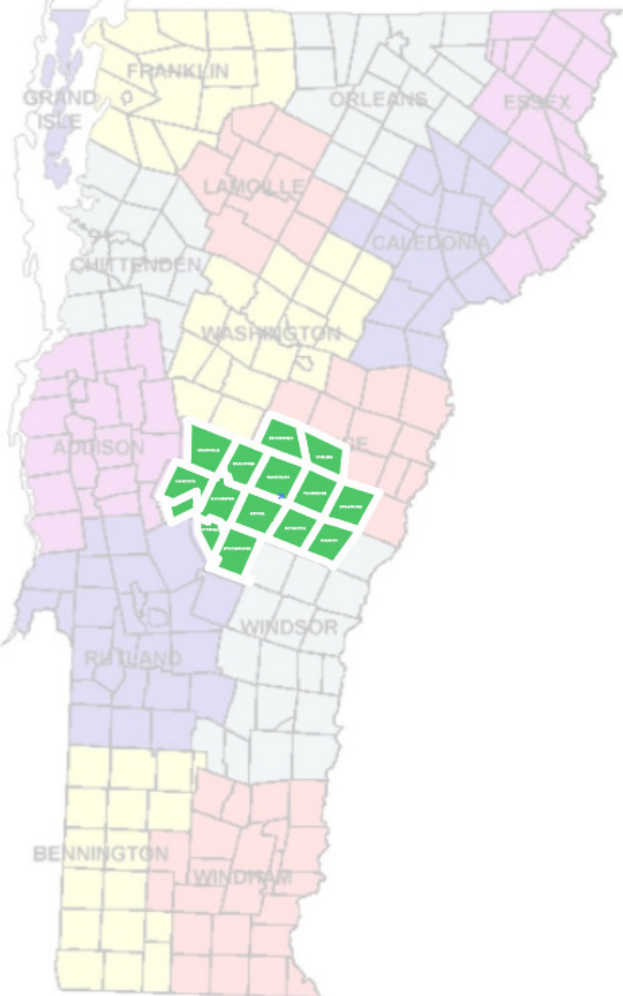
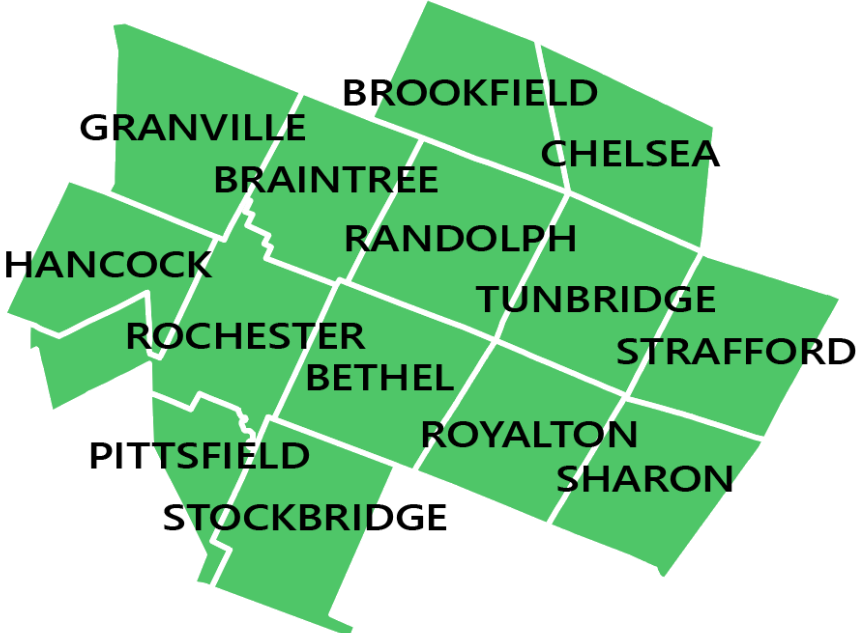


The White River Valley Consortium



Core Team

- Capstone Community Action
- Clara Martin Center
- Randolph Area Community Development Corporation
- Bar Harbor Bank & Trust
- Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation
- Town of Royalton
- Town of Randolph
- Vital Communities
- Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission

& more partners who are involved in other ways!

Our goal is to:

increase the availability of housing that is affordable for entry-level workforce and beginning entrepreneurs,
develop a regional identity, and model a new way of working together
....to create a White River Valley region where opportunity and a sense of belonging are available for people of all incomes, races, ages, and backgrounds, and all community members are able to live their best lives.

This area had **8,059** total households in 2010, with **18,413** people.

74% of households were homeowners and **26%** were renters.

Currently, an estimated **1,751** homeowners (**29%**) and **888** renter households (**42%**) are in housing that is too expensive for them.

In addition, a net growth of **1,501** additional households is projected by 2030.

RANDOLPH Orange County

- **4,774 people in 1,946 households***
- **An estimated 59% of renter households are cost-burdened**
- Town median household income: \$70,000
- Town Manager, and Economic Development Director who also serves as Zoning Administrator

ROYALTON Windsor County

- 2,773 people in 1,288 households
- 56% of households own, **44% rent**
- **Projected increase of 312 households**
- Town median income: \$67,000
- Town Administrator but **no Town Manager**
- **No zoning**

ROCHESTER Windsor County

- 1,099 people in 684 households*
- **196 households are cost-burdened and a net growth of 58 households is predicted**
- Town median income: \$62,941
- **3-member selectboard; Town Clerk & Assistant but no Administrator or Manager**

“I grew up here, work here, my partner works here, we like it here, we want to stay here. We both feel a sense of community. It'd be hard to drop a whole life's worth of community to go start elsewhere.”

**- age 21-25,
Randolph resident**

“People who are our age and younger who work in the hospitality industry are leaving the area and finding housing other places. And it's sad because I miss them.”

**- age 30-49,
Bethel resident**

opportunities to learn & connect



Several Selectboard Members and other WRV residents take a field trip to Jonah Richard's site in Fairlee



ACCD, VHCB, and VHFA do a walking tour with members of the Housing Committee, Planning Commission, and Selectboard in Rochester

assisting community leaders



Supported Rochester Area Housing Committee in hosting the “Hey Neighbor!” event to welcome new residents to the community, share resources, and collect input on housing

finding the right solutions for OUR community



Core Team members brainstorm and do a preliminary assessment of solutions to consider.

“My husband and I want to provide rentals, but every time we’ve gone to look at a place it’s gone like this, cash offer, someone out of state buying it to AirBnB it, or one of the real estate companies. From my work and what I see in the community – the condition of rentals and apartments is appalling. I wouldn’t want to live there. We have a vision of creating our own rental company and changing things, but it’s hard to get started. It was hard enough buying our own home.”

- Focus group participant

what's next

- Creating public-facing documentation of community input
- Flagship project on supporting creation of ADUs **by low and moderate income homeowners** who will benefit most from the additional income
- Additional ongoing work especially around relationship building & information sharing
- In fall will turn more deliberately to articulating our regional identity