System Services to support to municipalities*
- ❖ *Clean Water Service Provider: Support water quality projects to meet phosphorous reduction targets*
- ❖ *Special Projects such as recreation paths, farmland preservation, and affordable housing*
- ❖ *Grant support through project identification, scoping, and applications*