

# Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

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The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a political subdivision of the State created by the municipalities of Chittenden County in 1966 for the development of policies, plans and programs that address regional issues and opportunities in Chittenden County. The CCRPC also serves as the region's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and is responsible for transportation planning in Chittenden County in close collaboration with our municipalities, state and federal agencies, other partners, and the public.

The CCRPC is governed by a 29-member board consisting of one representative from each of the County's 19 municipalities, transportation representatives, and at-large members representing the interests of agriculture, environmental/conervation, business, and housing/socio-economic. CCRPC's vision is to be a pre-eminent, integrated regional organization that plans for healthy, vibrant communities, economic development, and efficient transportation of people and goods while improving the region's livability.

The CCRPC appreciates the continued opportunity to work with its municipal members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect and improve the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County. In FY25, the CCRPC invested about \$8.3 million in regional land use, transportation, emergency management, energy, natural resources, equitable public engagement, training, and technical assistance. The work program leverages more than \$7.6 million in Federal and State investment with \$270,000 in municipal dues and another \$320,000 in local match for specific projects—nearly a 13:1 return on local investment.

### PLANNING & ZONING

RPCs provide cost-effective professional planning staff for many of Vermont's municipalities. Work in recent years has been focused on improving town plans and local permitting through education and enhanced consultations (on-site training), bylaw modernization, and implementing requirements for energy planning, forest integrity, economic development, housing, and flood resiliency planning. Current and clearly written plans and bylaws are essential to enable efficient state and local permitting. This work is supported through local and regional planning funds, municipal dues, and other grants. All technical assistance provided this year is shown on the At Work map; highlights include:

- **Town Plan Assistance:** Staff conducted initial plan reviews for Buel's Gore, Burlington, Charlotte, Milton, Richmond, and Winooski.
- **Town Plan Approvals:** Approved the 2025 comprehensive plans for Bolton and Buel's Gore.
- **Zoning:** CCRPC completed a project to support the creation of a master plan and updated zoning bylaws for both East Charlotte and West Charlotte villages and continued supporting the Town of Milton with developing a Town Core Master Plan with associated regulatory changes and capital planning. CCRPC also helped the City of Burlington with project management on a master planning and development regulations project focused on the City's New North End (PlanBTV NNE). CCRPC assisted the Town of Shelburne with a comprehensive bylaw update that will continue into FY26. Minor zoning-related assistance was also provided to Bolton, Charlotte, Colchester, Essex, Essex Junction, Hinesburg, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Shelburne, St. George, and Westford.
- **Training:** Land Use Essentials trainings were held for the following audiences: Essex Planning Commission and Development Review Board, and Shelburne Natural Resources and

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Conservation Commission. Trainings related to the implementation of Act 181 were held with all 19 Chittenden County communities.

- **Legislative Forum:** In December, the CCRPC hosted a [Legislative briefing](#) to serve as a forum for municipal representatives and legislators to connect on a few important topics for the upcoming legislative session, including: smart growth issues (infrastructure, permit system, housing, climate/resilience, transit revenue options); and economic development issues. CCRPC has also participated in numerous legislative initiatives including development and implementation of Act 181.

RPCs also coordinate planning at the regional level through the adoption and implementation of a comprehensive regional plan, and related studies. These plans guide local planning and the investment decisions of the public and private sectors.

### HOUSING

CCRPC organized two Regional Housing Convenings to facilitate peer exchanges on housing tools, sponsored National Fair Housing Month events in partnership with Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO), and assisted communities with implementing the [HOME Act](#) (S.100/Act 47). Work also continued on the [Building Homes Together 2.0 campaign](#), which launched in fall 2021 with the goal of building 1,000 homes per year by 2025 for people of all incomes, including 25% affordable homes. In 2023, 720 homes were built; 125 were affordable.

### ACT 181

To implement Act 181, CCRPC staff led [140+ engagement events](#) in all 19 municipalities to inform the development of a new regional Future Land Use map (as directed in Act 181) and supported municipalities choosing whether to opt in to Tier 1B (partial Act 250 exemption). CCRPC also developed and released municipal Housing Targets in March 2025. The ECOS Future Land Use map engagement efforts, findings, and [most recent draft map](#) can be found [on our website](#).

The implementation of Act 181 will directly inform the development of the 2026 Chittenden County ECOS Plan. The ECOS (Environment; Community; Opportunity; Sustainability) Plan is the regional plan for Chittenden County and combines the Regional Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy into one. Development of the 2026 ECOS Plan will continue through the adoption process in FY26. Adoption of the plan by the CCRPC Board is anticipated in spring 2026. The plan will then be submitted to the State Land Use Review Board for final review and approval in summer 2026.

### BROWNFIELDS

Vermont RPCs have sought and been awarded more than 10 million dollars for this economic development initiative. CCRPC uses these funds to retain several Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) engineering firms to conduct environmental site assessments and prepare clean-up plans to allow properties to be sold, developed or re-developed in ways that benefit the local and state economy, create or protect jobs, and increase housing opportunities.

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- **Chittenden County Brownfields Program:** The Brownfields Program aids property owners, potential developers, and municipalities with investigating environmental issues prior to potential property redevelopment as well as helping with cleanup costs. In FY25 using three different grants from both the EPA and ACCD totaling nearly \$750,000, CCRPC and its pool of eight Qualified Environmental Professional firms provided environmental assessment and cleanup planning services for 14 project sites in 7 municipalities across the county as follows:

Burlington	141-143 North Ave., 168 Archibald St., 230-236 Main St., 99 Intervale Rd.
Essex	104 Center Rd.
Williston	662NXT South Brownell Rd.
Saint George	21 Barber Rd., 35 Barber Rd.
South Burlington	72 San Remo Dr., 209 White St., 1336 Williston Rd., 600 Spear St.
Westford	1705 VT Route 128
Winooski	O'Brien Community Ctr.

In May 2025, CCRPC was awarded a \$1 million EPA grant to implement a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program that will aid municipalities, non-profits and the private sector with implementing cleanups and other corrective actions to bring blighted and contaminated properties to productive use.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic growth is supported best when development efforts are partnered with solid planning functions. RPCs work with towns and in strong partnership with Regional Development Corporations (RDCs) to this end in several ways, including development of comprehensive strategies that will help to position Vermont for long-term economic gain.

- **Byway Coordination:** Chittenden County includes eight of Lake Champlain Byway's 22 communities: Milton, Colchester, Winooski, Essex Junction, Burlington, South Burlington, Shelburne, and Charlotte. CCRPC staff maintained the [Byway website](#) including a helpful [Interactive Map](#). Additionally, CCRPC submitted a National Scenic Byways Program Grant in partnership with VTrans and Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to support website updates and outreach materials.
- **Chittenden County Communications Union District (CCCUD):** CCRPC assisted the [CCCUD](#) as they explored opportunities to provide high-speed internet access to under- or unserved addresses in their 8-municipality district. The CCCUD received proposals from internet service providers to form a public/private partnership to provide broadband service to all the unserved and underserved locations in the district (~500+ locations). In fall 2024, the CCCUD applied for and was awarded \$2.1M in Construction Grant funds from the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB). The CCCUD then finalized a contract with Consolidated Communications, Inc. (CCI) to accomplish phase 1 (~100+ locations) of this work. The CCCUD anticipates service will be available for all phase 1 customers by the end of calendar year 2025.
- **Community Development:** CCRPC completed grant administration on behalf of the Town of Bolton on the CDBG grant for the Bolton Valley Resort and Bolton Valley Community Water and Sewer District (BVCWS) water and wastewater improvements in Bolton. CCRPC continued work as the grant administrator for two Northern Border Applications (Hinesburg water project and the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center in Burlington). On behalf of the Town of St. George,

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CCRPC developed a Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) Planning Grant to plan for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and to install solar and battery systems, at the St. George Town Office. The Town received the grant and CCRPC has assisted with grant administration.

- **Chittenden County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:** With federal funding from the US Economic Development Administration (EDA), CCRPC completed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in concert with the Addison, Rutland and Central VT regions -- collectively called the West Central Vermont CEDS. The CEDS identifies priority economic development strategies and projects and will be used by a variety of federal and state funding programs when making grant decisions. The West Central Vermont CEDS was approved by EDA in June 2023. CEDS partners continued working together in FY25 by forming the West Center Vermont Economic Development District (WCVT EDD) and submitting an application to become an EDA-recognized Economic Development District.

### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Through contracts with VTrans, RPCs coordinate the Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI). This effort has provided a statewide framework for public and municipal involvement in planning for improvements to Vermont's transportation system, with local communities represented through regional Transportation Advisory Committees (TACs). Each regional TAC prioritizes projects, identifies local and regional transportation needs, and provides the platform for public involvement in the planning and development of the region's transportation system. RPCs serve as the point of delivery for the statewide transportation planning process to support local, regional, state, and federal transportation network improvements.

The CCRPC also serves the region as the sole Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) operating within Vermont. MPOs are federally mandated and funded transportation planning organizations for urbanized areas with population greater than 50,000 and are governed by representatives from local municipalities and state transportation agencies. Congress created MPOs to ensure that transportation projects and programs in urbanized areas are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive ("3-Cs") planning process that serve the needs of the municipalities in the metropolitan area.

#### **Objective #1: Enhance Cooperation and Coordination between VTrans, RPC Regions and Municipalities**

**TAC Activity:** The TAC met 10 times in FY25. Seventeen member municipalities have been actively engaged in transportation planning and TAC attendance varied from 14 to 19 members. Ten (10) non-municipal TAC members were actively engaged in transportation planning in the county.

**TAC Outcomes:** The TAC approved, discussed, received presentations, and/or made recommendations on the following projects/tasks:

- Regional Safety Action Plan
- FY25 REI Concept Plans
- Green Mountain Transit Draft Service Reduction Plan
- Consultant Selection – planBTV New North End
- Transportation Sustainability Assessment Tool and Data Dashboard
- FY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

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- 2025 Vermont Rail Plan
- FY26 Unified Planning Work Program
- Annual Safety Targets
- VTrans State Design Standards
- Act 250 / Act 145/ Act 181 Discussion
- Main Street Construction Updates: Burlington & Winooski
- Roundtable Discussion of 2025 Municipal Projects
- Burlington's Battery Street Corridor Scoping Study
- Local and Regional Active Transportation Planning Overview
- Local Motion Chittenden County Active Transportation Survey
- Green Mountain Transit (GMT) Safety and Asset Performance Targets
- FY25 UPWP Development
- Colchester Public Works – Shifting to ArcGIS Online for Asset Management
- CCRPC Equity Work Updates
- Health Equity Toolkit
- Net Zero VT Walk to Shop Program Updates
- SFY25 Transportation Capital Program Review
- Class 1 Town Highway Reclassification Study
- Shelburne Bike Parking Survey Tool
- Complete Streets Reporting
- Carbon Reduction Strategy and GHG Transportation Performance Target
- Speed Countermeasures Toolbox
- Consultant Selection for Land Use Planning and Development Regulation Services

### ***Transportation Coordination Activities with Municipalities and VTrans Provided by CCRPC:***

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) coordination
- Municipal Project Management sidewalk projects (Jericho, Shelburne);
- MRGP, ITS, and EV-related coordination
- Federal Performance Targets
- MS2 data coordination
- Chittenden County Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan
- Burlington-Winooski Bridge Project
- Bike/Pedestrian Bridge over I-89 Connections Study
- Exit 14 Scoping Study
- Route 116 Crosswalk Improvements
- Shelburne Road coordination on bicyclist and pedestrian safety
- Pearl Street Multimodal Improvements Scoping Study
- Essex Active Transportation Plan
- Milton Active Transportation Plan
- Shelburne Road Crossings Study
- Webster Road Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure Scoping Study
- Bridge Over the Barge Canal Feasibility Study

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- Shelburne St / Home Ave Intersection Scoping
- US2/Clay Point Road Scoping Study
- Route 116 Culvert Assessment
- Regional Safety Action Plan.

### **Objective #2: Better Connect Federal, Regional and Statewide Transportation Planning:**

The Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan ([2023 MTP](#)) was adopted by the CCRPC Board on May 17, 2023.

**Municipal Transportation Plans:** 18 municipalities have current municipal plans that include an updated transportation component. In FY25, the CCRPC assisted five (5) municipalities (Burlington, Buels Gore, Charlotte, Milton, and Winooski) with the transportation elements of their municipal plans.

**Act-250 and Section 248 Reviews:** In FY25, the CCRPC provided transportation-related comments for two (2) Act-250 applications.

**Coordination with Public Transit Providers:** Staff participated in regional public transit planning activities including:

- Regional O&D Committee
- Northwest Vermont TOD RAISE Grant
- Regional Transit Signal Priority Study
- Support letters drafted for GMT grant applications

**RPC participation in VTrans committees:** A list of committees that the CCRPC staff participated in is provided below:

- O&D Transportation Summit Committee
- Public Transit Advisory Committee
- Rail Council
- Burlington Winooski Bridge Project
- State Rail Plan

**Project Prioritization:** Typically, the CCRPC prioritizes Capital Projects on the state's Transportation Program once a year using the VPSP2 methodology but this process was paused by VTrans until further notice.

### **Objective #3: Provide Technical Assistance to Municipalities**

During FY25, the CCRPC hosted regional transportation meetings; initiated, managed, and was involved in major regional and local transportation plans, studies, and initiatives; provided technical assistance and support to municipalities and partners on transportation issues. Please see below for more information on these activities.

**Assistance with Transportation Grants:** Grant assistance and support letters were provided to Burlington, Essex, Winooski, Milton, South Burlington, Shelburne, Hinesburg, Williston.

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**Budget Spent on Municipal Assistance:** The CCRPC invests approximately 66% of MPO funding for municipal assistance.

### **CCRPC Data Collection in FY25:**

- Three sign inventories (Huntington, Hinesburg, Milton)
- Two culvert inventories (Hinesburg, Jericho)
- One sidewalk inventory (Milton)
- One outfall inventory (Milton)
- Three pavement-related inventories (Burlington, South Burlington, Milton)

**Participation in Transportation Planning and Project Development Activities:** Below is a list of transportation planning, project definition (scoping), and water quality/transportation projects that the CCRPC managed in FY25:

- Burlington Impact Fee Study – Revision & Expansion plan
- Essex Lower Sand Hill Road Truck Traffic Study
- Hinesburg Route 116 Crosswalk Improvements
- South Burlington Walk/Bike Master Plan
- BTV: New North End Master Planning
- Charlotte East and West Village Master Planning
- Essex Active Transportation Plan
- Pearl Street Multimodal Improvements Scoping Study, Essex Junction
- Milton Active Transportation Plan
- Shelburne Road Crossings Study
- Patchen Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Study, South Burlington
- Webster Road Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure Supplemental Scoping Study, Shelburne
- Updated Williston Road (US2) Multimodal Scoping Study
- Battery Street Corridor Study, Burlington
- Cochran Road Scoping and Feasibility Study, Richmond
- Shelburne St / Home Ave Intersection Scoping, Burlington
- Northern Waterfront Connectivity Study, Burlington
- Cottage Grove, Stanbury Road, and Green Acres Drive Sidewalk Scoping, Burlington
- VT 127 Shared Use Path Scoping & Feasibility Study, Burlington
- Underhill Center Active Transportation Scoping Study
- Scoping Study Infill Checkerberry Sidewalk, Milton
- South Brownell & Marshall Ave Intersection Scoping, Williston
- Right-of-Way Condition Inventory for Stormwater Retrofit Feasibility – Phase 4, Burlington
- Essex Stormwater CCTV Inspection - Phase 4
- Essex Junction Stormwater CCTV Inspection - Phase 3
- Inspection and Inventory of Existing Stormwater System in Winooski - Phase 3
- Route 116, Patrick Brook Culvert Assessment, Hinesburg
- South Burlington Culvert Assessment
- Williston Stormwater Pipe CCTV Inspection - Phase 1



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The CCRPC was involved in the following Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives:

- The CCRPC continued work on a Regional Transportation Options Plan to assess the feasibility of transportation demand management (TDM) options, and advance recommendations of both the 2023 [Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#) (MTP) and the Chittenden County [I-89 2050 Study](#).
- CCRPC staff participated in CATMA's 3rd Annual Transportation Summit and their [Transportation Coordinator](#) (TC) Network program and events to learn from other TC Network members about employee TDM benefits and programs.
- CCRPC continued to support and collaborate with TDM partners including CarShare VT, CATMA, Local Motion, Net Zero VT, and Go! Vermont.

**Road Erosion Inventories in Support of Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP):** CCRPC staff continued to work with all Chittenden County municipalities on meeting their MRGP obligations. This includes evaluating segments through Road Erosion Inventories (REIs), tracking and documenting upgraded segments and outlets, and reporting to DEC (see [REI dashboard here](#)). In FY25, the CCRPC completed REI inventories in Jericho and Shelburne and Bolton. Data clean up occurred for Underhill, Huntington, Burlington, Winooski, Richmond, Williston, and Westford.

### **Objective #4: Advance VTrans Strategic and Long-Range Transportation Plans**

**CCRPC Data Collection Activities Conducted Specifically for VTrans:** CCRPC staff conducted the following activities in support of VTrans' Plans:

- Park and Ride counts completed on July 9<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024; and February 11<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- 24 ATRs in Burlington, Shelburne, South Burlington, Richmond, Williston, Westford, Richmond, and Jericho.
- 8 turning movements counts in Burlington, Colchester, Essex Junction, and Williston.

**Objective #5: Provide a Mechanism for Improved Public Outreach and Education:** The CCRPC uses the [Public Participation Plan](#) as a resource to determine the level of outreach for each major transportation project.

## EMERGENCY PLANNING & DISASTER RECOVERY

RPCs play key roles in the mitigation and preparedness phases of emergency management in partnership with Vermont Emergency Management, the Vermont Homeland Security Unit, VTrans and the Agency of Natural Resources. RPCs provide direct staff to the State Emergency Operations Center when needed, administrative support to the Regional Emergency Planning Committees, and coordination among responders and planners throughout the State's four Public Safety Districts. RPCs also help update floodplain bylaws and FEMA-required hazard mitigation plans, and assisted as needed in special circumstances like Tropical Storm Irene and other disasters.

- **Hazard Mitigation Plan Monitoring & Maintenance:** CCRPC collected information from each municipality on annual progress made toward the implementation of hazard mitigation activities recommended in their Municipal All-Hazard Mitigation Plans. CCRPC also reported progress to VEM on annual activities by CCRPC to implement tasks detailed in the 2022 Chittenden County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- **Emergency Management:** CCRPC continued to staff the Regional Emergency Management Committee ([REMC](#)), a group that coordinates and supports regional all-hazard emergency



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planning and preparedness activities to improve the region's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters. CCRPC staff participate in a wide array of emergency management-related workshops and exercises to support our role in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) when called upon. The CCRPC served as the local liaison between municipalities and the state to collect damage assessment information after significant storm events, helped with emergency preparedness for hazardous materials incidents, and collected information from each municipality on annual implementation of hazard mitigation activities.

- **Local Liaison:** CCRPC served as a key coordinator between municipalities and the state to collect damage assessment information after significant storm events.
- **Flood Hazard and River Corridor Bylaws.** CCRPC continued to monitor and coordinate with municipal partners, the VT Agency of Natural Resources, and FEMA regarding planned updates to floodplain mapping in Lamoille, Winooski, and direct-to-Lake Champlain basis in Vermont.
- **Response to July 2024 Flooding.** In response to the July 2024 flooding, CCRPC staff fulfilled duties required under the MOU with Vermont Emergency Management (collecting information on damages). As part of the Agency of Natural Resources' Flood Hazard Bylaw Update Services contract, CCRPC will continue to review municipal floodplain regulations, help municipalities update them to current NFIP minimums, and support municipalities who wish to implement additional protections. Finally, CCRPC disseminated information about flooding and recovery, which included publishing a page of flood disaster recovery resources for municipalities on its website and connected municipal officials with the SEOC and other state and federal contacts and resources to coordinate financial and logistical assistance.

## MAPPING

In addition to enhancing the RPC work, RPCs provide municipalities, state agencies and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.

- **Town-Specific Web Maps:** Maintained/created interactive town-specific web maps, story maps, or dashboards for Burlington, Bolton, Buel's Gore, Charlotte, Essex, Essex Junction, Hinesburg, Huntington, Jericho, Milton, Richmond, Shelburne, Underhill, Westford, and Winooski.
- **Regional Web Maps:** Maintained the ECOS Map Viewer and Permit Review Map Viewer, Created a map viewer for FEMA FIRM updates, Maintained our [Housing Dashboard](#), a map viewer that allows user to see the location and type of housing in each municipality.
- **Town Plan Maps:** Updated maps for Bolton Town Plan, Charlotte Town Plan, Milton Town Plan, and St. George Town Plan.
- **GIS Data:** Developed or updated numerous GIS datasets (ash tree inventories, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) sign inventories, road maps, zoning, culverts, housing points, scenic resources, state designations, trails, conserved land, utilities, etc.) for Bolton, Charlotte, Colchester, Essex Junction, Huntington, Jericho, Milton, Richmond, Shelburne, South Burlington, Williston, and for the region.
- **Data available via Vermont Open Data Portal:** Uploaded housing points and municipal zoning and overlay data to the portal to allow public access to the GIS data.
- **VT Culverts:** The VT Culverts website can be used to view a town's bridges and culverts on a map, or in a chart based on condition or inventory date. CCRPC staff is one of two RPCs that manage the website. VT Culverts continues to gain traction in our region and throughout the state. At the end of June, six of our municipalities have actively used VT Culverts to inventory town-maintained bridges and culverts.

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### ENERGY PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

RPCs integrate energy and climate planning with land use, transportation and natural resources efforts, and work with municipalities to assist with project implementation. CCRPC provides support to municipal energy committees and works collaboratively with Efficiency Vermont, Drive Electric Vermont, VTtrans, Vermont's Public Service Department and Climate Action Office, and other state partners to ensure regional energy and climate resilience. RPCs participate in Section 248 proceedings and support comprehensive planning at the local and regional level to inform the permitting process.

- **Regional Energy Plan:** The *2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan* was granted an Affirmative Determination of Energy Compliance by the Department of Public Service on August 9, 2018. Given new statutory requirements and revised LEAP and renewable electricity generation data, CCRPC completed substantial updates to Supplement 6 of the *ECOS Plan*, the Enhanced Energy Plan, in preparation for adoption of a revised *ECOS Plan* in 2025. CCRPC also participated in PUC proceedings (applications for Certificates of Public Good and various investigations) to ensure that local and regional policies are recognized. CCRPC participated in 8 PUC proceedings in FY25.
- **Regional Energy Planning:** CCRPC provided updated [Municipal Energy Data Guides and Maps](#) for each municipality. This data is needed to conform to the State's enhanced energy planning standards. CCRPC also helped create or update municipal enhanced energy and climate plans for 5 municipalities. CCRPC helped three municipalities with EV charging and fleet electrification planning.
- **Regional Energy Implementation:** CCRPC provided technical support to municipalities for the state-wide [Municipal Energy Resilience Program](#) (MERP) for municipal buildings and other energy and climate-related grant and incentive programs. CCRPC coordinated with the Climate Action Office, the Public Service Department, Efficiency Vermont, Vermont Gas Systems, the Vermont Bond Bank, and other partners on programs and funding opportunities for municipalities.
- **State Energy Planning:** CCRPC provided outreach and support regarding the VT Climate Action Office's Municipal Vulnerability Indicator tool and VT Climate Action Plan public engagement efforts. In addition, CCRPC staff represented VAPDA in developing and delivering state-wide outreach and education sessions to municipal audiences on Vermont's Residential Building Energy Standard (RBES). CCRPC staff serve as the Planning appointee on the Vermont Systems Planning Committee (VSPC).

### CLEAN WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE

RPCs work with the Agency of Natural Resources to assist with completion of the EPA-required watershed tactical basin plans. RPCs also work with municipalities to implement river corridor assessments in local planning and regulations for better and safer growth management decisions.

- **Clean Water:** The CCRPC continued to host the [Clean Water Advisory Committee and the MS-4 Sub-Committee](#). CCRPC staff continued to serve on the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Program Advisory Committee. The CCRPC managed education and outreach programs such as the [Rethink Runoff](#) on behalf of our MS-4 municipalities. As [Clean Water Service Provider \(CWSP\)](#) for

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[the Northern Lake Champlain Direct Drainages \(Basin 5\)](#), CCRPC worked with its [Basin 5 Water Quality Council](#) (BWQC) to oversee the development and implementation of non-regulatory water quality improvement projects that reduce phosphorus loading into these streams and Lake Champlain.

- **Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) Compliance and Water Quality Planning Assistance:** CCRPC staff continued to assist Chittenden County municipalities to meet their MRGP obligations. This includes evaluating segments through Road Erosion Inventories (REIs), tracking and documenting upgraded segments and outlets, and reporting to DEC. Staff also assist municipalities with the State's Grants in Aid (GIA) program, which allocates funding to participating towns for stormwater improvements related to the MRGP. In FY25, 14 Chittenden County municipalities signed up to participate in the GIA program with awards totaling \$234,000.

### EQUITY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

**Public Engagement and Racial Equity:** The CCRPC continued to build organizational capacity to address systemic racism and inequities in our communities through the following actions:

- Collaboratively developed and implemented organizational Core Values and an updated Code of Conduct for CCRPC Staff, Committees and Board Members, integrating restorative justice principles into conflict resolution practices.
- Supported and facilitated the [Community Engagement Advisory Committee](#) (CEAC) and integrated the Committee into engagement efforts and the Environmental Benefits & Burdens Analysis for the ECOS Plan update
- Strengthened relationships and partnerships and forged new ones with organizations, grassroots organizers, and individuals working with marginalized communities.
- Organized and hosted a training for Regional Planning Commission staff with the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs (VCNAA) on the history of Vermont's indigenous communities and ways to begin to build relationships with indigenous partners throughout the State.
- Developed a searchable [public database of Community Engagement Efforts in Chittenden County](#) to reduce engagement redundancy and community fatigue.
- Conducted a state-required analysis of the distribution of environmental benefits and burdens in Chittenden County and mapped CCRPC's Work Program to support more equitable distribution moving forward.
- Organized and hosted a training for CCRPC Staff with the Burlington Community Justice Center (CJC) on conflict resolution strategies and practices.
- Collaboratively developed a set of Group Agreements to use in CCRPC meetings and committees.
- Participated in equity working groups through the Government Alliance on Race and Equity's (GARE) national network of equity practitioners in local, state, and regional government.
- Supported, supervised, and onboarded Equity & Engagement Interns.
- Prepared and presented on equitable community engagement strategies at the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA) Conference and an undergraduate University of Vermont class on Community Design.

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### GRANT WRITING & ADMINISTRATION

The CCRPC receives most of its funding through performance-based grants and contracts with the state. Town assessments constitute a small but very important percentage of our funding. Individual municipalities also contribute match dollars for some federally funded transportation planning projects within their own borders. For FY25, the CCRPC's total budgeted revenue of over \$10.5 million dollars was derived from over 71% federally funded grants, 26% state funding, and 3% from municipalities and non-profit organizations. Over \$7 million, over 67% of the total budgeted funding, was passed through to consultants or sub-grantees.

All the CCRPC's revenue sources are tied to federal, state, or municipal agreements with scopes of work, guidelines and/or performance measures. CCRPC works with our members and VTTrans to decide the best way to invest our MPO funding annually in developing our Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Municipal dues, and the funding received through the CCRPC's performance agreement with ACCD, are also necessary to provide matching funds required by grantors. The grants we receive enable us to work with our municipalities on areas such as transportation, emergency planning, community development, brownfields redevelopment, energy, public health, and natural resources. Revenue from federal and state grantors typically requires non-federal matching funds. Required match ranges from 10 percent (transportation planning) to 50 percent (Emergency Management Planning Grant).

The CCRPC conducts a single audit on an annual basis. The federal single audit field work will be conducted in the fall of 2025, with the full report to be completed by December 2025.

### UNMET NEEDS & OTHER

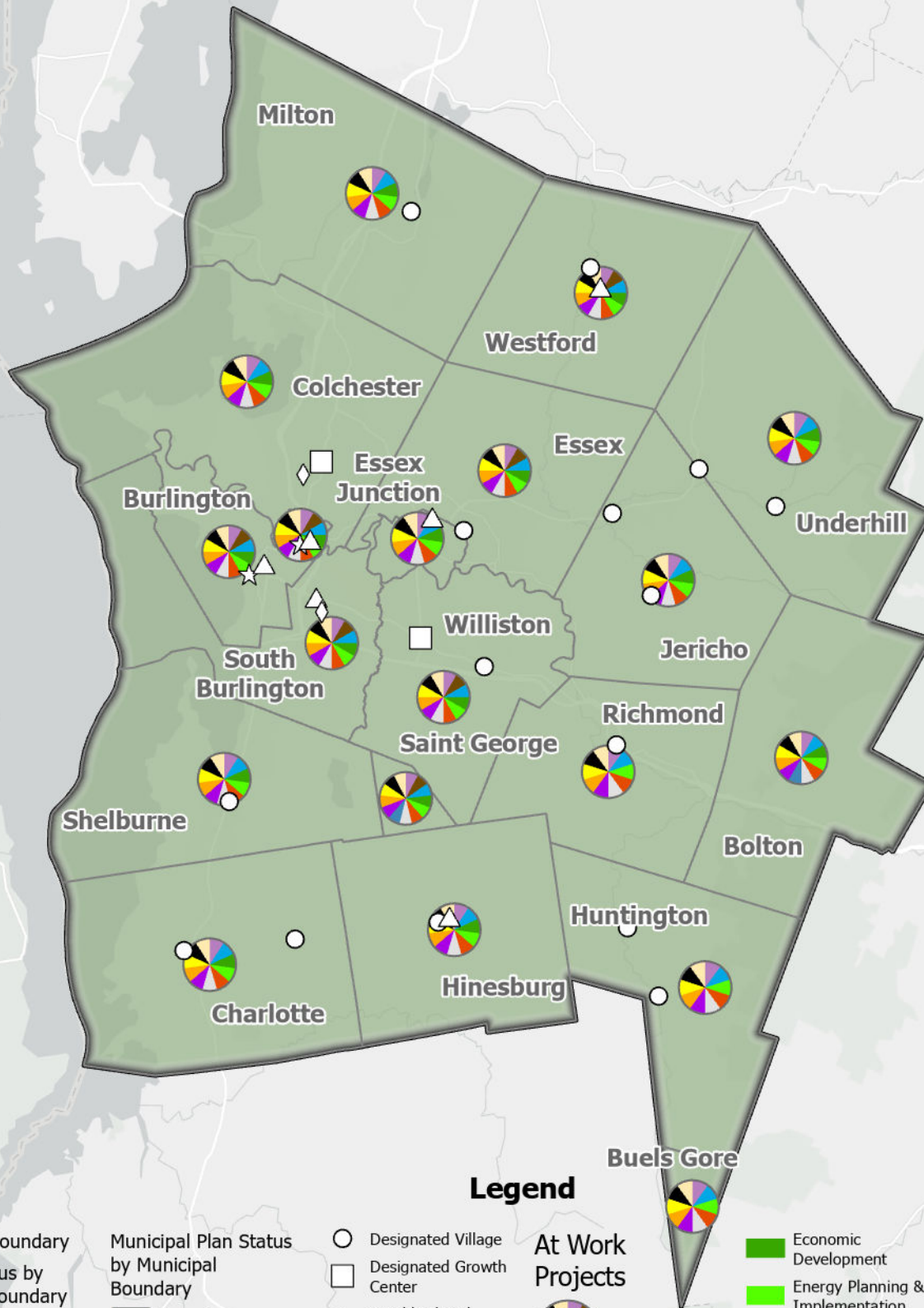
Chittenden County has substantial unmet needs related to infrastructure funding. Chittenden County communities have completed planning for a wide variety of infrastructure needed to support our growing region, but funds to complete the work are difficult to obtain. The regional and municipal housing targets included in the 2026 ECOS Plan have further clarified the need for significant infrastructure investment in our region. This includes transportation infrastructure (including bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, bridges, etc.), drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, stormwater treatment infrastructure, broadband, parks, and housing.

### 'AT WORK' MAP

CCRPC has updated its At Work Map depicting the range of services provided to its member municipalities in FY25. The map is available on the next page, and online at: <https://vapda-report-vapda.hub.arcgis.com/>



# CCRPC At Work-FY2025



## Legend

**RPC Boundary**

**Zoning Status by Municipal Boundary**

- Adopted
- Flood Only
- None

**Municipal Plan Status by Municipal Boundary**

- Current
- Expired
- No Town Plan

**State Designations**

- Designated Downtown

- Designated Village
- Designated Growth Center
- Neighborhood Development Area
- New Town Center

## At Work Projects



- Act 181
- Brownfields
- Clean Water & Infrastructure

- Economic Development
- Energy Planning & Implementation
- Emergency Planning & Disaster Recovery
- Equity & Environmental Justice & Healthy Communities
- Grant Writing & Administration
- Housing
- Planning & Zoning
- Mapping
- Transportation Planning
- Unmet Needs & Other

