

For May 13th 2025 RCC meeting

Questions from Chelsye for RCC:

- 1) Has the conservation commission reviewed the CCRPC Future Land Use Map? There are comments on the interactive map. Map link: <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/ecos-regional-plan/ecos-engagement/#future-land-use-map>
- 2) I am personally interested in hearing the conservation commissions thoughts regarding addressing Act 171 more thoroughly and potential River Corridor Bylaws.

For more details on the CCRPC map and purpose see this Front Porch Forum posting from Chelsye Brooks:

Regional Planning Maps & Housing Targets

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Discussion

Hello Neighbors!

I've recently become interested in the process with which the state and local municipalities handle planning and zoning. Historically I didn't really know what any of it meant, especially how it might impact me personally. In my mind, it was this intangible thing... but I've recently been learning more about it and I've come to realize that these things matter; as a resident of this wonderful state and this fantastic town, we should all be interested in this. Beyond interest, if you're so inclined you can participate in many ways: the one I would like to mention right now is by providing comments and feedback to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) on the draft future use maps and housing targets they have recently published.

You can find both here:

<https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/ecos-regional-plan/ecos-engagement/#future-land-use-map>

For what it's worth, I'll share a few thoughts about why I think you should take the time to review the map and comment if desired.

The CCRPC future land use maps (or our town ones) don't hold power to control or manage things alone. Instead, they are part of a roadmap or an outline of sorts which are then included in places such as our town plan. An example of one of the things I noticed is that the town owned parcel on Browns Court is marked as a growth area. However, that is not going to be used for housing development per the votes at the 2024 Town Meeting Day.

In order for CCRPC to be handing out housing targets which are appropriately weighted based on a towns actual capacity to support development, they must have an accurate picture of where in our town can actually logistically be developed between now and 2050.

Your feedback is also important for guiding things such as environmental protection. Mapping out the areas in our town which we feel require outright protection and restrictions, or perhaps places we would like extra thought and care to be given when considering development. I know these things are at the front of my mind following two summers of flooding and having woken up to thunder & rain this morning.

Each of these things are interconnected and support one another in playing a role in how the state and our town conduct planning. This is your state, your town, and your voice. Don't sleep on this opportunity to participate from the comfort of your own home. The interactive map was easy for me to comment on right from my smartphone, and you can view comments submitted on the map (little bubble icons), click on them and see what others have to say.

I am excited to be an active participant in this process. I hope you'll join me.