

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission has been providing planning and development assistance to communities for over forty years through its experienced and knowledgeable staff. CVRPC is governed by appointed representatives from each municipality in the region.

The Commission provides assistance on municipal plan and bylaw updates, and this year continued its focus on updates to municipal flood hazard bylaws. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and make recommendations on projects that should be included in the State Transportation Agency's 5 year capital program. CVRPC also continued its work on the development of regional and local hazard mitigation plans, population and housing growth, and river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements. The Commission has also been actively involved in assisting towns with the development or updates of BEOP's (Basic Emergency Operations Plans).



Route 100 south in Irasville along the Mill Brook, 08/29/11. (Photo: David Garten)

Continuing with its energy work from 2010, CVRPC is providing assistance to local energy committees with implementing the building energy audit recommendations for weatherization of municipal buildings. The Commission's work expanded this year to include assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene. Assessment and mapping services were provided to those towns impacted, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring

grant funds for repairs to local infrastructure. CVRPC received a grant to develop a regional broadband plan that will direct where infrastructure is needed to support the technology and provide access.



The Waitsfield Town Garage had an energy audit completed through the CVRPC's Energy Program. (Photo: CVRPC)

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town by providing administrative assistance to the Mad River Resource Management Alliance and the Mad River Valley Planning District, assisted in

the development of the Mad River Valley byway program, provided traffic counts, assistance with the sidewalk study and the Safe Routes to School program, assisted the energy committee with the PACE program, town building energy retrofits and net metering solar project, updated GIS maps for the Town Plan, and provided input on town plan issues. CVRPC also made funding available for weatherization of municipal buildings.

The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in state regulatory proceedings for projects that have impact across municipal boundaries. Significant staff time this year was spent working with municipalities on mapping and analysis of current bylaws to understand how they influence future development patterns. CVRPC can also provide model bylaws and assist municipalities with the administration of grants.

Thank you for your continued support for local and regional planning. Please call us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, recreation, mapping, or data needs. For more information, you can reach us at (802) 229-0389, or visit our website www.centralvtplanning.org.

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