

## **FY2026: FRANKLIN COUNTY PRIORITY PROJECTS**

### **1) ST. ALBANS TOWN INDUSTRIAL PARK**

FCIDC has invested more than \$3.5 million into the St. Albans Town Industrial Park and needs an additional \$1.5 million to finish the infrastructure. In the past, FCIDC has secured funding through Northern Border Regional Commission and the USDA Rural Business Development Grant program to fund engineering and permitting costs to make two lots ready for development. Additional funds will be needed to finish all the infrastructure.

### **2) SWANTON VILLAGE HYDRO POWER FACILITY REPAIRS**

'The Facility', constructed in 1915-1920, needs significant investment to ensure it remains viable as a regional energy source. Immediate considerations include turbine problems, floor cracks and a rubber bladder failure, as well as an overall need to be more efficient.

### **3) FAIRFAX WATER/WASTEWATER PROJECT**

Fairfax's water and sewer infrastructure dates to the 1980s and is at capacity, limiting infill development, commercial construction, and job growth.

### **4) SWANTON VILLAGE TRANSPORTATION TRANSFORMATION**

The Village has several phases of improvements in the works: Merchants Row sidewalk, parking with additional EV chargers, Grand Ave & First Street intersection safety improvements. Church Street stormwater and streetscaping with bike lanes and ADA compliant sidewalks.

### **5) FAIRFAX MODULAR MULTI-FAMILY HOMESTEAD**

Small-scale, scattered-site multifamily development on Wimble Road in Fairfax, VT consisting of three architecturally cohesive buildings (one each: duplex/triplex/fourplex) equaling nine (9) 3-bedroom long-term rental homes. The development includes all necessary infrastructure (driveway, waste/storm water and approximately one covered, one uncovered parking space per unit.

#### **6) RICHFORD WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

**Richford Wastewater Treatment Facility is struggling to meet NPDES permit limits due to aging infrastructure. The Town has hired Hoyle Tanner to prepare a preliminary engineering report (PER) to identify existing conditions that already include current lack of screening, a failed baffle curtain, overloaded lagoons and out-of-date blowers and aeration diffusers, and then determine course for compliance.**

#### **7) ST. ALBANS BAY VILLAGE DISTRICT Water/Wastewater Project**

**The Town of St. Albans is looking at a revisioning of the entire St. Albans Bay Village District to include TOD planning, streetscape improvements, and a new 'Village Center' Zoning District as well as improvements to assets for use as community/recreation spaces. This project will include a water/wastewater extension to the bay at the cost of \$10M. The Town will be looking to restore the Bay Park Stonehouse at a cost of \$2M.**

#### **8) HIGHGATE VILLAGE CORE**

**The town acquired property in the center of Highgate known as 'The Village Core Property' and has been planning for possible commercial use (retail/restaurant), senior housing and a new public library/community center. They will develop a community W/WW system to serve 'The Core' in addition to the surrounding village area. This plan includes extending the drinking water well at the Highgate Arena south to the Village Core.**

#### **9) FRANKLIN TOWN OFFICE RELOCATION PROGRAM**

**Rehab an historical building in the village center that the town purchased for the expansion of future town offices and give more space to Haston Library. Interior cosmetic work is needed. Needs an outside wall as it is buckling. A vault will be built within an existing garage space.**

#### **10) COMMON SCHOOL- EAST FAIRFIELD**

**Greta Brunswick of Northwest Regional Planning is working with Fairfield on this project. The steering committee is actively engaged in the project and is putting together a plan to take to the selectboard in advance of applying for CDBG funds.**