

FY25 ANNUAL REPORT – WILLIAMSTOWN

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.

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

- Provided technical assistance to review energy audits of municipal buildings (FY24 MERP), scope projects from recommendations, and apply for \$107,657 in MERP Implementation Phase funding for building envelopes and HVAC improvements.
- Developed and recommended eligible projects for MERP mini-grant (\$4,000) use.
- Met with Planning Commission chair to review town plan scope, including optional enhanced energy plan and municipal plan review statutory requirements for regional approval.
- Reviewed Flood Hazard Area Bylaws for conformance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in preparation for municipal consultation at the May 2025 CVRPC NFIP Training.
- Identified 22 discretionary municipal water quality restoration projects from the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Projects Database supported by town planning goals.
- Assisted with the successful application for Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) funding to support the Town Plan update.

Regional Commissioner Richard Turner
Transportation Advisory Committee Richard Turner

Overview of CVRPC Programs and Services

- ❖ *Technical assistance for municipal 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: Developing 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*