



## From the Executive Director

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) is a joint regional planning and development organization that has served the 3-county Northeast Kingdom region of Vermont for over 70 years. Our team of planning and development professionals takes great pride in serving and working with the communities and businesses in the region to bring about lasting and positive impacts.

Throughout 2020-21, NVDA staff and partners worked diligently to assist businesses and local communities dealing with the impacts of the pandemic. We assisted local boards and clients with both in-person and virtual meetings, provided guidance to municipalities and businesses on new state and federal resources to help them begin a recovery and participated in regional and state recovery efforts like the NEK Recovery Plan initiative. While COVID has certainly impacted our local landscape, it has not slowed requests for assistance, nor has it stopped many of the initiatives that NVDA staff were working on prior to the pandemic.

NVDA staff finished implementing our 2018 EPA Brownfield Assessment program with local coalition partners (and, we've also received an EPA grant for 2021-2023!); worked with local road departments through the annual Grants-in-Aid program; assisted many communities with the annual update of their Local Emergency Management Plans; provided grant writing and administration support to municipalities seeking state and federal funding; advanced regional water quality and basin planning initiatives; and aided many communities across the region with planning, mapping, designation, and regulatory assistance through our Technical Assistance program. We continued our support for broadband with funding for the NEK Community Broadband communications union district. The map on the following page represents the diversity and extent of our services, all of which support our underlying mission to serve the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom. I am always amazed at what our small, yet professional staff can accomplish during normal and challenging times. As always, NVDA will continue to pursue new opportunities for the betterment of the Northeast Kingdom region and its people. Thank you to our communities, businesses, and partners for your continued support.

### Staff Acknowledgements:

I extend special thanks this year to Karen Geraghty and Frank Maloney for their years of professional service to NVDA. As they transition into new career opportunities, we wish them much success. Thanks also to Evan Oleson for his short-term work with us to assist businesses through the very successful ReStart VT Technical Assistance program. Welcome to Annie McLean, who joined NVDA in January as a Community & Economic Specialist. She is a valued addition to the staff and will take on a broad range of planning and development assignments. Sadly, we acknowledge the passing this year of Kenneth Butson, husband of Judy Butson, NVDA's Business Manager; Larry Donna, longtime Board Member from St. Johnsbury; and Wenda Hanson, who served in NVDA's business office for many years. They will all be missed.

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker

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Missing: Judy Butson, Tracy  
McIntyre



### TOWN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF CALEDONIA COUNTY

**Danville:** Kenneth Linsley

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**Hardwick:** Shari Cornish

**Kirby:** Martin Etter, Marla Waring

**Lyndon:** Martha Feltus, Ken Mason

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### TOWN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF ORLEANS COUNTY

**Albany:** S. Christopher Jacobs, Edward O'Leary

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### AT LARGE MEMBERS

John Morley, Tom Robinson

### LEGISLATORS

#### SENATORS BY DISTRICT:

**Caledonia:** Joe Benning Esq., Jane Kitchel; **Essex-Orleans:** Russ Ingalls, Robert Starr Jr.

#### REPRESENTATIVES BY DISTRICT:

**Caledonia-1:** Marcia Martel; **Caledonia-2:** Joseph "Chip" Troiano;

**Caledonia-3:** Scott Beck; Scott Campbell **Caledonia-4:** Patrick Seymour, Martha Feltus;

**Caledonia-Washington:** Henry Pearl; **Essex-Caledonia:** Terri Williams; **Essex-**

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## 2021 Annual Report



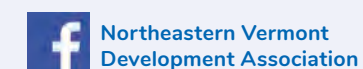
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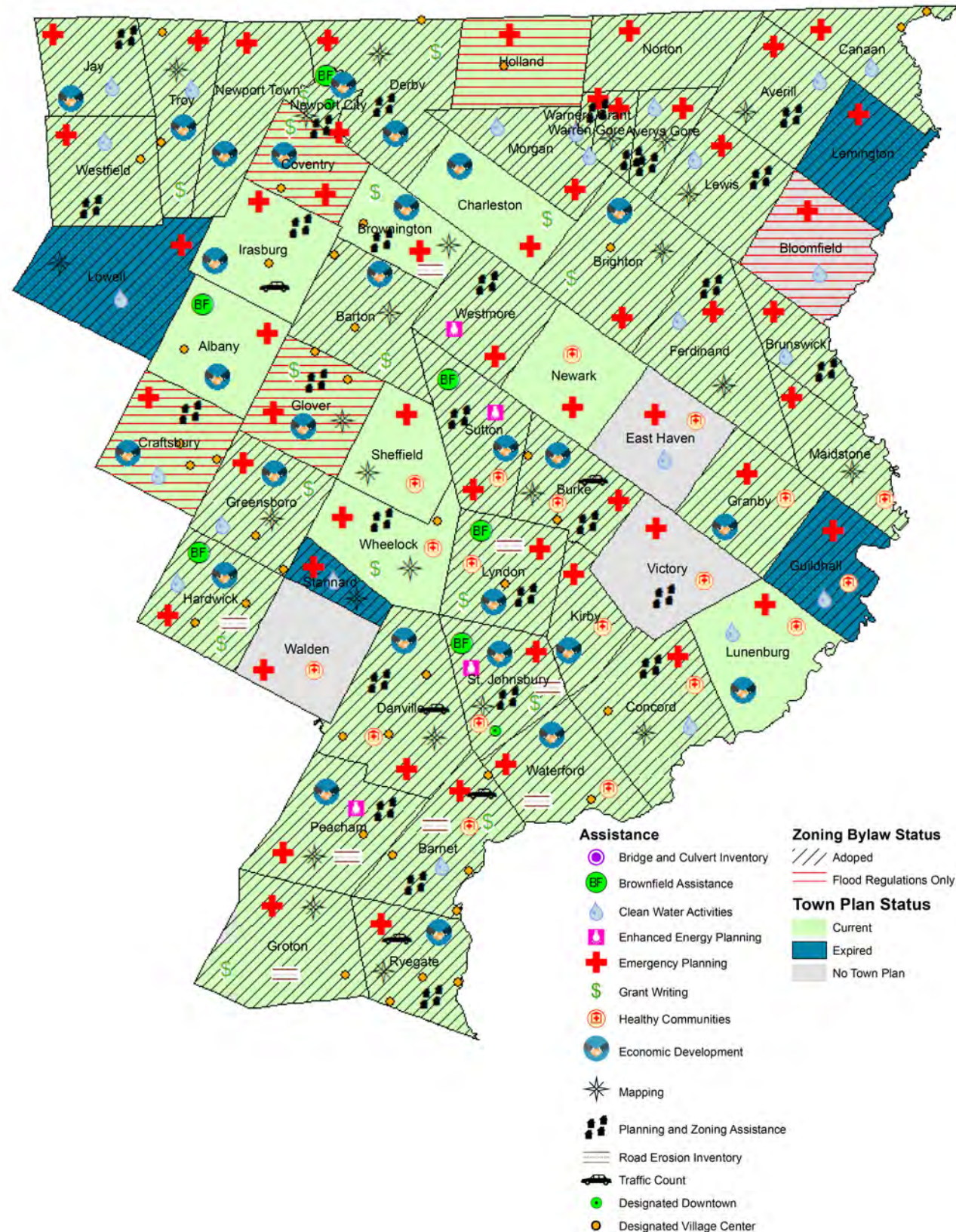
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**Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) is a unique entity in Vermont where regional economic development and planning are combined for great effect.**

Our broad array of services supports our mission to the 55 municipalities and scores of businesses in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties: "Improving the quality of life in the Northeast Kingdom through planning, promoting economic development, and preserving the region's natural environment."



**FY2021 Highlights**

**Municipal Planning:**

In FY2021, NVDA helped obtain Village Center Designations for North Danville, Glover, West Glover, Troy, and North Troy. Our region now has 41 Designated Village Centers and two Designated Downtowns (St. Johnsbury and Newport). Hardwick is currently seeking Downtown Designation. A record number of communities pursued tax credits this year. In July 2020 and January 2021, the state allocated \$130,746 in tax credits for five projects, supporting more than \$1.2 million in downtown and village center revitalization projects in the NEK.

**Brownfields:**

NVDA received a \$600,000 EPA Assessment Coalition Grant this year. Coalition partners are the Towns of Lyndon and St. Johnsbury, and the City of Newport. Funds will be used to inventory and prioritize sites, conduct Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental site assessments, and prepare cleanup and re-use plans. Assessment activities will target Coalition partners, as well as several sites in other small, rural municipalities in our region.

**COVID Relief:**

In FY2021, NVDA participated in the Restart Vermont Technical Assistance (ReVTA) Program, which was designed to help businesses adopt new practices, retrofit physical space, and access new technology in response to pandemic challenges. Through the ReVTA Program, NVDA provided over \$80,000 in technical assistance to 32 NEK businesses.

**Recreation Planning:**

NVDA helped the Town of St. Johnsbury obtain a State Economic & Infrastructure Development grant to complete additional riverfront trail sections connecting the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) to the new trailhead picnic pavilion on Bay Street in the designated downtown. In October, NVDA was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission to advance the outdoor recreation economy through subawards to local recreation-based projects. NVDA funded six projects.

**Unaudited Financials for Fiscal Year 2021\***

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

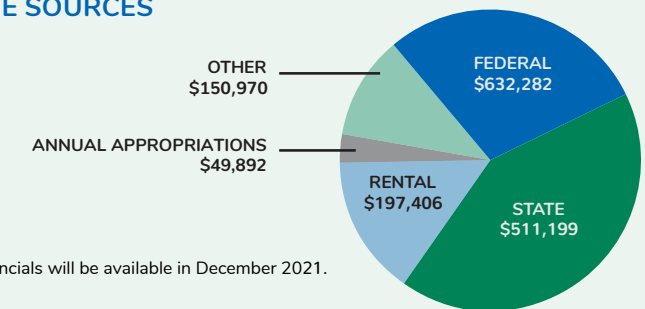
**REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS**

NVDA has two Nonprofit Community Development Organization (NCDO) relending funds capitalized by loan repayments from Community Development Block Grants. No loans were made to businesses in the region from these funds in FY2021.

**PROGRAMS**

	REGIONAL PLANNING	TRANSPORTATION	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	TOTALS
REVENUES	\$ 819,846	\$ 259,193	\$ 462,661	\$ 1,541,700
EXPENDITURES	\$ 820,994	\$ 259,193	\$ 492,386	\$ 1,572,573
BALANCE	\$ (1,148)	\$ —	\$ (29,725)	\$ (30,873)

**REVENUE SOURCES**



\* Audited financials will be available in December 2021.

**STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR FY2021**

- Economic Development Administration — U.S. Department of Commerce
- Northern Border Regional Commission
- USDA Rural Development — U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Treasury
- 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 Department of Buildings and General Services
- Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Vermont Department of Public Safety — U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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