



**NVDA**  
Northeastern Vermont  
Development Association

## Unaudited Financials for Fiscal Year 2015\*

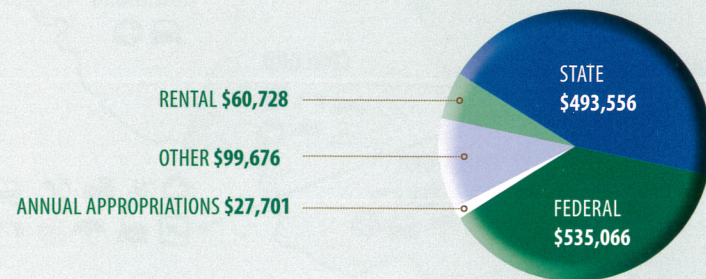
NVDA'S revenues came from numerous sources including a share of the state's property tax funds; private, state, and federal grants; and annual appropriations from each of our 50 member communities. We also received rental income from the Charles E. Carter Business Resource Center, and other income from contracted technical assistance services such as grant administration and municipal plan and bylaw development.

NVDA also has two Intermediary Relending Programs from USDA Rural Development and a Nonprofit Community Development Organization relending program capitalized by loan repayments from Community Development Block Grants. There was no new lending activity to report in FY2015, due in part to low interest rates from commercial lenders and an availability of alternative lending options.

### PROGRAMS

	REGIONAL PLANNING	TRANSPORTATION	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	TOTALS
REVENUES	\$576,556	\$245,930	\$394,241	\$1,216,727
EXPENDITURES	\$574,282	\$245,930	\$476,774	\$1,296,986
BALANCE	\$2,274	\$ --	\$(82,533)	\$(80,259)

### REVENUE SOURCES



### STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR FY2015

Economic Development Administration - US Department of Commerce  
 USDA Rural Development - U.S. Department of Agriculture  
 Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets  
 Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development  
 Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 Vermont Agency of Natural Resources - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 Vermont Agency of Transportation - U.S. Department of Transportation  
 Vermont Center for Geographic Information - Northern Border Regional Commission  
 Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 Vermont Department of Public Safety - U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
 Vermont Department of Public Safety  
 Vermont Small Business Development Center - U.S. Small Business Administration

\*Audited financials will be available in December 2015.

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PHOTO: Back row, left to right: Tracy McIntyre, Bruce Melendy, Shannon Bedor, Frank Maloney, Doug Morton, Dave Snedeker. Front row, Karen Geraghty, Lorna Higgs, Irene Nagle, Alison Low, Judy Butson.  
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### TOWN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF CALEDONIA COUNTY

Barnet: Leigh Larocque  
 Burke: Al Duey  
 Groton: Peter Lyon  
 Hardwick: Danny Hale  
 Kirby: Rebecca Hill-Larsen, James Sawhill

Lyndon: Russ Blake, Martha Feltus  
 Newark: Kim Fried, Mark Whitworth  
 Peacham: Annette Lorraine, Jen Surat  
 Ryegate: Claudette Sortino  
 Sheffield: Keith Ballek

St. Johnsbury: Larry Donna  
 Sutton: Paul Brouha  
 Walden: Jeffrey Pierpont  
 Waterford: Brent Beck, Frederick Saar  
 Wheelock: Steve Amos

### TOWN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF ESSEX COUNTY

Brighton: Joel Cope  
 Canaan: Gregory Noyes  
 Concord: Christopher Fournier

East Haven: Kirwin Flanders  
 Granby: Reginald Bunnell  
 Lunenburg: James Peyton

Maidstone: Bruce Hobaugh  
 Norton: Kenneth Stransky, Patricia Whitney  
 Unified Towns & Gores: Peter Rodin

### TOWN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF ORLEANS COUNTY

Albany: Edward O'Leary  
 Barton: Robert Croteau, William Davies, Esq.  
 Brownington: Laurence Thompson, Robert Walker\*  
 Charleston: Meghann Carter  
 Coventry: Jean Desrochers  
 Craftsbury: Farley Brown, Linda Wells  
 Derby: Beula-Jean Shattuck, Grant Spates  
 Glover: Hope Colburn  
 Greensboro: Kristen Leahy

Holland: Andrew Bouchard  
 Irasburg: Paul Turner  
 Lowell: Alden Warner  
 Morgan: Brian Gray, Robert Guyer  
 Newport City: Laura Dolgin, Paul Monette, John O. Ward, Jr.\*  
 Newport Town: Real Lanoue  
 Troy: Robert Langlands, Mark Sanville  
 Westfield: Scott Dunn  
 Westmore: Louisa Dotoli

\* Two long-time NVDA board members stepped down this year. John Ward, former City Manager for Newport, has been a strong advocate for NVDA, serving as a past President and Executive Committee member. Also, Bob Walker, board representative from Brownington, will be missed as an active member who provided much color at board meetings. We wish John and Bob the very best and thank them for their many years of service to NVDA.

### AT LARGE MEMBERS

Claudio Fort, Conrad Doyon, Gregg Noble, John Morley, Patricia Sears, Tom Robinson

### LEGISLATORS (IN OFFICE AS OF END OF FY 2015)

#### SENATORS BY DISTRICT:

Caledonia: Joe Benning Esq., Jane Kitchel; Essex-Orleans: John Rodgers, Robert Starr, Jr.

#### REPRESENTATIVES BY DISTRICT:

Caledonia-1: Marcia Martel; Caledonia-2: Joseph "Chip" Troiano; Caledonia-3: Scott Beck, Janssen Willhoit;  
 Caledonia-4: Martha Feltus, Richard Lawrence; Orange-Caledonia: Charles "Chip" Conquest; Caledonia-Washington:  
 Catherine Toll; Essex-Caledonia: Constance Quimby; Essex-Caledonia-Orleans: Paul Lefebvre; Orleans-1: Lynn  
 Batchelor, Loren Shaw; Orleans-2: Michael Marcotte, Gary Viens; Orleans-Caledonia: Vicki Strong, Sam Young  
 Orleans-Lamoille: Mark Higley

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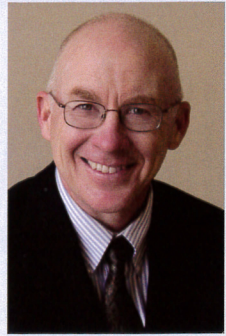


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# 2015 Annual Report

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## From the Executive Director

**THE NORTHEASTERN VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NVDA)** has completed its 65th year of service to Vermont's Northeast Kingdom! It is unlikely, however, that we will retire anytime soon. Given the breadth of services we offer and the ever-changing requirements faced by municipalities and businesses, NVDA remains the first organization to call for assistance. We relish that role and will always do our best to meet local needs.

There has been much publicity surrounding the EB-5 investments made, and we are pleased to see positive changes occurring in our region. Orleans County experienced significant growth in employment activity from Dec. 2009 (the depths of the recession) to May 2014. The growth rate nearly doubled the second highest rates in Chittenden and Lamoille Counties. Groundbreaking for the AnC-BIO Vermont facility in Newport occurred in May. We are now working with developers to bring related businesses to establish a biomedical campus. NVDA's transportation and land use planning expertise proved invaluable for permit review of projects like Walmart, AnC-BIO, Newport State Airport, and the Renaissance Block. We continue to see robust growth in the agriculture/value-added sector, even beyond the Hardwick area. NVDA continues to work with advance manufacturers to help them thrive. There has also been much in-depth planning in emergency readiness and flood preparedness.

NVDA's Wind Study Report was released this year. A volunteer study committee completed extensive research and had tough discussions about industrial-scale renewable energy. Their work led to a major recommendation for NVDA to use for participation in future projects.

There were changes within the NVDA staff. Joe Kasprzak left NVDA in July and Karen Geraghty, formerly with UVM Extension, recently joined us. We thank Joe for his great work, and we're certain that Karen will continue to build upon his efforts. Frank Maloney was hired in January to replace Gail Aloisio. Frank's expertise with GIS has made a valuable contribution from day one.

I am very proud of the work of all of NVDA's staff. Their efforts keep the organization strong and ready to serve the businesses and communities of the Northeast Kingdom.

David Snedeker

## At Work in the Kingdom in 2015

**THE NORTHEASTERN VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NVDA)** serves a uniquely rural region covering one-fifth of the state's land mass and containing one-tenth of its population.

Unlike other states, county governance plays a limited role in Vermont. As the regional planning commission, NVDA fills a void by providing a vast array of services to municipalities: technical assistance in land use planning and regulation, emergency preparedness, natural resource planning, and transportation planning. We link municipalities with the training and resources they need to navigate the many complexities of local governance.

As an economic development corporation, NVDA maintains industrial parks and facilities for new and expanding businesses. Direct visits with area employers and entrepreneurs keep us abreast of their important issues – and provide businesses the tools they need to remain competitive.



### FY2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

#### • **Transportation planning:**

Our collaboration with the region's conservation districts is unparalleled in the state, resulting in inventories of flood-prone infrastructure and training programs. We're building a strong foundation for local capital budgeting and planning.

#### • **Emergency response and preparedness:**

Helping our towns prepare for the next disaster remains a priority. NVDA assists municipalities with Local Emergency Operations Plans, and we've secured funding to get FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plans for any municipality requesting assistance. Both local plans will help municipalities meet state funding requirements and reduce local expenses in the next emergency.

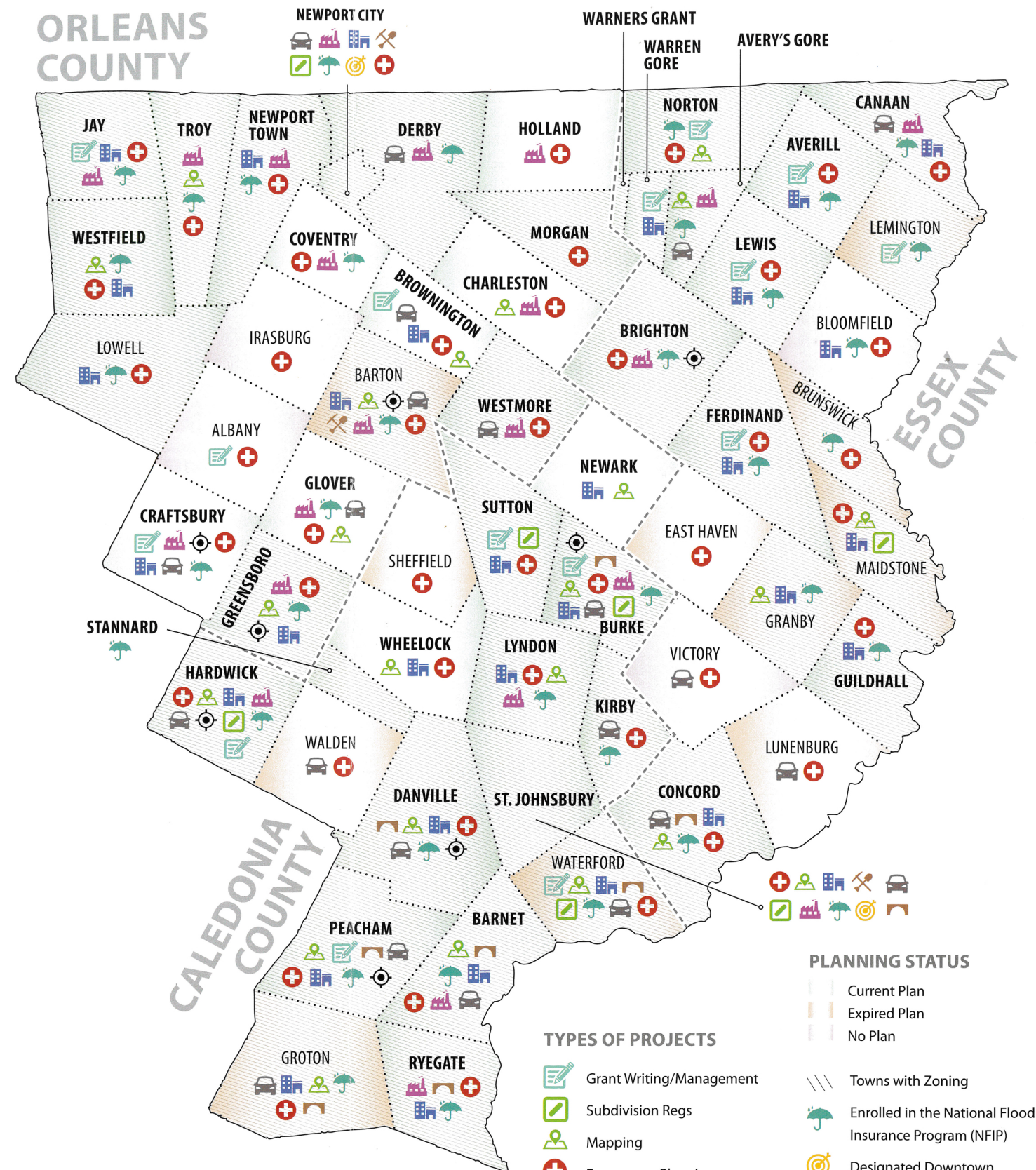
• **Parcel mapping:** Large or small, more communities are discovering the importance of digital parcel (tax) maps for effective long-range planning. NVDA has now helped a dozen NEK communities access mapping funds and assistance.

#### • **Foreign Trade Zone #286:**

Lamoille County was added to NVDA's zone in FY2015, which can lead to more cross-border impacts from increased business activity.

• This year our staff of 10 directly assisted 41 towns and 100+ businesses, representing more than 8,000 hours of staff support. NVDA plays a significant role in shaping the beautiful region in which we live and work.

## ORLEANS COUNTY



Municipalities recommended for confirmation are **bolded** on the map. On September 17, NVDA's full board will vote on this recommendation. To be "confirmed" municipalities must be engaged in an ongoing planning process, provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes, and have a current town plan that has been approved by the regional planning commission.

### TYPES OF PROJECTS

- Grant Writing/Management
- Subdivision Regs
- Mapping
- Emergency Planning
- Planning & Zoning Assistance
- Industry Support
- Brownfield
- Bridge & Culvert Inventory
- Road Foreman Training

### PLANNING STATUS

- Current Plan
- Expired Plan
- No Plan
- Towns with Zoning
- Enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Designated Downtown
- Designated Village Center
- County Boundary
- Town Boundary