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Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

2026 Draft Regional Plan & FLU Map Outreach Efforts

Below is a summary of outreach efforts CVRPC conducted to publicize and solicit input on the Regional Plan and FLU Map as they were being drafted and finalized.

Meetings with Municipal Planning Commissions and Legislative Bodies

- Conducted introductory meetings with Select Boards/City Councils and Planning Commissions at the beginning of the mapping process to explain the FLUs and Tier 1 exemptions (June 2025 - November 2025)
- Attended follow up meetings with municipal Planning Commissions and Select Board/City Council meetings in ~20 cities/towns to review the proposed FLU map for their community, explain Tier 1 benefits and next steps to become Tier 1 eligible or opt-in to Tier 1B, and answer other Regional Plan questions (June 2026 - July 2026)
- Joined follow-up meetings with Planning Commissions and Select Boards/City Councils about Tier 1B and the FLU Map (August 2026)
- Maintained ongoing dialogue and conversations with municipalities about FLU boundaries, map adjustments, and Tier 1B (June 2025 – October 2026)

Municipal Staff and Public Libraries

- Contacted all Town and City Clerks, Managers and Administrators individually, and contacts at our 14 regional public libraries, to explain the Regional Plan/Map and asking for their assistance to encourage public comment (July 2026 – October 2026)
- Distributed large-format FLU Maps to each municipal office showing parcel-level FLU classifications. Libraries received large-format maps for all municipalities they service (July 2026 for pre-application drafts and October 2026 for final drafts)
- Distributed hard copies of the draft Regional Plan as described above
- Recruited Town, City and Library staff to promote Regional Plan/Map Q&A sessions and Public Hearings (July 2026, August 2026 and October 2026)

- Created and distributed color legend flyer for the FLU map with information about the Plan, Map, and links to comment on both (July 2026)[1] and invitations to the Q&A sessions (October, 2026)

Community Outreach

- Conducted 11 Q&A sessions over the course of 3 months (see below)
- Promoted opportunities to review and comment on the draft Regional Plan/Map at municipal offices/public libraries
- Invited public comment, promoted the Q&A session and shared public hearing information and links through CVRPC's weekly newsletter reaching ~600 people
- Supplied municipalities with blurbs for their own websites explaining where residents could review the draft Regional Plan/Map in person and online and provide feedback
- CVRPC Commissioners posted information on their local Front Porch Forums about the Regional Plan/Map, and about both Q&A sessions

Public Hearing Outreach

- CVRPC Commissioners posted hearing info and link on their local FPF
- Hearing information and relevant documents were posted prominently on the CVRPC website
- All warnings clearly stated that public comments could be submitted at, or in advance of, the public hearings
- Information about participation in the hearings was provided during Q&A sessions

Public Q&A Sessions

- Staff held seven Question and Answer sessions[2] after distribution of the preapplication draft Regional Plan/Map in preparation for the initial September public hearings. (July 2026 – August 2026)
- Four additional Q&A sessions were held after distribution of the revised Plan/Map in preparation for the final public hearing. (October 2026)
- Sessions addressed common questions/themes gathered from initial outreach to municipalities and public comments, as well as questions raised by participants.

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[1] The initial flyer invited comments before 8/28/2026 on the preapplication draft Plan to incorporate those comments into the draft warned for the final public hearing in October 2026. Subsequent communications throughout September and October through emails, posters, revised flyers and communication with municipal staff and libraries included information about participation in the September and October Public Hearings.

[2] Both series of Q&A sessions included noon and evening options.

- Session materials also provided links to state websites on contemporaneous legislative and planning issues like river corridor regulations, 30 by 30, etc.
- All Q&A presentation materials were made available online in advance, and this was well-publicized to available in advance to encourage their use by those unable to attend or participate.
- Sessions were promoted through Front Porch Forum (FPF), the FPF calendar, CVRPC's website and weekly newsletter, as well as invitations to municipal administrators, planning and zoning staff, Planning Commission and Select Board members, and library staff.
- 43 attendees representing 17 of our 23 communities attended the sessions. Participants included community members, City/Town Planning Commissioners, Development Review Board members, Select Board/City Council members, municipal Planning and Zoning staff, municipal Clerks, CVRPC Commissioners, a state representative and a member of the press.