



# FY25 ANNUAL REPORT

## TOWN of RICHMOND



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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/conservation, 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.



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In **FY25**, the CCRPC invested about **\$8.3 million** in:



REGIONAL  
LAND USE



TRANSPORTATION



EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT



ENERGY



NATURAL  
RESOURCES



EQUITABLE  
PUBLIC  
ENGAGEMENT



TRAINING



TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE

The 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.

Specific activities the CCRPC is engaged in with **Richmond** and CCRPC's regional activities are discussed in the following sections of this report and at [ccrpcvt.org/richmond](http://ccrpcvt.org/richmond).

## FY25 RICHMOND REPRESENTATIVES

**CCRPC Board** | Rep: *Bard Hill* | Alt: *Jay Furr*

**Transportation Advisory Committee** | Rep: *Josh Arneson*

**Planning Advisory Committee** | Rep: *Keith Osborne*

**Clean Water Advisory Committee** | Rep: *Josh Arneson* | Alt: *Keith Osborne*

**Regional Emergency Management Committee** | Rep: *Josh Arneson, Michael Chiarella*

## RICHMOND ACTIVITIES

In FY2025, the CCRPC provided assistance to Richmond with the following projects and initiatives:

- **Cochran Road Scoping and Feasibility Study:** One of the recommendations from the 2022 [Richmond Bike Walk Trails Plan](#) was to assess temporary traffic calming measures on Cochran Road. CCRPC worked with the Town and consultant to identify and install temporary traffic calming features on the western end of Cochran Road. This pilot project was followed by the FY24 Cochran Road Scoping and Feasibility Study which provides a suite of recommendations to enhance safety, comfort, and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists along the roadway and expand access to recreational sites. p. The project was completed in FY25 with the [final report](#) being released at the beginning of FY26. Total consultant budget: \$50,000.
- **Regional Plan and Act 181 Engagement:** CCRPC staff coordinated with the Richmond Planning Commission and staff on the engagement related to the development of the draft Regional Future Land Use map. A memo outlining the process to develop the map and staff recommendations to the Long Range Planning Committee can be found [here](#). The current draft regional Future Land Use map can be found [here](#).
- **Neighborhood Development Area Designation:** CCRPC assisted the Town of Richmond by evaluating the Town's readiness to apply to create a new state-designated Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) in Richmond's Village. CCRPC staff reviewed Richmond's bylaws against the NDA application criteria and provided a report with recommendations to town staff.
- **Energy Planning and Implementation:** CCRPC assisted Richmond with the following initiatives:
  - Scheduled building assessments and answered questions for the [Municipal Energy Resilience Program](#).
  - Worked with the Town's Energy Committee on police vehicle electrification and actions for the energy section of the Town plan.
  - Provided the Town with a Municipal Climate Change Vulnerability Indicator Tool profile template.
- **Water Quality Planning Assistance:** CCRPC continued to provide assistance with Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) compliance, Road Erosion Inventories, the Grants-In-Aid Program and other water quality work.
- **Technical Assistance:** CCRPC staff provided a variety of technical assistance to Richmond:
  - Provided Richmond staff with an Initial Town Plan Review to inform the development of the 2026 Richmond Town Plan.
  - Provided technical assistance on issues related to density bonuses, senior housing, rental vacancy rates, inclusionary zoning, National Floodplain Insurance Program permitting requirements, and the Fair Housing Act.
  - Printed town plan map posters.
  - Led a road safety audit, with town and VTrans staff participating, of Fay's Corner following a significant vehicle crash at this location. Staff also conducted a field visit, measured sight distances, and completed an intersection safety analysis. A memo is forthcoming and will be available in fall 2025.
  - Worked with the Town Manager on traffic ordinance language to identify and implement a 35-mph speed transition zone on Cochran Rd.
  - Updated maps for the Town's Local Emergency Management Plan.
  - Answered questions about stormwater issues and permitting.
  - Hosted and maintained [Richmond's Map Viewer](#).
- **Traffic Counts:** 4 Automatic Traffic Recorder counts were conducted in Richmond in FY25. Historic traffic counts conducted in support of Richmond transportation projects and studies can be [found here](#).
- **Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities (O&D) Transportation Program:** [The Chittenden County O&D Transportation Program](#) supports community members through affordable transportation to medical

appointments, access to fresh food at the grocery store, and social visits. In FY25, 238 trips were provided to Richmond residents as part of this program.

## RICHMOND PROJECTS IN THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The [TIP](#) is a prioritized, multi-year list of transportation projects in Chittenden County. To receive federal funds, each transportation project, program, or operation must be authorized through CCRPC approval of the TIP. Richmond projects included in the TIP are listed below. These projects are also included in the Vermont Agency of Transportation Capital Program.

- **[US2 Bridge over I-89](#)**: \$20.4 million for replacing the US2 bridge over I-89. Construction completed in 2025.
- **[US2 Culvert Rehabilitation, Mile Marker 1.81](#)**: \$1.3 million to replace a culvert on US2 north of Richmond Village. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2027.
- **[US2 Resurfacing, Bolton-Richmond](#)**: \$20 million for resurfacing US2 in Bolton and Richmond. Construction completed in 2025.

## REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **2026 ECOS Regional Plan Implementation and Update**: The [2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan](#) (Environment; Community; Opportunity; Sustainability) is the regional plan for Chittenden County and combines the Regional Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy into one. Staff led [140+ engagement events](#) in all 19 municipalities to inform the plan's 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 2026 Chittenden County ECOS Plan will continue through the adoption process in FY26, with CCRPC board adoption 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.
- **Community Engagement**: The CCRPC continued to build organizational capacity to address inequities in our communities through the following actions:
  - Collaboratively developed and implemented organizational Core Values and Code of Conduct for CCRPC Staff, Committees and Board Members.
  - Supported and facilitated the [Community Engagement Advisory Committee](#) (CEAC) and integrated the Committee into engagement efforts 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.
- **Housing**: CCRPC organized two Regional Housing Convenings to facilitate peer exchanges on housing tools, sponsored National Fair Housing Month events in partnership with 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.

- **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. Under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, CCRPC also helped create or update municipal enhanced energy plans.
- **Regional Energy Implementation:** CCRPC provided technical support to municipalities for the state-wide [Municipal Energy Resilience Program](#) 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.
- **Public Transportation Planning:** The CCRPC remains engaged with [Green Mountain Transit](#) (GMT) on a wide variety of public transit planning projects and initiatives. During FY25, the CCRPC provided \$600,000 to GMT for transit planning in Chittenden County. CCRPC and GMT also coordinated with VTrans and several municipalities to initiate a Regional Transit Signal Priority (TSP) feasibility study that will pilot TSP technology on a transit priority route: Dorset Street between Williston Road and Garden Street in South Burlington.
- **Northwest VT Transit Oriented Development (TOD):** Beginning in FY23, the CCRPC has been working on a federal RAISE grant to analyze real estate market demand and develop comprehensive plans for transit-oriented development for 10 communities across five-counties in Northwest Vermont. The \$2.1 million grant will also support planning to assess how to enhance public transit services in these communities. In FY25, the CCRPC finalized the Real Estate Market Demand Analysis; began work on community master planning and municipal zoning updates for the 10 participating communities; and issued an RFP and selected a consultant for the Transit, Finance and Governance tasks. This project is expected to be completed in June 2026.
- **Transportation Demand Management (TDM):** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Transportation Summit and their [Transportation Coordinator](#) (TC) Network events.
- **Walk/Bike Planning:** CCRPC staff collaborated with CATMA and local municipalities to re-envision the regional bikeshare program after the previous vendor, Bird, discontinued service over the winter. The CCRPC also provided bike/ped-related technical assistance to municipalities and businesses, assisted municipalities with bike/ped grants and UPWP applications, managed bike/ped-related UPWP projects, and conducted bike/ped counts on paths, designated bike lanes, and other roadways.
- **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 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.
- **Emergency Management:** CCRPC continued to staff the Regional Emergency Management Committee ([REMC](#)), a group that coordinates and supports regional all-hazard emergency 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.

- **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.
- **Traffic Alert Program:** CCRPC compiled and sent out 48 traffic alerts about activities impacting traffic in Chittenden County during FY25.
- **VT Culverts:** [The VT Culverts website](#) can be used to view a town's bridges and culverts on a map or chart based on condition or inventory date. CCRPC 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 municipalities actively used VT Culverts to inventory town-maintained bridges and culverts.
- **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 the fall, 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 2025.
- **Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities (O&D) Transportation Program:** [The Chittenden County O&D Transportation Program](#) supports community members through affordable transportation to medical appointments, access to fresh food at the grocery store, and social visits. In FY25, the O&D Committee held four meetings to discuss program funding, volunteer driver outreach and opportunities to involve more mobility partners in O&D transportation planning.
- **Chittenden County Brownfields Program:** The Brownfields Program aids property owners, potential developers, and municipalities with investigating environmental issues prior to potential property redevelopment. In FY25, CCRPC was awarded a \$1 million EPA grant to implement a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) that will aid municipalities and property owners with conducting environmental clean-up of contaminated properties. Additionally, 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 17 project sites in 10 municipalities across the county.
- **Exit 14 Scoping Study:** The CCRPC, in collaboration with VTrans, the Cities of South Burlington and Burlington, and other partners initiated a scoping study to evaluate alternatives to improve safety, connectivity, and operational efficiency for all users of the [Exit 14 Interchange](#) area. The study will recommend short-, medium-, and long-term improvements to address multimodal issues at the interchange area.
- **Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan:** The CCRPC is developing a comprehensive Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) for Chittenden County. The RSAP will provide a data-driven, proactive and integrated approach to enhance regional roadway safety by identifying innovative and proven safety solutions to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury crashes for all road users. This ready-to-implement RSAP will meet all the requirements of a safety action plan required by the USDOT Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program and enable the CCRPC and member municipalities to apply for implementation funding.

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