

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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From: Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Adam Lougee, Executive Director

Date: October 6, 2021

Re: Proposed Amendments to the Addison County Regional Plan

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the proposed amendments to the Addison County Regional Plan. The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) proposes to amend:

Section 3: Population and Housing

ACRPC is responsible for producing and approving a regional plan every eight years. ACRPC readopted its current plan on July 18, 2018 after amending the Energy Section of the Plan. Over the past year, ACRPC has been working on a complete revision of the Population and Housing Section. This amendment to the Plan documents demographic changes the region has experienced since the 2000 and 2010 census, the impact of those demographic changes on the housing market and presents new goals, policies and implementation actions for the community to adopt in response to those changes. The timing of the update process corresponded with the release of the 2020 Census population counts by race, Hispanic origin, voting age and housing unit data and ACRPC was able to incorporate this current information. For additional demographic, housing and income data, the American Community Survey (ACS) 3–5-year updates and the Vermont Housing and Finance Agency’s housingdata.org website were primary sources of information for the project.

In addition to documenting the substantive changes noted above, ACRPC has included formatting changes to the proposed Population and Housing Section, including and incorporating tables and graphs into the body of the text and consolidating the goals and policies subsections into one section at the conclusion of the document.

There will be two public hearings on these amendments to the Addison County Regional Plan; a notice for those hearings is attached. The first will be our regularly scheduled Full Commission meeting on November 10, 2021 at 7:00, the second hearing is set for the January 12, 2021 Full Commission Meeting. Both hearings will be at 7:00 p.m. with the option to meet in person at ACRPC’s offices at 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury or join remotely.

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Pending the outcome of these hearings, a vote to amend the Addison County Regional Plan is tentatively scheduled for ACRPC's meeting on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at ACRPC's offices, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury or remotely. Plan amendment requires a 60 percent vote of the commissioners and a majority vote of the member municipalities. If it is approved, ACRPC will immediately submit the Plan to the municipal legislative bodies of the region. The Plan amendment takes effect within 35 days of adoption unless a majority of the region's municipal legislative bodies veto it.

ACRPC appreciates any general comments that any parties may have with respect to the compatibility of this plan with local, regional or state agency plans. ACRPC also requests any specific comments you may have with regard to the plan amendments' compliance with 24 V.S.A. § 4302. All are encouraged to participate and comment at the public hearings or send written comments prior to the hearings.

Lastly, ACRPC's staff would be happy to discuss the proposed amendments to the Plan. Please feel free to call Adam Lougee or Katie Raycroft-Meyer at (802) 388-3141.