



Team Report January 2019

What's new:

The RRPC hosted a joint Emergency Management Director/Road Commissioner Roundtable with special guests from VTrans, ANR and VEM. We had 15 attendees from 8 towns!

RRPC staff worked with VTrans to host the Regional Forum on Public Transit. More than 20 stakeholders from across the region, including MVRTD, RRMC and Castleton University offered input on existing public transportation services, gaps and challenges and potential solutions to inform the VT Public Transit Policy Plan.

RRPC's new water quality ad hoc committee – which we fondly refer to as our CWAC (clean water advisory committee) – will begin meeting on board meeting nights beginning in March! Let Barbara know if you're interested in joining the group.

Steve created metadata and uploaded our Regional Future Land Use data to the Vermont Geodata portal and created a NIMS typing map for the region to use at the EMD/Road Foreman event in December.

Devon began work with the Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport on updating their Master Plan and worked with MVRTD to update maps for bus routes.

Steffanie participated in the annual emergency plan exercise at the Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport.

Steve worked with the Fair Haven Zoning Administrator to update the town's zoning map and with the Town of Castleton on their Village Center Designations.

Staff participated in VEM local liaison activation for the November snow storm event.

Barbara worked with the region's new VT DEC watershed coordinator, Angie Allen, on the upcoming Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan and the latest ANR grant which identifies water quality work in the watershed.

Staff assisted Danby with applying for a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning grant to address an area of town that is flood-prone with water quality issues.

Barbara worked with West Haven on possible reclassification of Ward Marsh from a Class II to a Class I wetland.

Coming Up:

AARP Placemaking Workshop – March 13th White River Junction
Local Emergency Management Plan Seminar – February 6th RRPC
Transportation Council Meeting – January 31st RRPC
VLCT Town Meeting Tune up – February 7th
Road Commissioner Network Session – February 26th West Rutland
EMD Roundtable – February 13th RRPC
Spring Flood Seminar – February 21st RRPC

The Workload, Month to Month:

Town and Economic Development Planning

Town plan assistance continues with Mendon and West Haven. Economic Development studies will be commencing in the towns of Poultney and Danby.

Emergency Management

Steffanie continues to work with towns on emergency management planning activities including the upgrades of local emergency operations centers and shelters. Local hazard mitigation planning continues with the towns of Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, MT. Tabor, Rutland Town and West Rutland.

Water Quality

Barbara continues work on tactical basin planning for the Otter Creek. She is assisting Danby with flood hazard and river corridor bylaws and continues work with 20 municipalities that received Grants in Aid funding to address stormwater runoff from local roads.

Regional Planning

Ed continues to review of Act 250 and Section 248 applications. Staff continues to update chapters of the Rutland Regional Plan.

Energy

Barbara is working with Rutland Town, Wallingford, Brandon, Tinmouth, Proctor and Pittsford on enhanced energy plans. She worked with a Middlebury College geography class on developing a watershed analysis for the Rutland Town energy plan.

Transportation

Devon and Steve worked with 11 towns to complete Better Roads work. Staff continues to provide grant application assistance for VTrans funding programs and began 2019 Bicycle/Pedestrian and Park & Ride counts across the region.