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# Vermont Planners Association

## Organization

- Founded in 1987; recently celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3)
- Affiliated with the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA)
- Open membership – 150+ members statewide
  - Professional planners (local, regional, state, nonprofit, private)
  - Volunteer planning commissioners
  - Allied professionals — attorneys, engineers, landscape architects, housing and community specialists
- Registered lobbyist employer
- Legislative Liaison – membership-elected, also serves as one of three NNECAPA legislative liaisons tracking state, federal legislation

## Mission

- Advance the art and science of planning in Vermont
- Support, represent the planning community and the planning profession
- Advocate for sound planning principles and practices
- Provide opportunities for education, training, professional development
- Recognize and award excellence in planning
- Serve as a resource for planning information, assistance

## Legislative Interests

- **Vermont Planning & Development Act (24 VSA Chapter 117)**
- **Coordinated comprehensive and strategic planning**
  - Municipal, regional, state agency plans, processes
  - Supporting data, mapping – State Data Center, VCGI
  - Re-establish office of state planning coordination
- **Permitting, development review**
  - Municipal bylaws, ordinances
  - ANR permitting – e.g., flood, river corridor regulation
  - Act 250 review process, criteria
  - PSB Sect 248, 248a review processes, criteria
- **Land conservation**
  - Working lands programs
  - VT Housing Conservation Trust Fund, programs
- **Community, economic development**
  - DHCD, state designation programs (24 VSA Chapter 76A)
  - Affordable housing, fair housing act
  - Infrastructure planning, financing –water, wastewater, transportation
  - Renewable energy development

*The Vermont Planners Association (VPA) is an organization representing citizen and professional planners, landscape architects, housing and economic development specialists, developers, and engineering consultants from throughout the state. VPA is committed to advancing the art and science of planning.*