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2026 Regional Plan: Chapters Revised /Summary of Proposed Changes

Introduction/Vision Statement

- Added a section on how Health Equity and Environmental Justice is addressed throughout the Regional Plan. Noted Health Equity/ Environmental Justice Focus groups reached during public engagement. Included environmental benefits/burdens table and policies/implementation steps to mitigate disparities.
- Updated Primary Regional Plan Objectives to reflect current priorities and the 2025 Regional Plan Survey input. Themes included promoting a diversity of housing options, promoting flood resiliency and directing new growth outside flood prone areas, promoting an efficient transportation system, and supporting working lands (Rural Agriculture/Forestry) as a part of Lamoille County's thriving local economy.
- Added a section on the 2025 Regional Plan Amendment Public Engagement process.
- Included a summary of the 2025 Regional Plan Survey results.

Transportation

- Added a discussion on transportation energy burden.
- Added references to RCT's Micro-Transit Program.
- Added policies/actions around promoting an energy efficient transportation network.
- Added an action item to explore opportunities for a shared bike/ped path between Stowe and Morristown.
- Added a map including points of traffic congestion in the County.
- Updated information on Smugglers' Notch and the installation of the chicanes to reduce the number of tractor trailers getting stuck in the Notch.

- Updated the reference to the Morrisville-Stowe Airport which is now State owned.
- Updated chapter maps.

Energy

- Updated data in the “Current Energy” section of the Lamoille County Enhanced Energy Plan to comply with the latest standards per Act 174.

Telecommunications

- Worked with Lamoille FiberNet’s Executive Director to update the Telecommunications chapter including reference to the Communication Union District’s progress in bringing Fiber and high-speed internet to Lamoille County.

Housing

- Updated housing policies to promote a diversity of housing options including ADU’s.
- Updated policies/ actions to expand housing in safer less flood prone areas.
- Updated housing strategy section/policies to comply with Act 47. Added a housing targets section to comply with Act 47 (The Home Act).
- Added in new statewide and county housing assessment report data to highlight housing characteristics.
- Added a policy and actions to promote “Healthy Homes” (safe and adequate housing options)
- Noted housing related results from the 2025 Regional Plan Survey.

Land Use/ Other Future Land Use References in the Regional Plan

- Updated future land use terminology throughout the Land Use chapter and other sections of the Regional Plan per Act 181.
- Updated the Future Land Use map per Act 181.

- Updated policies/action items to promote future development and expansion of public infrastructure in less flood prone areas.
- Noted land use related results from the 2025 Regional Plan Survey.

Water Resources

- Added reference to the Clean Water Service Providers and Act 76.
- Added a paragraph on the Tactical Basin Plans and linked to the Lamoille and Winooski River Tactical Basin Plans.
- Updated references to the Stormwater General Permit threshold.

Flood Resilience

- Updated policies/actions section to support infrastructure upgrades to reduce flooding impacts (upsized culverts/bridges)
- Updated policies/actions section to help guide future development outside the floodplain and less flood prone areas.
- Updated policies/actions section to reflect priorities and strategies from the 2025 Long-term Recovery and Resiliency Plan for the Northern Vermont Economic Development District. Strategies included expanding water/sewer infrastructure in safer, less flood prone areas to guide development out of the floodplain and promoting mutual aid agreements (equipment/resource sharing) across the County and with neighboring communities.
- Noted flooding/ flood resiliency related results from the 2025 Regional Plan Survey.
- Updated data on recent flooding events.
- Reference to Act 121, the new River Corridors legislation.
- Updated chapter maps.

Public Facilities

- Added policy language to promote adaptive re-use of underutilized or abandoned community facilities.
- Updated references to changes in local school names and School Choice.
- Updated school enrollment data.

Creation of Appendix D: Environmental Benefits/Burdens Analysis

- In accordance with Act 154 (VT Environmental Justice Law) the LCPC developed Appendix D to highlight an analysis of environmental benefits and burdens in Lamoille County.
- Appendix D highlights both a narrative and mapping analysis of environmental benefits and burdens in the County including mapping focused on Environmental Justice Focus populations, housing cost burden, geographic distribution of low-moderate income populations, and age of housing stock in relation to low-moderate income populations.
- Appendix D highlights key findings of environmental burdens, an Equity Analysis, and Regional Plan Policies and Implementation Strategies to reduce identified disparities, mitigate burdens, and ensure the equitable distribution of benefits.
- Appendix D also expands on environmental justice focus populations reached during public engagement for the Regional Plan update.