

BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION

The BCRC is made up of commissioners appointed by municipal select boards/trustees, at-large members, and professional staff whose mission is to work collectively for the purpose of effective planning, development, and technical assistance for member municipalities, addressing their individual needs in relation to each other and the region. Programs and services are planned to be responsive to needs, changing conditions, opportunities, efficiencies, and to be responsive to both economic and environmental values. BCRC website: www.bcrcvt.org

One of the most important programs and services is to provide technical assistance to municipalities. These services cover a broad range of activities and emphasis and are responsive to municipal needs and requests. Some examples include: municipal land use programs, designations such as growth and village centers, emergency management programs, mobilization-coordination with the Local Emergency Planning Committee LEPC, solid waste events and management plans, GIS mapping and supporting data bases of all types, municipal parcel maps, grant assistance and management, multiple transportation/transit services, and energy planning.

Regional issues which are addressed by BCRC include: Regional Comprehensive Plan which sets forth policies and recommendations for coordinated actions within the region, Regional Transportation Plan which identifies needs throughout the region and provides a basis for evaluating, ranking, and advocating for priorities, Regional Energy Plan recently drafted addressing energy conservation for major consumers, Brownfields Program which undertakes site assessments to remediate suspected contaminants and restore property to beneficial use, Feasibility of a Regional School System, Scenic Byway Corridor connecting the Southshire and Northshire, Solid Waste Management Plan, Telecommunication/Broadband services, Natural Resources, and Emergency Management planning.

Respectfully submitted

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