

FY25 ANNUAL REPORT – WORCESTER

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.

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

- Provided technical assistance and capacity throughout application, award, and implementation of \$449,861.20 of state funds (MERP), including project scope development and RFP and bid process, for building envelope and HVAC improvements to the Town Hall, Municipal Complex (Town Offices & Fire Department), and Town Garage.
- Provided guidance and technical assistance throughout Enhanced Energy Plan development process (planning commission working group) and on complementary implementation programs and funding.
- Provided technical assistance to the Selectboard developing potential solar projects and future capital planning efforts.
- Updated municipal staff regarding National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA map and bylaw updates, river corridor planning, and DEC Rivers Program no adverse impact model bylaw.
- Identified 80 discretionary municipal water quality restoration projects from the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Projects Database supported by goals identified in the municipal plan.
- Completed 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update process including final FEMA approval. (4/16/25)
- Performed two traffic studies on Route 12 at village boundaries.
- Advised town staff on Radar Speed Feedback Sign funding sources and other potential measures to reduce speeds in the village.

Regional Commissioner Bill Arrand Transportation Advisory Committee Bill Arrand

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: 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*