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CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WESTFORD TOWN REPORT 2010

Created in 1966 by Chittenden County municipalities, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a 24-member board consisting of one delegate from each of the County's 19 municipalities and five at-large members representing the interests of agriculture, environmental conservation, business, housing, and transportation. CCRPC provides a forum for discussion of common municipal issues and planning assistance to our municipalities and the region. CCRPC appreciates the opportunity to work with its municipal members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County.

In FY2010 the following assistance was provided to Westford:

- *Produced Town Plan and Zoning maps*
- *Hired a contractor to conduct Fluvial Erosion Hazard assessments of select reaches of the Browns River and its tributaries*
- *Updated the Westford annex of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan and submitted it to FEMA for review*

In addition, CCRPC provided the following services region-wide:

- *Developed and awarded a Regional Energy Grant Program; ten applications were funded totaling approximately \$240,000 of EECBG funds from both federal and state grants*
- *Organized and hosted two regional energy forums for local energy committee members*
- *Began preparing the Initial Draft of the Chittenden County Regional Plan with a focus on modifying Planning Areas to be consistent with current municipal zoning and updating data*
- *Worked collaboratively with CCMPO to map future land use scenarios for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Scenario Planning project. The future land use scenarios will enable stakeholders to visualize different growth patterns in Chittenden County and the associated impacts on the transportation system, energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and land consumption*
- *With CCMPO, finalized a study on strategies to improve air quality in Chittenden County*
- *Facilitated a joint effort of municipalities with police departments to inventory the existing resources in a report titled: Regional Policing Study - Phase One*
- *Updated the Chittenden County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan and municipal annexes*

- *Provided staff support to Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and provided educational training to Chittenden County Emergency Preparedness community including trainings for Emergency Management Directors and the Citizens Emergency Response Team*
- *Provided a DVD or CD with the 2007 VT Mapping Orthophotos to each municipality*
- *Reviewed Census Tracts and Block Groups boundaries in preparation for the Census to better match municipal boundaries*
- *CCRPC is working to develop online mapping functionality. The software has been purchased and the base map is under development through ESRI's Community Maps Program*
- *Identified wetland restoration opportunities within the rest of the Winooski Watershed and then the direct drainage areas of the county. The goal is to identify wetland restoration opportunities within areas of the county that have not been looked at in the previous two years*
- *Staff surveyed municipal staff, engineers and regulators to produce a detailed report on "Perceived barriers to the implementation of Low Impact Development practices in Chittenden County"*
- *Organized and hosted the 3rd Annual Chittenden County Planning Conference to facilitate continuing education of municipal staff and citizen planners*
- *Worked with Local Motion to produce maps for use in the Safe Routes to School program. In addition to the regular walkable area maps, we produced maps for parent volunteers to use in evaluating walking routes to various schools in the region*
- *Two wildlife connectivity meetings were held for Chittenden County municipal planners, Conservation Commissioners, Planning Commissioners and VTrans staff*
- *Working with CCMPO to draft revisions to the process of jointly reviewing municipal plans and Act 250 applications to improve the connection between transportation and land use and better support our member municipalities*
- *Participated in the State's Challenges for Change legislative process*
- *Provided assistance as requested to our municipalities*