

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2015 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 since 1967 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 town planning and consultations with local officials. 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 continued its work on the development of local hazard mitigation plans, river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements, and amended the 2008 Regional Plan. The Commission has been actively involved in assisting towns with the development or updates of Local Emergency Operations Plans. The Commission continued its assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene and subsequent storms. Assessment and mapping services were provided to the impacted towns, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring grant funds to repair local infrastructure. CVRPC continued its work with towns on assessing green stormwater infrastructure barriers and developing language for town plans and bylaws, as well as finalizing the Forest Stewardship Plan. CVRPC is developing the 2016 Regional Plan with its "Plan Central Vermont" outreach effort to involve members and residents in the work of building a sustainable and engaged Region.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town by assisting with administration of the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Resource Management Alliance, updating the Local Emergency Operations and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, bylaws review, assisting with the Better Back Roads grant application, performing traffic counts, completing the bridge and culvert inventory, and collecting elevation data through the US Geologic Survey with Vermont Community Development grant funding.

The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in State regulatory proceedings for projects that have impacts across municipal boundaries. CVRPC provides model bylaws and assists 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, water quality, mapping, or data needs. For more information, you can reach us at (802) 229-0389, or visit our website www.centralvtplanning.org and Find us on Facebook!

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Lights on Bridge Street, Dec. 2015.

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