

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
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**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD**

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. CVRPC provides a forum in which municipalities work together to address regional issues and opportunities. It also offers its member communities professional assistance with local planning efforts through its experienced and knowledgeable staff, including guidance about the requirements of Chapter 117, Vermont's Planning and Development law. During this year, significant time was spent by staff working with member municipalities on mapping, analyses, and policy review in order to understand how current bylaws are likely to influence future development patterns.

The Commission also focused on implementing goals contained in the Regional Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. CVRPC also began work on updating the Plan and has approved the Housing element which includes the regional housing distribution plan. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and problems and make recommendations to the State Transportation Agency on projects that should be included in the Agency's five year capital program. Both the Regional and Transportation Plans are being updated for adoption in 2008. The Commission was also involved in the review of regionally significant Act 250 development projects. CVRPC continues to work on the development of regional and local pre-disaster mitigation plans, population and housing growth projections, and review and approval of town plans as required by statute. CVRPC also completed assessments on three brownfield sites in the Region and is looking for additional commercial/industrial sites that may be contaminated and would qualify for a brownfields assessment. As an outgrowth of the Central Vermont Economic Collaborative and the affected municipality, CVRPC completed the analysis of undeveloped parcels in proximity to existing sewer infrastructure to see if a greater housing density would be appropriate.

CVRPC assisted the Town with review of the flood hazard bylaws, assisted with pre-disaster mitigation planning and mapping, developed a culvert inventory and map, performed traffic counts, managed the Route 100 Byway Corridor study, reviewed Act 250 projects, assisted with Town Plan and zoning issues, and continued to provide administrative assistance to the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance.

CVRPC continues to work with local officials to provide GIS mapping, including planning maps for a variety of projects and municipal plans, bicycle and pedestrian path suitability maps, and maps of the Region's natural resources. The Commission also provides model bylaws and assists municipalities in the administration of grants, particularly for the Vermont Community Development Program. Additional information on the Commission can be found at [www.centralvtplanning.org](http://www.centralvtplanning.org).

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another year of serving our member communities and the Central Vermont Region.

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