

# Bristol Town Plan 2028

Town Plan Update & Municipal Planning Grant FY26

# Municipal Planning Grant

- Awarded by Department of Housing & Community Development
- Start Date: December 2025
- End Date: December 31, 2027
- Amount Awarded: \$19,260.00 (10% Town Match)
  - Total Grant Funds: \$21,400.00
- Next Steps: selecting contractor
  - What expertise and skills would the PC's ideal contractor have?

# MPG Workplan

1. Meet with PC/Selectboard throughout update and editing process
2. Update statistical information throughout plan
3. Update of Plan Maps
4. Natural Resource Updates to include Flood, Shoreline, Forest Fragmentation and Hazard Mitigation discussion and revisions
5. Goals, policies, and task updates for all chapters
6. Public Outreach Strategy – piggy back on on-going community events to provide transparency to community planning connection
7. Document revision and formatting
8. Process to ultimately create draft plan for PC public hearing; public hearing notices, advertising, printing, meetings support and other expenses

# VT Municipal Climate Planning Guides – Pilot Program

“Supports communities with integrating climate change considerations into their Municipal Plans; provides guidance on how land use planning, zoning and bylaws, and infrastructure upgrades can move towards more resilient and low carbon communities in conjunction with other community goals”

[Pilot Program Launch: Municipal Climate Planning Guides | Climate Change in Vermont](#)

Bristol has opportunity to participate in this pilot program which would be a helpful resources to the Planning Commission during update.

# Town Plan – Planning Commission

- Current Plan approved 9/1/2020 with MPG funding
- Current Plan expires March 2028
- Goal: Revise and amend current town plan with a focus on community member involvement and providing a more accessible document
- Next Steps: Begin Preparation – Assessment and Data Collecting
  - General Survey: draft and edit for Town Meeting Day
  - Review existing data and studies against implementation plan
  - Focus Groups and Work Plan

# PC Workplan

## Goals:

- Gathering as much current data as possible (Step 1)
- Determine areas of focus for update(Step 1)
- Increasing public input and community involvement in planning process overall (Steps 2&3)
- Incorporate FLU Maps (Step 4)
- Finish update with clear direction for any necessary revisions to other regulatory documents (Step 5)
- Amend and Update Enhanced Energy Plan

## 8 YEAR PLAN 20 YEAR VISION



# PC Proposed Focus Groups

People	Land	Infrastructure
<b>Demographics</b>	<b>Natural resources</b>	<b>Economic Conditions</b>
<b>Historic and Cultural Resources</b>	<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Transportation</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>Flood Resilience and Hazard Mitigation</b>	<b>Energy</b>
Education and Childcare	Recreation & Healthy Living	<b>Utilities Facilities and Services</b>
Public Health & Safety		
<b>Regional Context</b>		

**Bold:** Topics suggested for assessment from DHCD

Plain: Topics included in current town plan

# Focus Groups - Overview

Goal: By splitting PC into three sub groups the intention is to make the process manageable and hopefully enjoyable

Each group will have one person as the point person, this person ideally would lead the discussion of each group and be open to more direct community work.

# A Collaborative Effort

While the Planning Commission is tasked with this update you aren't doing it alone! Below is a brief list of resources the PC has to work with on this update.

- MPG consultant (TBD)
- Addison County Regional Planning
- Bristol Core
- Municipal Committees and Commissions
- Town staff
- Bristol Residents
- State Agencies

# For the February 17th

- What is your capacity?
- What elements of planning excite you the most?
- How do you want to participate in process? As a facilitator? Background editor? Data aficionado?
- What are your thoughts on focus groups? Is there a group you want to be part of?

