

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

2017 East Montpelier Activities

- ❖ Created invasive plants map and updated town's web map.
- ❖ Provided data and mapping for the Town Plan and reviewed updates.
- ❖ Initiated a joint Stormwater Master Plan with Woodbury and Calais.
- ❖ Completed a road erosion inventory and trained town staff on use of the digital application.
- ❖ Provided grant writing assistance for road side erosion project.
- ❖ Completed an alternatives study of the Towne Hill Road/Gallison Hill Road/Brazier Road intersection.
- ❖ Supported emergency response and disaster preparedness by creating E911 Service Area maps, assisting with a Local Emergency Operations Plan update, and creating a Tier II facilities summary and map.
- ❖ Assisted Energy Committee to increase the Town's standing in the Certificate of Public Good process.
- ❖ Assisted with identifying eligible roads for Grants in Aid construction funds and managed those funds.
- ❖ Assisted with Village Master Plan and writing a successful grant application for zoning updates.
- ❖ Secured funding to plan for flood resilience and forest integrity in the Winooski Headwaters.

Regional Commissioner

Julie Potter

**Transportation
Advisory Committee**

Frank Pratt

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization and plan updates.
- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.
- ❖ *Emergency planning:* Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- ❖ *Natural resource planning and project development:* Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- ❖ *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ *Geographic Information System services:* Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ❖ *Special projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, and write grant applications.

The Commission 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 appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.