

TOWN OF
ISLE LA MOTTE
VERMONT



Eclipse commemorative artwork commissioned by the Isle La Motte Community Organization and painted by Ashley Brisson.

2024
ANNUAL REPORT ADDENDUM
January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

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**STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE**



St. Albans Field Station
140 Fisher Pond Rd
St. Albans, VT 05478

January 8th, 2025

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, we are providing our 2024 Annual Report. This report will provide our mission, identify specialty services provided by the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Barracks, and provide data for your respective town.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Vermont State Police is to individually and collectively serve and protect by providing the highest quality of professional law enforcement services. The mission of the Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. By working together, we can educate, empower and foster trust within our community. We will strive to reduce crime and enforce the laws of our roadways through criminal investigations and aggressive motor vehicle enforcement.

Specialty Services Provided by Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks

In addition to their field primary responsibilities, many of the troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks are members of special response teams that provide expert response capabilities in a variety of areas to address critical needs throughout Vermont.

The breakdown of these responses is as follows:

1 Trooper – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)

4 Troopers – Tactical Services Unit (TSU)

3 Troopers – K9 Team

2 Troopers – Search and Rescue Team (SAR)

3 Troopers – Bomb Squad (EOD)

1 Trooper – CLAN lab team

1 Troopers – Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)

1 Trooper – Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)

“Your Safety Is Our Business”

Annual Crime Statistics for the St. Albans Barracks:

Total Cases:	6877
Total Arrests:	638
Total Tickets Issued:	229
Total Warnings Issued:	771
Fatal Accidents:	8
Total Burglaries Investigated:	59
Total DUI's:	62

Local Community Report:

Isle LaMotte

Total Cases:	43
Total Arrests:	4
Total DUI's:	1
Total Accidents – Property Damage:	4
Total Accidents – Injury:	0
Total Vandalisms:	1
Total Alarms:	3
Total Burglaries:	1
Total Tickets:	0
Total Warnings:	0

We will continue to make our communities safer through enforcement, prevention, and community outreach. It is our privilege to serve the citizens of this community. Together, we will get through these challenging times.

Respectfully,



Lieutenant Michael Filipek
Station commander

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

St. Albans Local Health Office | 27 Federal St, Suite 201, St. Albans, VT
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Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The St Albans Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Grand Isle and Franklin counties. Some highlights of our work in 2024 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans



Children, Youth and Families

- In 2024, our **Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program** worked with over 1,500 participants from Grand Isle and Franklin counties.
- Our staff helped WIC families access **over \$190,000 in fruits and vegetables**.
- Our office helps participants feel confident and comfortable with breastfeeding. About **74% of WIC infants in our region have breastfed** in the past year.



Community Health and Safety

- This year, our office offered vaccines in a variety of places in Franklin and Grand Isle. These included **dairy farms, treatment centers, and the St Albans Pride Festival**.
- We work closely with Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers to **provide wound care and foot checks** every Thursday at Martha's Kitchen in St. Albans.
- Our office **distributed free water test kits** to people affected by the historic summer flooding. During specific times, residents can also bring their Health Department water test kits to our office. The office will then return the kits to the State's lab.
- Our experts carefully **watch for illnesses spread by mosquitoes**, such as West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).



Working Together

- Our office is working with the **Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity** to help homeless residents find housing, food and health services.
- We now have regular WIC clinics in Alburgh, Enosburg, Richford, South Hero, and Swanton. This is in **partnership with libraries, health clinics, and senior centers**.





American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

December 9, 2024

Town of Isle La Motte
Attn: Sarah Noble
P.O. Box 250
Isle La Motte, VT 05463

Dear Sarah,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made **626 homes safer** by installing **1,907** smoke detectors and educating **730** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **39,492 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **131,800 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Isle La Motte. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of **\$350.00**.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Grand Isle County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

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Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

www.redcross.org/nne
American Red Cross of Northern New England



Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **2 disaster cases in Grand Isle County**, assisting **4 individuals**. The Red Cross provides safe shelter, food, relief supplies, financial assistance, and comfort to those in need after a disaster – whether it's a home fire affecting a single family, or a storm or flood devastating an entire community. All Red Cross services are provided free of charge through the generosity of the American public and are available to everyone in need without discrimination.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Alburgh	2	4



Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Grand Isle County to educate residents on fire safety and preparedness. We made **2 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.



Grand Isle County is home to **5 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life who are trained and empowered to respond to disaster in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



We collected, **100 pints** of lifesaving blood at **5 drives** in Grand Isle County.



Last year, **67 Grand Isle County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.



We proudly assisted **4** of **Grand Isle County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Thank you for your generous support, which makes our mission—alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies—possible.

Thank you!

www.redcross.org/nne



January 7, 2025

Town of Isle La Motte
PO Box 250
Isle La Motte, VT 05463

Dear Town of Isle La Motte Appropriations Committee,

We are so grateful for your recent contribution of \$250.00 to support our important work with families of children with disabilities and special health needs in your community. Local funding will support families and professionals who serve them. Thanks to you, we can give more children and families a strong start, lift more family voices for positive change, and advance more inclusive communities throughout Vermont.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Kessler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Kessler
Interim Executive Director



For federal income tax purposes, in compliance with IRS tax law, no goods or services were provided by Vermont Family Network for this contribution. Please retain this letter for your income tax purposes.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000

TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE

SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$295.00

For over 45 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'24 (10/2023-9/2024) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **297** individuals to help increase their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **232** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **151** individuals with information on assistive technology; **43** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **507** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **40** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier (although we are working from home as our office (along with so many others) was devastated in the July flood and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'24, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- VT Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

December 19, 2024

Vickie Buswell, Town Clerk
Town of Isle LaMotte
P.O. Box 250
Isle LaMotte, VT 05463

Dear Ms. Buswell and voters:

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Isle LaMotte for our FY'25.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Isle LaMotte in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

We are requesting \$295.00 from the Town of Isle LaMotte to continue supporting people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'25 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Sarah Launderville
Executive Director
slaunderville@vcil.org

Enclosures

a.		Vermont Center for Independent Living	
		FY'25 Approved Budget	
INCOME	FY25 Budget Approved	EXPENSES	FY25 Budget Approved
Federal Grants		Specific Assistance	
704 North Balance Prior Year	220,000		
704 North	762,927	VHCB	386,503
704 South	332,070	Meals on Wheels	389,879
SILC grant	168,000	SILC Grant	53,000
NIDILRR	16,000	EDP equipment	36,000
US Aging Vaccine	238,800	Total Specific Assistance	865,382
State Grants		Salaries & Fringe	
VHCB	545,000	Salaries	1,069,456
Meals on Wheels	499,521	Fringe Benefits	386,584
		Total Salaries & Fringe	1,456,040
Other Grants		Operating Expenses	
EDP grant	75,000	Professional Services	484,416
VR Youth	100,000	Board Expenses	3000
P2P	137,250	Reasonable Accomodations	29,500
Misc Income		Occupancy	105,581
Cities & Towns	55,000	Travel-Mileage	13,500
Donations - Unrestricted	35,000	Printing & Publication	400
Other Income	5,000	Telecommunications	25,684
		Supplies	40,150
		General Insurance	18,332
		Postage	10,800
		Equip Lease, Repair & Maint	13,000
		Advertising & Outreach	16,000
		Dues & Subscriptions	8,500
		Training/conferences/travel	15,000
		Depreciation Expense	12,000
		Peer Skills Trainings/Stipends	4,200
		Reserve/Special Projects	68,083
		Total Operating Expenses	868,146
Total Income	3,189,568	Total Expenses	3,189,568
		Net Income	0



CHAMPLAIN ISLANDERS DEVELOPING ESSENTIAL RESOURCES, INC.

Serving the People of Grand Isle County

CHAMPLAIN ISLANDERS DEVELOPING ESSENTIAL RESOURCES, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT TO TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

The mission of C.I.D.E.R. is to develop and foster resources that enable the people of Grand Isle County to live in their community with dignity. C.I.D.E.R. accomplishes this by providing direct services and collaborating with other individuals and groups. C.I.D.E.R. feels a special responsibility to older adults and persons with disabilities. The values that guide C.I.D.E.R. are to be: Caring, Creative, Client Centered, Community Based, and Cost Effective. C.I.D.E.R. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit membership organization governed by an elected Board of Directors representing each of the five towns in Grand Isle County. Membership is not required to receive any services or participate in any activities or programs.

Most individual ride requests are for medical appointments or grocery shopping. During FY'24 C.I.D.E.R. provided 9, 867 (a 202% increase!) trips in our staff operated vehicles driving 174,778 miles. C.I.D.E.R. volunteer drivers provided an additional 2,119 (an additional 23% increase!), driving 46,441 miles and donating 1,736 hours of their time. 327 Islanders received rides during this period.

C.I.D.E.R. (senior) Neighbor Meals program located at the Congregational Church in South Hero has expanded to weekly congregate meals and twice weekly meal deliveries. During FY24 we served 575 meals to approximately 112 older adults and persons with disabilities. We also delivered 7,327 meals to 82 individuals. C.I.D.E.R. began partnering with Champlain Islands Food Shelf to provide items for their household bags, donating over \$3,000 in goods, serving over 40 households each month.

During FY'24, 40 older adults participated in the C.I.D.E.R. "Living Strong" strength and balance training class. This program remains a hybrid of virtual and in person. 15 individuals participated in tai chi classes which continue in-person, usually outdoors. New this year was a balance class attended by 14 participants and held once a week at Bayview Crossing. C.I.D.E.R. designed and built 33 wheelchair ramps (a record) or other similar home accessibility projects and the special needs equipment closet loaned 214 wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, shower chairs, and other items to 134 individuals and families. The C.I.D.E.R. PRESS newsletter reaches 1,450 (mostly) Grand Isle County households each month and mailed 18,636 copies in FY24.

The planned 30-unit affordable independent senior housing project "Bayview Crossing" on Carter Lane in South Hero successfully opened in October of 2022 and the C.I.D.E.R. office is now at 12 Carter Lane.

C.I.D.E.R. sincerely appreciates and depends on the large number of Grand Isle County residents who support us as volunteers, Members, and donors. CIDER is incredibly grateful for our neighbors and takes pride in the #NeighborsHelpingNeighbors spirit that continues to exist in our mighty communities

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Posner, Executive Director

TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024 (10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024)

Last year, Age Well served 31 individuals from Isle La Motte, services included:



14 calls to the Helpline



28 hours of Case Management



43 Congregate Meals served
165 Grab & Go Meals served



6 hours of Options Counseling

3 Isle La Motte residents volunteered 87 hours

COST BREAKDOWN OF OUR SERVICES

Age Well services are provided at no cost, but we want to emphasize the value we provide to your community. In FY24, we delivered services valued at \$7,981 to Isle La Motte residents.

State Health Insurance Program: \$78.86 per hour

Case Management: \$122.41 per hour

Options Counseling: \$101.56 per hour

Information & Assistance: \$25.33 per hour

Meals on Wheels: \$10.29 per meal

Congregate Meals: \$12.81 per meal

Grab and Go Meals: \$10.50 per meal

Volunteers: \$15.33 per hour



MEALS ON WHEELS CAN SERVE A PERSON FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR FOR ABOUT THE SAME COST AS JUST 1 DAY IN A HOSPITAL OR 10 DAYS IN A NURSING HOME

ABOUT AGE WELL

Since 1974, Age Well has provided Vermonters with the necessary support to manage their daily living needs, with the goal of keeping them active, healthy, and independent. As the leading experts and advocates for the aging population, we believe that health happens at home and focuses on lifestyle, happiness, and wellness—not on age.

Committed to helping individuals age well, we reduce barriers by providing access to healthy meals, in-home care, expertise on Medicare and insurance, long-term and short-term care options, transportation to medical appointments, translations services, a Helpline, and many more community resources in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, we do not charge for our services. We rely on donations and encourage clients to contribute if they are able to do so.

MISSION: TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THAT INSPIRES OUR COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE AGING WITH CONFIDENCE.

Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation

Prepared for the towns of Grand Isle County

LCIEDC Overview for FY 2024

October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024

The Lake Champlain Island Economic Development Corporation is a non-profit entity focused on supporting business, economic growth, and community vitality in Grand Isle County. As one of twelve Regional Development Corporations in the state of Vermont, we collaborate with various partners and organizations to serve as a central resource for community and business needs in our region. Our current areas of focus include:

- **Improving Housing Stock** by supporting infrastructure, investment, housing initiatives, and promoting collaboration between partners.
- **Facilitating the growth and retention of existing businesses** through business visitation, the Champlain Islands Resource Guide, regional marketing campaigns, online event calendar, and our mini-grant program.
- **Encouraging outside investment in the region** by assisting municipalities in obtaining grant funding, connecting businesses to available funding, providing technical support, and familiarizing potential funders with local projects.
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Highlights from the past fiscal year at the LCIEDC include:

- Over forty site visits to new and established businesses.
- Production of a television ad campaign promoting the region, aired on WCAX, WYCI, and Mountain Channel Group.
- Support for NBRC awards for North Hero Water Improvement Project and South Hero Meeting House.
- Investment in staff training to support large-scale business lending and entrepreneurship.
- Hosting two legislative forums and conducting two county-wide tours of potential projects for Vermont's Federal delegation, Vermont Legislators, and state officials.
- Expansion of our business membership program to include 59 members.
- Continued administration of a grant from the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Collaborative to improve cycling routes in South Hero.



Andy Julow
Executive Director



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NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Bike and pedestrian planning and project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Mary Catherine Graziano & Sylvia Jensen

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

vacant seat

NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ISLE LA MOTTE TOWN REPORT - 2024

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

2024 ISLE LA MOTTE TOWN PROJECTS

- Held public outreach and drafted the Isle La Motte Town Plan in collaboration with the Isle La Motte Planning Commission.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Assisted Grand Isle County Mutual Aid with Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned produce at one farm in Isle la Motte. Gleaned produce was provided to charitable food sites in the Islands and Franklin County.
- Healthy Roots purchased from one Isle La Motte Farm to support the NOTCH mini-fridges and Migrant Household Food Boxes in partnership with NorthWest Family Foods and Bridges to Health.
- Healthy Roots provided business assistance to one farm.
- Healthy Roots continued discussion around the Isle La Motte School and the use of its commercial kitchen.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Isle La Motte is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Conducted site visits on private roads and held Zoom meetings to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain.
- Provided administrative support for a grant for structural evaluation and potential uses of the old Town Hall and the current town office building; hired an engineering firm and began site work.
- Coordinated a roadway best practices overview and Q&A session with the Road Commissioner, Selectboard members, Vermont Local Roads, and town highway contractor.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, update its Land Use Plan to support housing development and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.

Principals Annual School Report

Grand Isle and North Hero Campuses Update

At the Grand Isle and North Hero Campuses, we are dedicated to the Grand Isle Supervisory Union (GISU) mission, ensuring that every learning community member is curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever-changing world. Our staff and teachers are committed to creating exceptional daily experiences that foster our future leaders' academic and social growth. We take great pride in delivering enriching learning experiences for our students and the broader community. View the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Continuous Improvement Plan [here](#) to learn more about supporting all learners.



Last school year's budget process presented significant challenges, leading the Champlain Islands Unified Union School District (CIUUSD) to make difficult cuts. However, we collaborated to minimize the impact on students as we began this school year, striving to maintain our cherished traditions wherever possible.



Over the past three years, CIUUSD has introduced new literacy and math curricula. We are excited to see the positive effects these programs are beginning to have on student achievement, particularly for those who had previously struggled with their learning.

Our connections with the community remain strong, supported by numerous organizations contributing to our school. The local donations for fundraising events have been invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful island community for their ongoing support.

This year, the Grand Isle campus has launched several new initiatives, including monthly character trait development, read-a-thons, and the implementation of the Responsive Classroom approach. Our continued engagement with community members and organizations has enriched our students' learning experiences. A highlight is the Grand Isle School Enrichment Program, developed after families lost after-school care due to budget reductions last year. Through collaboration with schools in other counties, we created the GIS Enrichment Program, supported by the GIS PTA, with staff providing learning opportunities and supervision.



The North Hero campus has also made significant strides, for example, by opening a new school library, funded through an external donation. As part of this transition, the library was

reorganized, removing older, less-used books and adding new titles. We have partnered with the PTYO and many community groups, such as the Northwest VT Healthy Roots Collaborative, the North Hero Town Recreation Dept, and the North Hero Town Fire Dept. Our campus also celebrated Veterans Day in November, honoring a wall dedicated to veterans connected to our school community. If you know any veterans to be included, please contact the school.



Our teaching practices continue to emphasize ongoing growth and achievement for all students. As we work towards proficiency in our learning targets, we utilize resources to assess student progress and assist interventionists in addressing specific needs. Our instructional practices will continually evolve, and our staff is committed to excellence in all we do for our community.

CIUUSD sports, including soccer and basketball, are ongoing, and there are opportunities for students to participate in the instrumental band program. We strive to provide a warm and inviting experience for all students, regardless of their school. Our foundations of trust, empathy, and unity are built on strong relationships. We proudly lead the outstanding CIUUSD team and are grateful for your unwavering support.



Sincerely, Amanda Ellison & Ashley Hanlon

Grand Isle County MENTORING PROGRAM

Grand Isle County Mentoring is a school-based mentoring program that matches children with adult mentors who share similar interests. Mentors and mentees meet once a week at local schools, building trusting, lasting relationships. The activities they engage in are simple yet meaningful: sharing conversation, reading, playing games, going for walks, doing crafts, and even cooking. These interactions provide not only guidance but also the support and encouragement many children need to thrive.

In addition to the weekly meetings, and the mentor training opportunities, the program typically hosts other events throughout the school year. We kick off the season with a social gathering for current and potential new mentors in October, we host Game Night in January with games and dinner for our mentoring pairs and take our annual trip to Echo Science Center in March. The end of the year is marked by a family dinner and celebration in June.

Over the past 16 years, nearly 180 adults from Grand Isle County have volunteered their time and built lasting connections through our mentoring program. Today, we have active mentoring pairs in all four island schools, and the program continues to grow thanks to the unwavering support of our board, local schools, community members and our dedicated volunteers. We also receive funding from local and statewide grants, including those from The United Way and Mentor Vermont, which help ensure we follow best practices and remain sustainable.

If you've ever considered becoming a mentor, now is the perfect time to get involved. Visit our website at gic-mentoring.org or email Program Coordinator, Bonnie Codey at bcodey.gicmentoring@gmail.com to learn more about the program.

We are thankful to all our partnerships, mentors, school staff and community members that make this program possible.



Grand Isle County Mentoring Program
P.O. Box 31
South Hero, VT 06486
GIC-Mentoring.org



The Champlain Islands Food Shelf was established in 2002. It is located at 185 US Rt. 2 in the basement of St. Joseph's Church and serves Alburgh, Isle LaMotte, North Hero, Grand Island and South Hero. CIFS is run by market manager Whitney Doremus, nine board members, and more than 40 volunteers.

In 2024, the food shelf served 153 households (between 65-90 a month) representing more than 300 individuals and over 1500. Sixty-nine Thanksgiving Baskets were distributed. In the last year, there has been significant growth in the number of Grand Isle County residents who utilize the food shelf.

We have found our space to be a good fit for our needs this year and have been able to update our processes through adding software designed for food shelves to help us better track data, we have also increased our ability to provide deliveries, and we have increased our volunteer support to help meet the growing needs of our customer base.

Fresh produce is provided, in part, by local farmers. We source our eggs and milk from Vermont farmers and Vermont Foodbank greatly supports us. Generous donations by schools, businesses, churches and individuals also help us fill the shelves.

In addition to providing food, the CIFS collaborates with other organizations like Vermont Fuel Assistance Program, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunities, and C.I.D.E.R. to provide customers with information about helpful resources.

Diane Bahrenburg
Champlain Islands Food Shelf Board of Trustees Chair



Island Arts 2024 Report to Our County Residents

Island Arts serves and resides in Grand Isle County. We encourage the arts and creativity, providing music, dance, theater, classes, and fine arts right here in our towns. GIC students benefit from the Island Arts **“ArtsBoost”** program.

In 2024, Island Arts:



- Underwrote the Grand Isle County Music Festival and funded instrument rentals so every child could try instruments to play in band.
- Offered financial support to help youth study music, dance, and art.
- Awarded an arts scholarship of \$2,000 to a Grand Isle County resident.
- Offered a film-making workshop for youth, in partnership with LCATV.

Offered a **Summer Series of 17 events for everyone**. These events:

- Were **always free for age 22 and younger. 5 concerts and 3 other events were free for everybody.**



- Presented local & internationally renowned musicians.
- Offered something for everyone to enjoy— barn dance, contemporary pop, jazz, African drumming & dance, brass band, bluegrass, classical, choral, youth Broadway-opera, star-gazing, and book sales by donation.
- Many events were outside with picnic. Everyone could move freely to the music. Some were inside the beautiful Island Arts Center barn with intimate seating and a concert



grand piano. Some featured cabaret-style tables for a casual, fun vibe.

- **Free classes were offered from spring into fall** in Tai-Chi/ Qigong, Yoga, and Folk Dance. Other classes included Bird-watching, Singing, Cardmaking, and Meditation.

Island Arts also provided:

- A free **Art Gallery** in South Hero’s Community Bank.
- Two **Book Sales By Donation**—over 5,000 books free by donation.
- Children’s books donated to local libraries.
- **Farm Bureau partnership**, working to aid GIC’s 4-H program.
- Ad income to the *Islander* and an advertising outlet for local businesses.



Island Arts is your own not-for-profit organization, staffed entirely by local volunteers. Thank you for supporting our small appropriation, unchanged in 5 years. Your support helps Island Arts to continue to present and foster the arts here in our County.

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Introduction

Vision for the Future of Isle La Motte

The Town of Isle La Motte believes in the following vision for the future of the Town, its residents, both full and part-time, and its visitors:

The island is a thriving community that embraces its rich history, natural surroundings, and of course the picturesque shoreline of beautiful Lake Champlain.

While the island maintains its distinct character, the resources of the island also allow for numerous recreational and local agricultural opportunities to foster a sense of community, healthy lifestyles and a sense of uniqueness that encourages residents to remain rooted while enticing visitors to return time and time again.

Purpose

The purpose of this town plan is to guide the future development of the Town of Isle La Motte. The town plan is a way for residents to develop a common vision for Town. The plan describes the goals of our town, what we hope it becomes in the future and how we will work together to get there.

One of the primary purposes of the plan is to encourage careful growth of the town in such areas and under such conditions that demand for increased services will not significantly raise the tax burden for existing residents:

- To encourage potential growth so that areas of natural beauty and wildlife habitat are not adversely affected, but rather enhanced, encouraged and maintained.
- That agricultural use of land is encouraged and protected.
- That land use decisions are directed by town residents and not by outside interests

The town is authorized to prepare and adopt a Municipal Plan via Chapter 117, Title 24 of the VSA. The plan will be updated every 8 years. Residents, community groups, and anyone with an interest in the Town are encouraged to provide input into this ever-continuing process to the Isle La Motte Planning Commission.

Community Engagement

The goal of the Town Plan is to reflect the vision of Isle La Motte residents. To achieve this goal, the Town Planning Commission conducted a survey and held two public outreach events. The Town Plan survey was distributed online and at the Town Office from October-November 2023. The survey received 104 responses. Results from the survey have been included throughout the plan, a full summary of the survey results can be found in the appendix. Compared to Census data, younger residents under age 34 were underrepresented in the survey. To reach additional residents, the Town put out a second shorter survey from April-June 2024. The survey received 19 additional responses which were combined with the results of the first survey.

In addition to the survey, the Town held two public outreach sessions focused on recreation, community, and town services. The first outreach session was held on April 27th and had over 20 participants. Participants were asked to give input on possible uses for the historic and new Town Hall, recreation and town services.

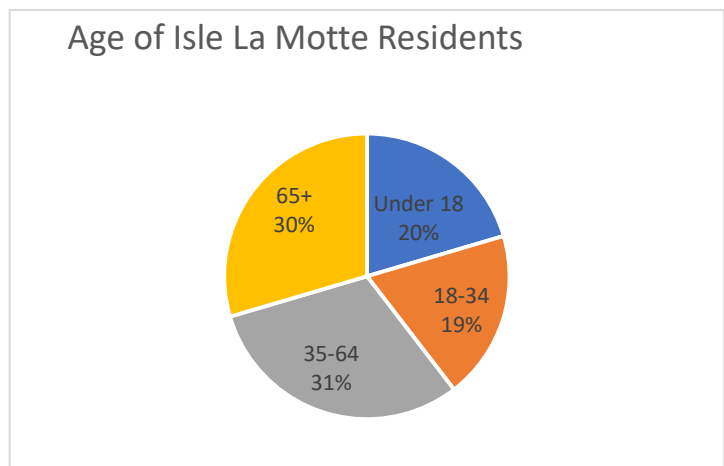
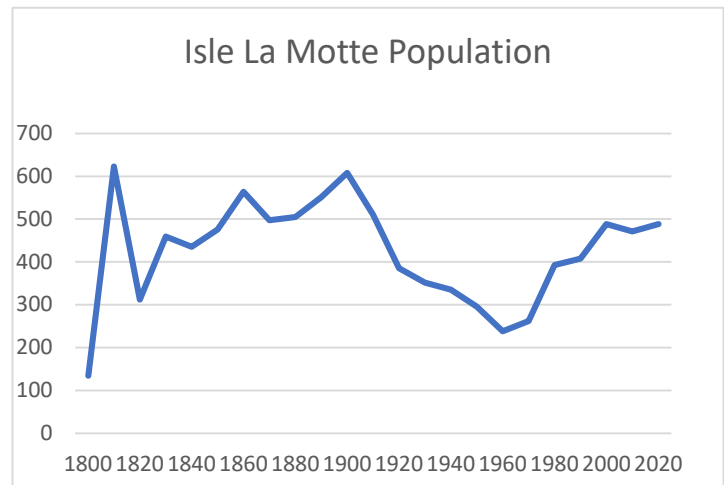
A second outreach session was held on May 29th and had over 15 participants. Participants rated their top ideas for each focus area. Results from these outreach sessions were used primarily to inform the Town Services, Facilities and Recreation portions of the plan.

Population & Households

Isle La Motte has 488 year-round residents (U.S. Census). The population in Isle La Motte grew quickly from 1970 to 2000 but has not grown much since 2000. Isle La Motte also has many seasonal residents who are not included in the available population statistics.

The median age of an Isle La Motte resident is 55.4 years. The number of residents over the age of 65 has more than tripled from 2010 to 2020 (U.S. Census American Community Survey). Based on current trends, any future growth in Isle La Motte's population would likely come from migration into the community (Department of Health Agency of Human Services Vital Statistics).

There are 229 households in Isle La Motte, an increase of 25 households since 2010 (U.S. Census). The average household in Isle La Motte has 2.1 people living in it. The number of households is growing faster than the population because the average household size has decreased over time.



Recommended Action Items

The Town Plan includes a number of strategies to implement the goals & objectives of the plan. The table below outlines the key plan actions, recommended timeline and who is responsible for the action. The timing for each action is either ongoing, long (5+ years), medium (2-3 years) or short (less than 2 years).

Historic, Cultural and Natural Resources		
<i>Recommended Action</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Maintain and restore Town-owned historical buildings & natural resources.	Selectboard	Ongoing
Investigate resources to assist and, where possible, partner with property owners to preserve and restore historical buildings & natural resources.	Selectboard	Ongoing
Land Use		
Update flood hazard ordinance as necessary to maintain compliance with FEMA Flood Insurance Program.	Selectboard	Short
Transportation		

Install the digital speed feedback sign in the Village	Selectboard	Short
Investigate cooperative efforts with other towns to provide road maintenance services	Selectboard	Medium
Explore options to fund improved bicycle facilities and signage on town roads	Planning Commission/Selectboard	Long
Housing		
Pursue opportunities to partner with organizations to build affordable housing.	Planning Commission	Long
Economy		
Seek Village Designation for the Village to provide tax credit opportunities for the Village	Planning Commission & Selectboard	Short
Utilities, Facilities, and Services		
Explore opportunities to expand library services.	Selectboard/Planning Commission	Long
Plan for future use of the new town hall as a multipurpose community center that would serve residents of all ages.	Selectboard/Planning Commission	Medium
Pursue opportunities for restoring and utilizing the historic Town Hall.	Selectboard/Planning Commission	Medium

Historic, Cultural and Natural Resources

Historic & Archeological Resources

Prior to arrival of European settlers, Native American nations likely gathered in Isle La Motte. In 1609, Isle La Motte was the first landing place of Samuel de Champlain. Vermont's first European settlement, Fort St. Anne was built in 1666 by French soldiers but was abandoned by 1671. The Town of Isle La Motte was chartered in 1779. Early industries included farming and quarrying. Black marble from Isle La Motte can be found in many important buildings, including the U.S. Capitol and Vermont Statehouse. During the Revolutionary War and War of 1812, soldiers were garrisoned on Isle La Motte and the island was used as a staging area for the troops (Source: Isle La Motte Historical Society).

Archeological Resources. The State maintains an inventory of archeological sites across the State. These areas are not listed publicly to protect these sensitive areas. Any archeological sites discovered in Isle La Motte should be reported to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP).

Historical Resources. Three buildings in Isle La Motte are on the National Register of Historic Places: the Ira Hill House, the Methodist Episcopal Church of Isle La Motte and the South Stone School House. The Town also has 41 sites on the state historic register. The Town encourages efforts to preserve historic structures.

Natural Resources

Water Resources

Groundwater

Most residents rely on groundwater aquifers for water. The Town's limited aquifer sources should be protected to ensure good water quality. A study of reported well water yields in 2013 found that well yields in Grand Isle County tend to be lower than state averages.

Lake Champlain

As an island community, the health and water quality of Lake Champlain is critical for Isle La Motte. Phosphorus pollution from a variety of sources has threatened the water quality of the lake. Pollution has increased the number of cyanobacteria blooms that threaten the health of people and animals. The east shore of Isle La Motte has experienced cyanobacteria blooms in recent years. The Town encourages efforts to reduce pollution of the lake.

Wetlands & Streams

Isle La Motte falls into the "Northern Lake Champlain Direct" watershed. Water from streams and wetlands generally flow directly into Lake Champlain. Pollution in streams and wetlands should be avoided. Isle La Motte has several small streams, but no rivers.

Wetlands are areas that are flooded or saturated by water for varying periods of time during the growing season. Wetlands are important to the Town for many reasons. Wetlands provide a space for flood waters to go, reducing the impacts of floods. Wetlands also filter water, protecting groundwater and other surface waters. They provide valuable species habitats, educational and recreation opportunities, and scenic beauty. The natural resources map shows the location of mapped wetlands, however, not all wetlands are mapped. The largest mapped wetland in Isle La Motte stretches across the middle of Isle La Motte from Jordan Bay to the west shore of Town ("The Marsh"). A portion of this wetland is conserved through a conservation easement and the remainder is in private ownership.

Flood Hazard Resiliency

Flooding is the most common natural hazard in Isle La Motte. The most common type of flooding in Isle La Motte is inundation flooding that occurs during the spring. Inundation flooding occurs when water from the lake or other bodies rises and spreads to surrounding areas, known as floodplains.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps floodplains that have a 1-percent chance of inundation flooding occurring in a given year, which are referred to as the Special Flood Hazard Area. All shorelines in Town as well as the large wetland in the middle of Town are in the special flood hazard area (see water resources map).

Development within the floodplain can cause damage to property and put people at risk. Development may block the natural flow of water or result in higher future flooding. One strategy to reduce the risk of developing in the floodplain is to require all development to be raised up above possible floodwaters. For Lake Champlain, FEMA has determined that a flood that has a 1% chance of occurring each year would have a flood elevation of 102 feet.

Parts of Isle La Motte, such as Jordan Bay and sections of Main Street, are the most at risk for flooding from Lake Champlain. Main Street and other roads in these areas may need to be elevated in places at some time in the future to minimize flood damage.

The maximum elevation observed at USGS gaging station at Rouses Point, New York for the period of record from March 1871 to September 2015, is 103.2 feet on May 6, 2011. This record was caused by excessive rain in the region which caused severe floods across northern Vermont and the Champlain Valley.

During the 2011 flood, VT Route 129, the only road access to Isle La Motte, was severely threatened due to flooding and waves from Lake Champlain. The flood waters effectively cut the island in half, requiring residents to use boats to traverse the island. A more severe flood could pose serious access problems for residents of Isle La Motte. Flooding on VT Route 129 is of particular concern because this is the only road to the Town of Isle La Motte from Vermont or New York.

Another type of flooding that occurs in Vermont is fluvial erosion. Fluvial erosion occurs when fast moving waters in streams and rivers cause erosion of the bank. For smaller streams with a drainage area of between .5-2 square miles, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources recommends limiting development in a stream corridor of at least 50 feet from the top of the bank to protect human life and infrastructure. Fluvial erosion is generally not a major risk in Isle La Motte as there are only a few small streams in Town.

Air Quality

Air quality is generally high throughout Vermont, especially in rural communities such as Isle La Motte. Motor vehicles are the largest source of air pollution in Vermont, which can create localized areas of poor air quality where traffic is congested. Air quality can also be impacted by weather patterns which carry pollutants from other areas. All efforts should be taken to maintain good air quality in Isle La Motte.

Land Resources

Earth Resource Extraction

Sand, gravel and stone are important resources particularly for use in construction and road maintenance. Mapped soil data from the NRCS shows some areas of gravel and sand deposits, however some of these areas are in wetlands that may not be suitable for extraction. Historically, black marble has been quarried in Isle La Motte. There is one current marble quarry located off Quarry Road which infrequently quarries marble. It is important to ensure that any quarry, public or private, is properly designed, engineered and managed and that the project site is restored at the end of the quarry's lifespan.

Rare and Irreplaceable Areas

Chazy Reef. Chazy Fossil Reef, located across three Lake Champlain islands in Clinton County, New York and Isle La Motte, Vermont, is a distinguished United States National Natural Landmark. This site holds the prestigious title of being the oldest known diverse fossil reef globally, showcasing fossils that provide evidence of faunal succession. Spanning an impressive 1,567 acres (6.34 km²), Chazy Fossil Reef was officially designated as a National Natural Landmark in May 2009. The public can view portions of the fossilized reef at Goodsell Ridge Preserve and Fisk Quarry Preserve. This area should be protected from incompatible development.

Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species: There are several areas of Isle La Motte where rare, threatened or endangered species have been located, as shown in the natural resources map. Any development should be carefully planned to limit impacts to these species.

Holcomb Bay Fishing Access Area: The State of Vermont owns 29 acres on the East Shore of Isle La Motte, which includes a fishing access area.

Habitat Blocks

Maintaining large areas of habitats like forest and wetlands supports traditional animal species and human activities such as forestry, hunting, and recreation. Even low-density residential development can fragment these areas, threatening their health, function and value. There are several smaller habitat blocks in Isle La Motte, shown on the natural resources map. The majority of these lands are in private ownership and are not formally conserved.

Scenic Resources

A scenic view is a publicly accessible area where an important and characteristic open vista may be viewed by the public. Scenic views may be from public roads, public recreation areas and from the lake.

Historic, Cultural and Natural Resources: Goals & Policies

Goals

1. Encourage conservation of significant natural resources and areas, historically significant buildings, archeological and scenic resources.
2. Foster a flood resilient community

Policies

1. Encourage the preservation of archaeological resources and structures of historic value.
2. Support efforts to improve the water quality of Lake Champlain, streams, wetland areas and groundwaters.

3. Support efforts to conserve high priority habitat blocks, wetlands, rare and irreplaceable natural areas and other significant natural resources in Isle La Motte.
4. Ensure that all earth resource extraction activities are compatible with existing development and that all sites are properly restored.
5. Maintain the Town's flood hazard ordinance to protect development from flood hazards.
6. Continue to plan for flood emergency preparedness and response.

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


Natural Resources

LEGEND

Natural Resource Features

-  Deer Yards
-  Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species
-  Significant Natural Community
-  Wetland
-  Surface Water


Habitat Block & Wildlife Corridors - Block Acreage

-  21 - 100
-  100 - 200
-  More than 200

Transportation Features

-  State Highway
-  Class 2 Town Highway
-  Class 3 Town Highway
-  Class 4 Town Highway
-  Private Road

Other Feature

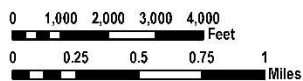
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Water Resources

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Water Resource Features

- 100 Year Flood Zone
- Surface Water

Transportation Features

- State Highway
- Class 2 Town Highway
- Class 3 Town Highway
- Class 4 Town Highway
- Private Road

Other Feature

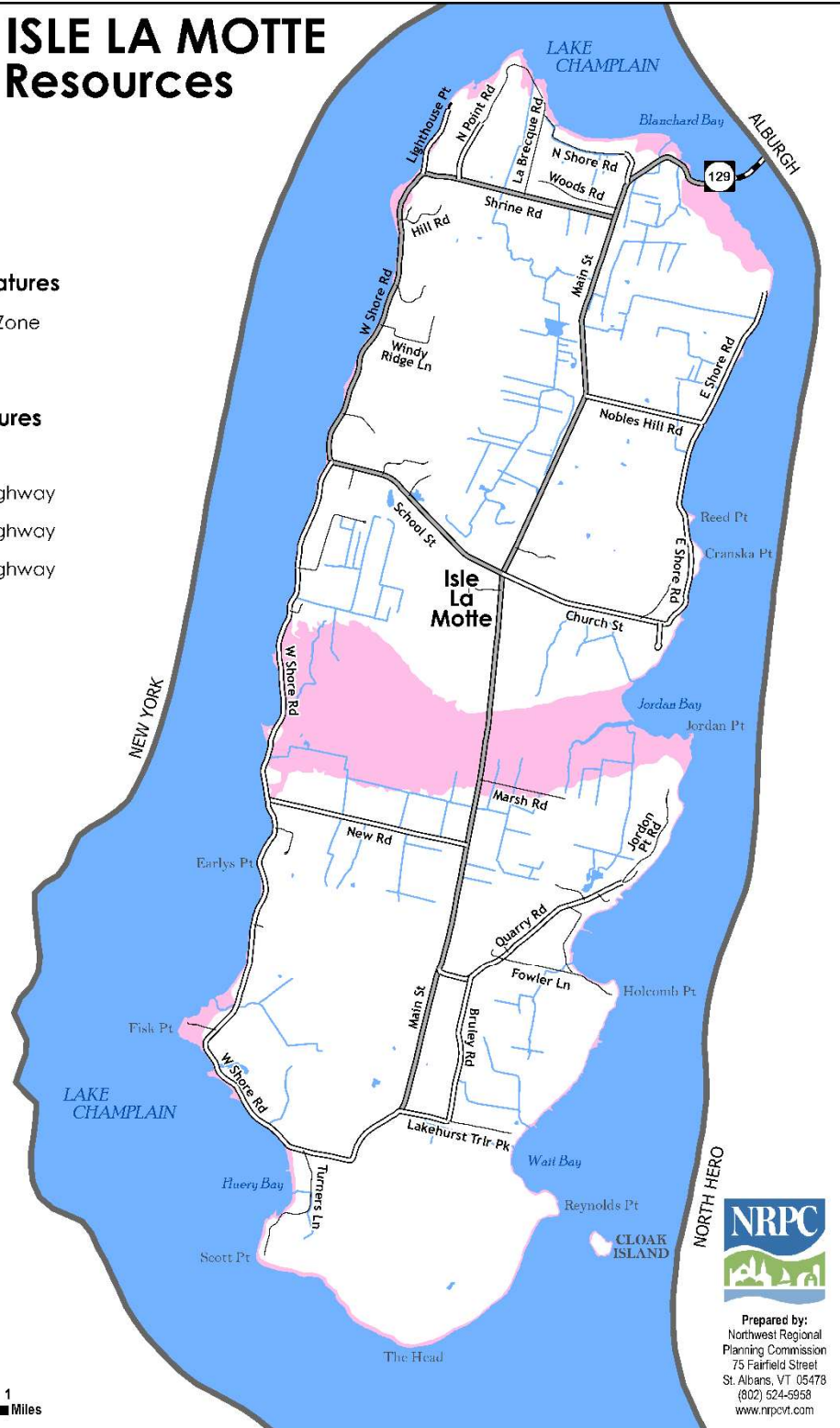
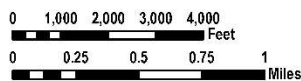
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Land Use

Current Land Use

Habitat Blocks

The largest habitat block in Isle La Motte is “the Marsh’ located in the center of the island. For more information, see the natural resources chapter.

Agricultural Soils

Prime agricultural soils are soils which can produce the highest crop yields while in agricultural use. Development on these soils permanently eliminates the ability to farm those areas in the future. The largest areas of prime agricultural soils in Isle La Motte are located on the south end of Main Street and at the northeast corner of the island.

Septic Suitability

A majority of Isle La Motte’s soils are poorly suited for on-site septic. Good soils for development exist along School and Church Street and at the intersection of those streets and Main Street, as well as in the northwest portion of the island. Moderately suited soils for development are scattered throughout Town.

Current Development Patterns

The majority of Isle La Motte’s land areas is made up of open-space and agricultural land uses, along with some areas of tree canopy. Low-density residential development can be found along all roadways in town, with a concentration of development along the shorelines and in the Village.

In recent years the number of short-term rentals in Isle La Motte has increased, with an estimated 24 rentals in town (AirDNA via housingdata.org). Short-term rentals could have negative effects on the surrounding residences if landlords are not available to address issues as they come up. The Town should periodically review this issue as needed to ensure there are no negative impacts.

Future Land Use

The Town of Isle La Motte has elected not to enact zoning bylaws. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a vision for future land use that broadly characterizes the types of development appropriate in Town. The Town’s future land use areas will be considered in permits for state land use permits such as Act 250 and Section 248.

Future Land Use Areas

Village Planning Area: The purpose of the Village Planning Area is to provide for a concentrated area of residential, commercial, and municipal development. Development in the Village center should be of a scale that is compatible with the existing character of the village.

Rural Agricultural Planning Area: The purpose of the Rural Agricultural Planning Area is to provide for rural residential development at low densities while maintaining agricultural lands and open space. Small-scale commercial and light industrial uses that fit with the areas rural character may be appropriate, provided they do not contribute to a pattern of strip development.

Flood Hazard Overlay Planning Area: The flood hazard overlay applies to all areas within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. The purpose of the Overlay Planning Area is to prevent increases in flooding caused by development in flood hazard areas, to minimize future public and private losses due to flood, and to promote

public health, safety, and general welfare. Designation of this area is also required for continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and is regulated under the Town's Flood Hazard Area Regulation Ordinance. Development in this area shall meet the standards of Isle La Motte's flood hazard ordinance.

Isle La Motte Village Center

Isle La Motte plans to pursue a Village Center designation for Isle La Motte Village to promote small-scale economic development in the village. A Village Center designation would provide several benefits, including priority consideration for state grants and access to tax credits. The Isle La Motte Village Center is highlighted in the Future Land Use map on page 16. The area includes parts of Main Street, School Street and Church Street.

Land Use: Goals & Policies

Goals

1. Maintain Isle La Motte's historic settlement pattern of rural lands with a compact village.

Policies

1. Encourage preservation of open space and agricultural land.
2. Encourage new residential development primarily in the village.
3. Encourage clustering of residential development outside of the village.
4. Ensure that development in the floodplain meets flood hazard mitigation standards.

TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE

Current Land Use

LEGEND

Land Use Features

- Built Up
- Bare Soil
- Grass/Shrub
- Tree Canopy
- Surface Water

Transportation Features

- State Highway
- Class 2 Town Highway
- Class 3 Town Highway
- Class 4 Town Highway
- Private Road

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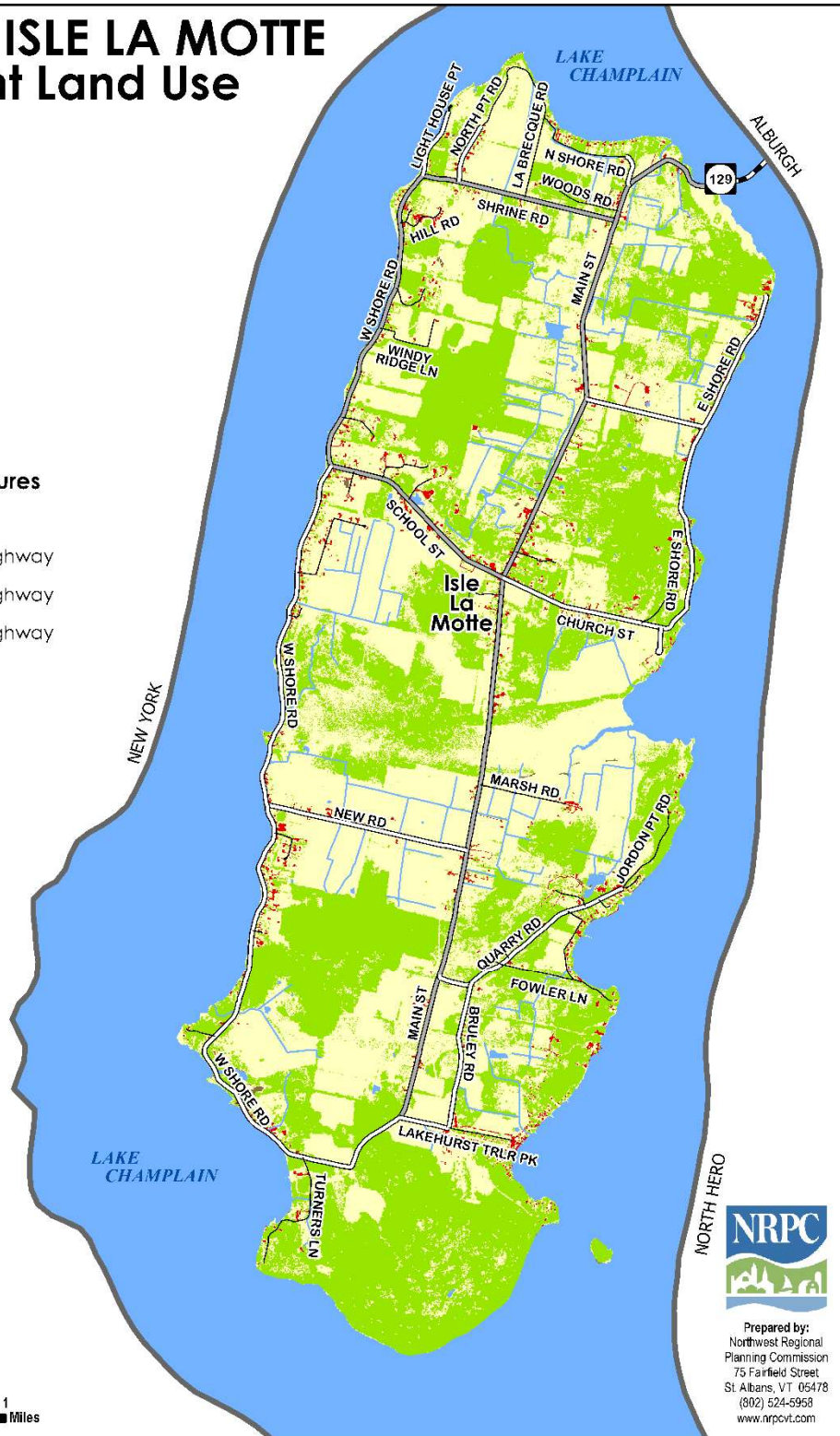
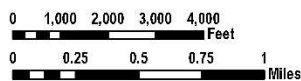
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Future Land Use

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Future Land Use Features

- Village
- Rural Agricultural
- Surface Water
- 100 Year Flood Zone

Transportation Features

- State Highway
- Class 2 Town Highway
- Class 3 Town Highway
- Class 4 Town Highway
- Private Road

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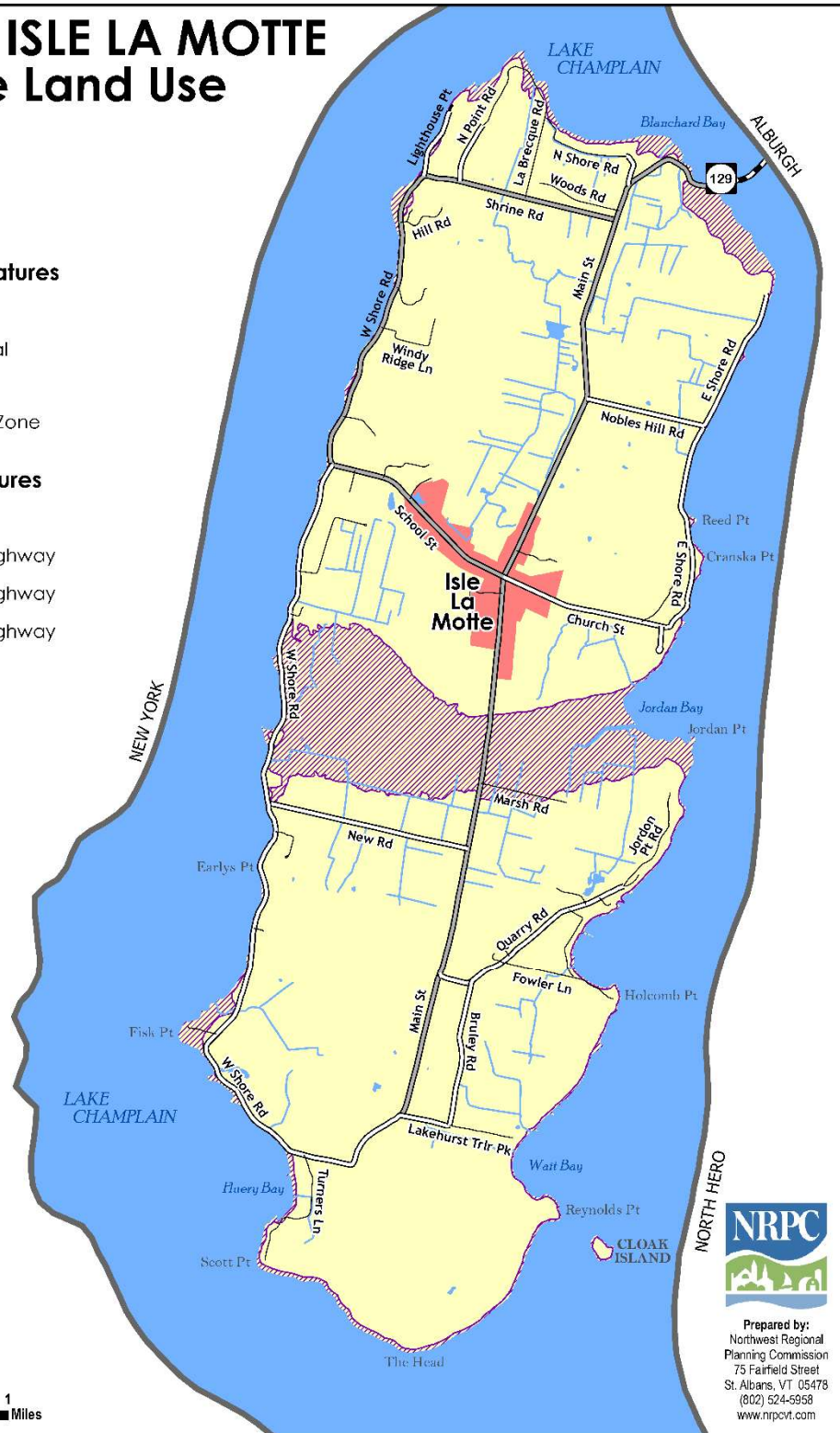
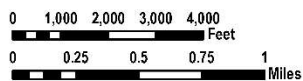
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Transportation

Roads & Bridges

Roads

There is one state highway in Isle La Motte, VT 129. Isle La Motte has 18.8 miles of town roads, the majority of which are paved.

Classification	Description	Miles
State Highway (VT 129)	State highways with route number.	.41
Town Class 1	Extensions of state highway routes that carry a State highway route number.	0
Town Class 2	Most important routes in Town as determined by the Selectboard.	7.9
Town Class 3	Majority of roads in Town. Maintained and passable year-round.	10.4
Town Class 4	Roads which may not be maintained or passable year-round	.12

In 2018, the State developed the Municipal Roads General Permit (MGRP) which requires municipalities to complete work on town roads to reduce stormwater-related erosion, promoting good water quality. Isle La Motte has met its obligations to improve roadways under the permit since 2018.

Bridges

The only bridge in Isle La Motte is the state-owned causeway to the island on VT 129. The bridge is considered sufficient according to the state rating system. All efforts should be made to ensure that the bridge remains in good condition as it is the only road that leads off of Isle La Motte.

Maintenance Priorities

Each year the Road Commissioner and Highway Department identify projects for the following year. The majority of survey respondents rated the town's roads as good with some maintenance needed.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Isle La Motte does not currently have any specific bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In the summer months, Isle La Motte experiences significant bicycle traffic. Many residents have noted that this creates safety challenges due to narrow roads, high vehicle speeds and lack of signage/bicyclist education. The majority of survey respondents supported adding shared road signage and pavement markings (56%) and expanding road shoulders (58%) to improve safety. There is not currently enough funds in the Town budget to widen road shoulders. Most respondents did not view expanding pedestrian infrastructure as a high priority. Speeding is also a concern, especially along Main Street. Efforts to reduce speeding and expanding road shoulders would benefit both bicyclists and pedestrians.

Other Transportation Systems

Public Transportation

There is no public transportation in Isle La Motte. The nearest bus stop is in Alburgh and connects to Swanton, Highgate, St. Albans and Georgia. C.I.D.E.R provides transportation for seniors and residents with disabilities. Go! Vermont maintains a list of carpooling opportunities. Given Isle La Motte's small population, it is unlikely that public transportation will be expanded to the island. The Town could designate a park & ride location to encourage carpooling.

Rail & Air

Amtrak provides passenger rail service from St. Albans, VT to Washington DC via the *Vermont* rail service, from Burlington, VT to Washington DC via the *Ethan Allen* rail service and from Rousse's Point to Montreal and New York via the *Adirondack*. Passenger air service is available at Burlington International Airport in South Burlington, VT, the Plattsburgh International Airport in Plattsburgh, NY, the Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, and the Montreal-Mirabel International Airport in Montreal, Canada.

Transportation: Goals & Policies

Goals

1. Maintain a safe and functional transportation network for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.







Policies

1. Maintain town roads in good condition as municipal budgeting and natural contingencies allow.
2. Where space allows, new construction or major reconstruction of major roads in Isle La Motte should include wider shoulders for bicyclists and pedestrians.
3. Support state and regional initiatives that promote alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle travel.
4. Support C.I.D.E.R.'s efforts to provide transportation to senior and disabled residents.

TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE Transportation System

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Road Surface Features

-  Paved
-  Gravel
-  Soil or Graded & Drained Earth
-  Unimproved/Primitive
-  Impassable or Untraveled
-  Unknown

Road Class Features

-  State Highway
-  Class 2 Town Highway
-  Class 3 Town Highway
-  Class 4 Town Highway

Other Feature

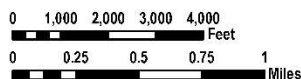
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Housing

Existing Housing Stock

There are 485 housing units in Isle La Motte. The majority are seasonal units (53%), followed by owner-occupied units (41% (U.S. American Community Survey¹).

Housing Affordability

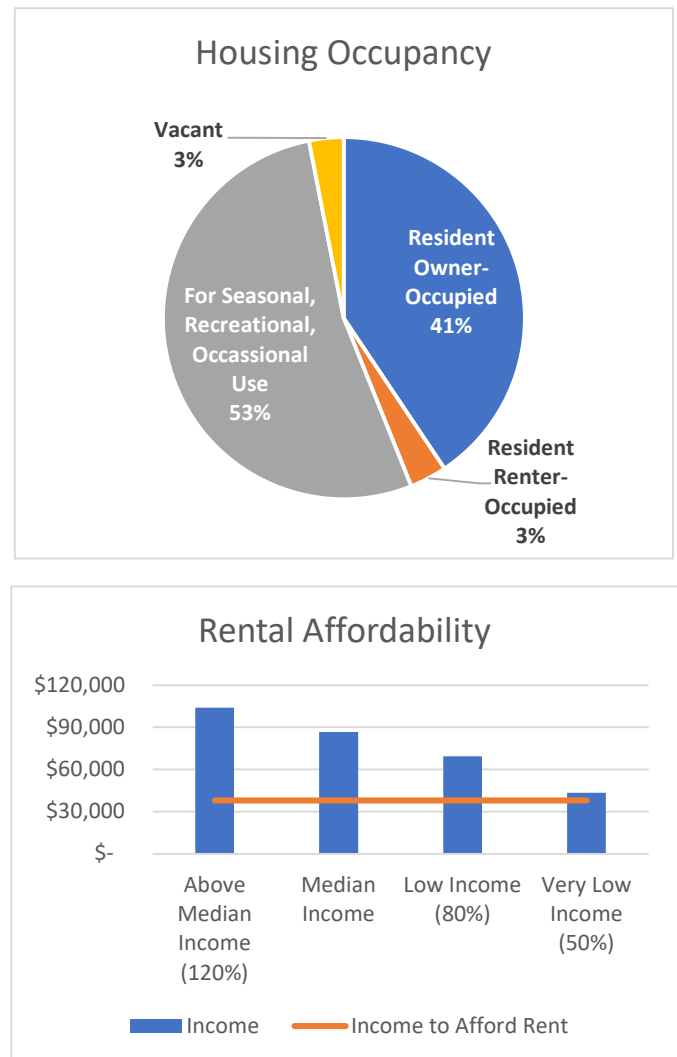
Housing affordability is defined under Vermont state law as:

- Owner-occupied housing for which the total annual cost of ownership does not exceed 30% of the gross annual income of a household at 120 percent of the highest of the county median income, MSA median income, or statewide median income.
- Rental housing for which the total cost of renting does not exceed 30% of the gross annual income of a household at 80% of the highest of the county median income, MSA median income, or statewide median income.

In Isle La Motte, the highest income of those referenced in the definition above is the county median household income which is \$86,639 (U.S. American Community Survey).

Rental Affordability

The average rent with utilities in Isle La Motte in 2022 was \$950 (U.S. Census American Community Survey). Renting is generally affordable to low-income county residents. However, only 3% of all housing in Isle La Motte is renter-occupied.



Source: U.S. American Community Survey

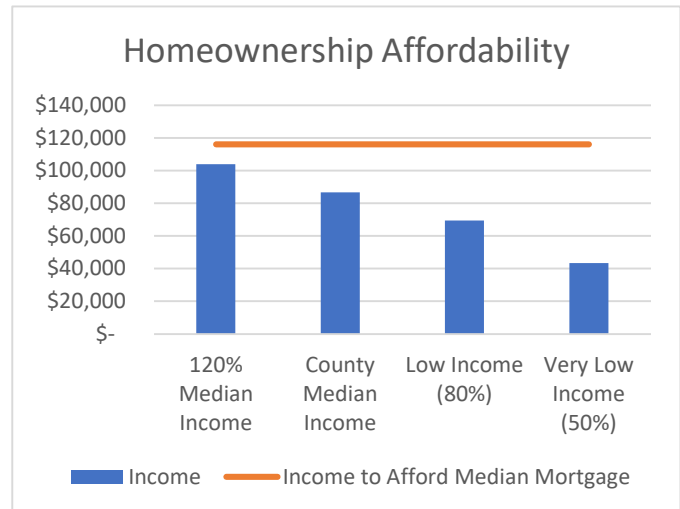
¹ The U.S. Census American Community Survey are surveys run yearly by the U.S. Census to randomly selected households.

Homeownership Affordability

The average home sale price in Isle la Motte in 2022 was \$320,000 (Vermont Property Transfer Tax). According to the VHFA affordability calculator, to afford a mortgage, taxes and insurance for a home that costs \$320,000 a household would need to have an income of \$116,090. Homeownership is not affordable to those making 120% of the county median income.

Future Housing Needs

Demographic trends in Isle La Motte show that the average household is getting smaller, and the average resident is getting older. Therefore, there will likely be a need for smaller and age-friendly housing units in the future. Additionally, there is a need for more affordable housing options.



Seasonal housing will likely continue to be a major portion of Isle La Motte's housing stock. Seasonal housing can be an advantage for the Town, as seasonal households pay taxes but typically use fewer municipal services. However, demand for seasonal housing can also make it difficult for new residents and the adult children of existing residents who are looking for affordable housing options.

Housing: Goals & Policies

Goals

1. Encourage the availability of safe, adequate, and affordable housing for Isle La Motte residents.

Policies

1. Support state, regional and non-profit efforts to provide a variety of quality housing types, especially senior housing and affordable housing.
2. Share information about programs and resources that lower the cost of home ownership or rental and assist in the preservation and maintenance of existing housing units, such as energy conservation, weatherization, utility assistance, and HomeShare Vermont.

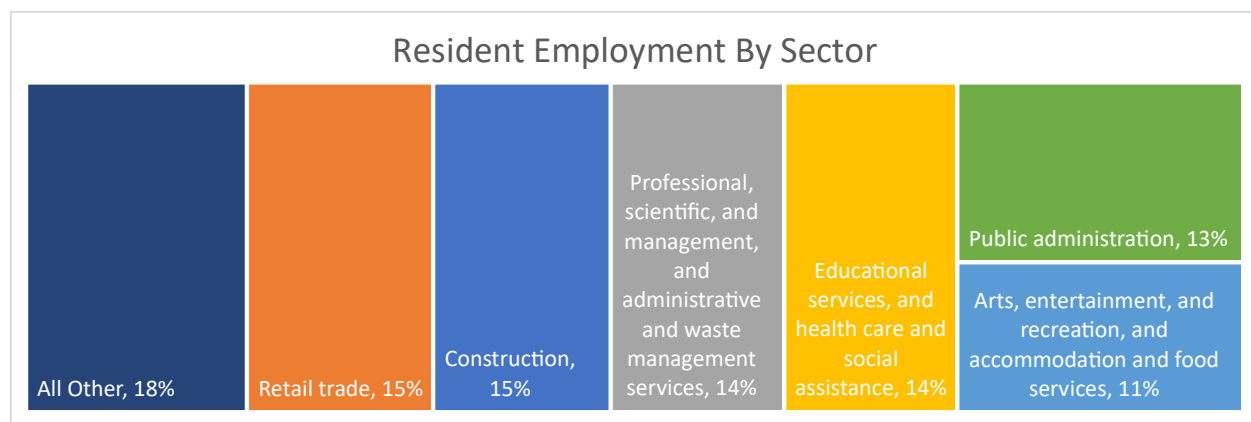
Economy

Workforce

Isle La Motte has 257 residents in the labor force, with an unemployment rate of 1.6% (Bureau of Labor Statistics). The majority of residents work outside of the town (U.S. Census on the Map). Roughly 21% of Isle La Motte's residents work from home. (U.S. American Community Survey). Less than one-half of Isle La Motte's residents have access to broadband internet (Vermont Department of Public Service). With the increase in residents working from home, there is a need for high-speed broadband in Town.

County	Percent of Commuting Residents
Chittenden Co., VT	37.6%
Franklin Co., VT	25.4%
Grand Isle Co., VT	17.3%
Clinton Co., NY	6.1%
All Other Locations	13.6%

Source: U.S. Census OnTheMap



Source: U.S. American Community Survey

Compared to state averages, Isle La Motte has a higher percentage of residents who have graduated high school (98.5%), but a lower percentage of residents who have a bachelor's degree (29.5%) (U.S. American Community Survey). The most common employment sectors for residents are retail and construction (U.S. American Community Survey).

The median household income is \$60,417, slightly less than the state average (U.S. American Community Survey). The poverty rate in Isle La Motte is 10.5%, the same as the state average (U.S. American Community Survey).

Businesses

In 2021, there were 19 businesses² in Isle La Motte with 46 total employees (Vermont Department of Labor). The most common business types are goods producing businesses and information, professional & business services. According to the survey, the top three businesses Isle La Motte residents would like to see in Town are restaurants, home-based businesses and resource-based businesses such as farming or forestry.

Economic Development

Survey respondents were divided on what actions, if any, the Town should take to support local businesses. The most popular suggestion was that the Town could publicize information about Isle La Motte's businesses.

² 19 businesses with employees, sole-proprietor businesses are not included in this data.

Applying for a Village Center Designation would allow for businesses in the village to access tax credits at no cost to the Town.

Given Isle La Motte's small size, it is likely that most residents will continue to commute to other communities for work. However, the Town encourages the development of small businesses, home-based businesses and agriculture that are in keeping with the rural nature of Isle La Motte.

Economy: Goals & Policies

Goals

1. Support existing and new small and home businesses that fit with the rural character of Isle La Motte.

Policies

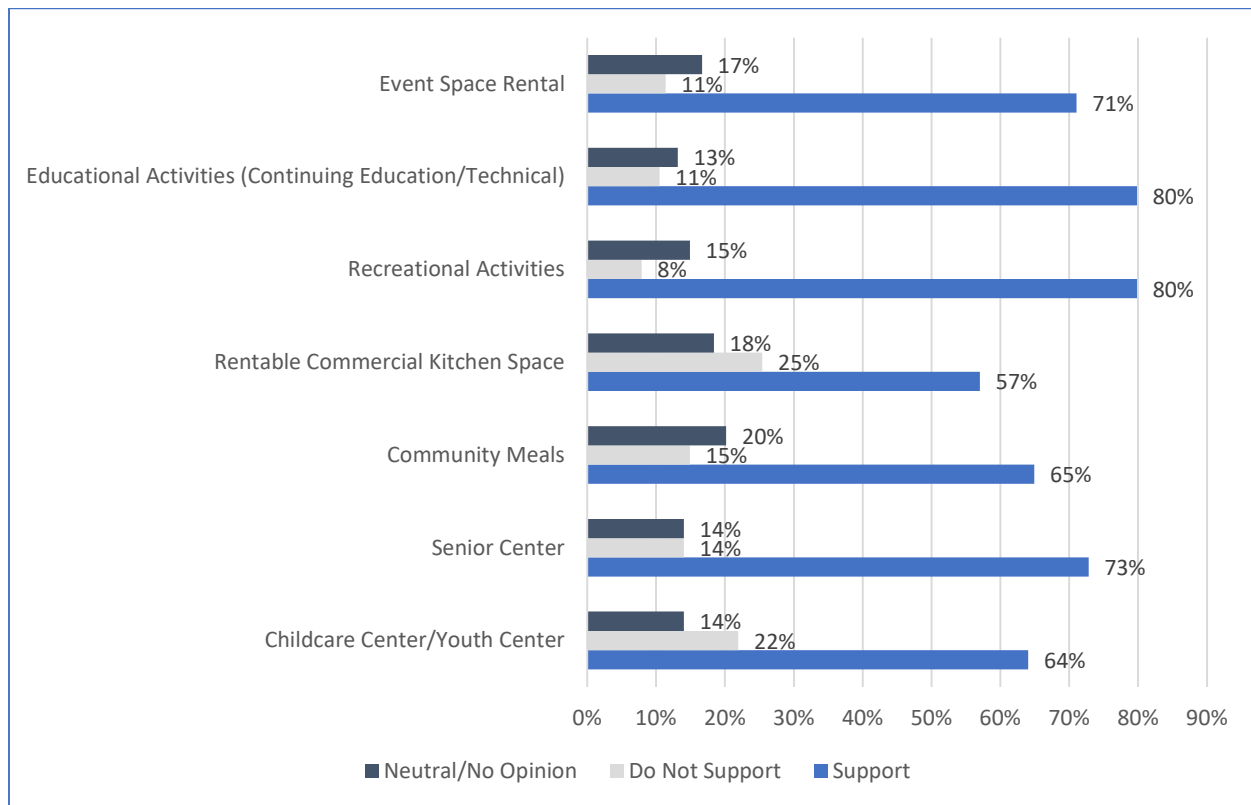
1. Encourage home businesses that do not interfere with the residential and agricultural character of the surrounding area.
2. Promote information on existing incentives to maintain farms and preserve agricultural land, such as the current use program and conservation easements.
3. Seek Village Designation for the Village to provide tax credit opportunities to Village businesses.
4. Support efforts to expand high-speed internet access in Town.

Utilities, Facilities and Services

Municipal & Community Facilities and Services

Town Hall

In 2021, the Town moved its Town Offices to the former Isle La Motte Elementary School. After approval from Town voters, the Town purchased the facility from the Grand Isle Supervisory Union for \$1. Currently, a portion of the building is used for town offices and the meeting room is used for public meetings. Respondents to the Town Plan Survey supported a large variety of potential uses for the space, with each proposed use receiving more than 50% support. Based on the public outreach sessions the top proposed use was a multipurpose community center which could serve seniors, youth and residents of all ages. In addition, residents discussed uses of the 10 acres around the building, such as adding a battery storage system which could act as a backup generator. The Town plans to further examine options for the building, including completing a building assessment and examining the costs of potential uses.



Historic Town Hall

In 2021, the Town moved out of the historic Town Hall on Main Street due to lack of space and maintenance issues in the space. Since then, the building has been unused. Survey respondents were more mixed on the potential uses of the historic Town Hall with no responses receiving 50% support. Several comments noted concerns about the building's maintenance and renovation needs. At the public outreach sessions residents identified potential uses including a welcome center, Wi-Fi hotspot and public library. The Town plans to further examine options for the building, including completing a building assessment and examining the costs of potential future uses.

Library

Isle La Motte has a community volunteer-run library which is open for two hours each week on Wednesday and Friday. Residents at the public outreach session expressed interest in expanding library services to include internet access to bridge the digital divide, classes for seniors, summer education for children and access to interlibrary loan system.

Recreation

Recreation facilities provide an opportunity to bring together the Isle La Motte community. Increasing recreational opportunities was rated as the top priority by survey respondents over the next 5 years.

Isle La Motte Recreational Park

The Veterans Memorial Park is located on School St. across from the Isle La Motte Town Hall and has pickleball courts, a basketball court, ballfield, horseshoe pits, a sculpture and open fields. Attendees at the public outreach sessions identified adding a concert stage, outdoor walking path and outdoor fitness equipment as potential improvements to the park space. Many attendees noted that they would like recreational events to be held that bring the community together.

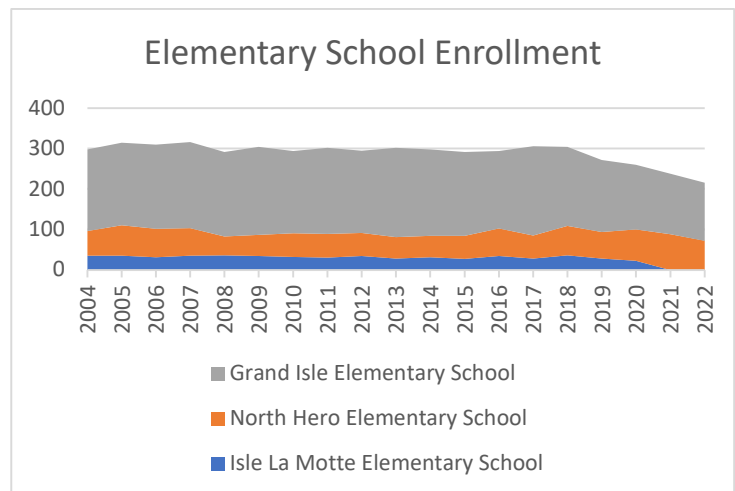
Other Recreational Opportunities

In addition to the Veterans Memorial Park, the Town owns several other properties not currently used for recreation where paths could be developed.

Education & Childcare

Education

Isle La Motte's elementary school closed in 2020, with educational activities ending in 2019. Isle La Motte children attend school in North Hero or Grand Isle through eighth grade. Combined enrollment in North Hero, Isle La Motte and Grand Isle has decreased in recent years. This is consistent with demographic trends that show there are fewer families in Isle La Motte (U.S. American Community Survey). Many families in Isle La Motte homeschool their children.



Source: Vermont Agency of Education

There are no high schools in Grand Isle County, students attend high school elsewhere in the state. Vocational education opportunities are available at Northwest Technical Center in St. Albans. Adult education and post-secondary opportunities are available in St. Albans, Plattsburgh and the Burlington area. Isle La Motte supports regional efforts to provide vocational and adult education opportunities.

Childcare

Isle La Motte has 25 children under the age of 6 with working parents who are likely to need childcare (U.S. American Community Survey) There are no licensed childcare providers in Isle La Motte (Vermont

Department of Children and Families). Residents may be accessing licensed childcare in other communities or using unlicensed options. There is a regional childcare shortage in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. The two counties need 1,503 additional childcare spots to meet current needs. The Town encourages the development of childcare services as needed to meet local needs.

Emergency Services

Isle La Motte's volunteer Fire Department has 10 members. Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services are provided by the Alburgh Volunteer Fire Department.

Isle La Motte contracts with the Grand Isle Sheriff for 35 hours a week of police coverage. Emergency police services are provided by the Grand Isle Sheriff and the Vermont State Police.

Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Disposal

Isle La Motte does not have any public water or wastewater infrastructure. Residents are served by private individual water systems and septic systems.

The Town is a member of the Northwest Solid Waste District. The nearest transfer station is located in Alburgh. The Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District offers collection services for those wastes that otherwise would not have management options, such as special wastes, tires, appliances, and household hazardous wastes.

Communications

There are no current telecommunications towers located in Isle La Motte. Cellular service is generally good in Isle La Motte, although there are some problem areas on the east shore of the island.

Broadband speed internet (25/3) is available in portions of Isle La Motte, however many areas only have access to slower speeds. Satellite internet options are also available. The State of Vermont considers an area underserved if it does not have high-speed (100/100) internet service. Isle La Motte is a member of Northwest Fiberworx, a municipal communications union district that has the goal of expanding fiber internet access to Isle La Motte. High speed broadband is important for businesses, residents working from home, and homeschooling families in Isle La Motte.

TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE

Facilities & Services

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Facility & Service Features

- ★ Facility/Service
- 3 Phase Power Line

Transportation Features

- State Highway
- Class 2 Town Highway
- Class 3 Town Highway
- Class 4 Town Highway
- Private Road

Other Feature

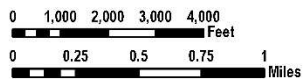
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Compatibility with Neighboring Towns and the Region

Isle La Motte is surrounded on all sides by water but is located adjacent to two Vermont municipalities: Alburgh and North Hero.

Alburgh

Isle La Motte is connected to Alburgh via a causeway on Route 129. In its Town Plan, Alburgh designates its land adjacent to Isle La Motte as the Shorelands District. The purpose of the Shorelands District is for “residential, recreation, conservation uses”. This is consistent with Isle La Motte’s Rural Agricultural District which is intended primarily for low-density residential uses.

North Hero

In its Town Plan, North Hero’s designates its land adjacent to Isle La Motte as the Shorelands District. North Hero states its district is appropriate for “low-density residential development and carefully sited commercial uses” with a focus on preservation of views. While Isle La Motte does not have specific provisions for preservation of views, the intended uses of low-density residential and limited commercial uses is consistent with Isle La Motte’s Rural Agricultural District.

Northwest Region

The Isle La Motte Town Plan is consistent with the 2023 Northwest Regional Plan. The majority of land in Isle La Motte is designated in the Agricultural Resource Planning Area or Rural Planning Area in the Regional Land Use Plan. This is consistent with the Town’s designation as Rural Agricultural. There are small areas of Isle La Motte located within the Conservation & Forest Resource Planning Area, the majority of which is in the Marsh. As described in the Natural Resource chapter, Isle La Motte supports efforts to preserve this area.

APPENDIX: Enhanced Energy Plan

The purpose of enhanced energy planning is to further local, regional, and state energy goals of ensuring affordable, reliable and renewable energy use that reduces greenhouse gas emissions. This section is intended to meet the municipal determination standards for enhanced energy planning enabled in 24 V.S.A. 4352.

A positive determination of compliance with the requirements of enhanced energy planning, as provided by the Regional Planning Commission, will enable Isle La Motte to achieve “substantial deference” instead of “due consideration” in Certificate of Public Good (CPG) proceedings for energy generation facilities (ex. wind facilities, solar facilities, hydro facilities, etc.) under Criteria (b)(1)-Orderly Development. In short, this means that Isle La Motte will have a greater “say” in CPG proceedings before the Vermont Public Utility Commission about where these facilities should or should not be located in the community.

To receive a positive determination of energy compliance, an enhanced energy plan must be duly adopted, regionally approved, and contain the following information:

- A. An analysis of current energy resources, needs, scarcities, costs, and problems.
- B. Targets for future energy use and generation.
- C. “Pathways,” or implementation actions, to help the municipality achieve the established targets.
- D. Mapping to help guide the conversation about the siting of renewables.

Energy Resources, Needs, Scarcities, Costs and Problems

Energy use can be broken up into three general sectors: thermal energy is used to heat homes & businesses, transportation energy used to fuel vehicles, and electrical energy, which is all energy that comes from the electrical grid. Several different units of measurement are used in this section. Please refer to Table E.13 for more information about unit conversions.

Thermal Energy

Table E.1 shows an estimate of current residential thermal energy demand in Isle La Motte (U.S. American Community Survey). The data shows that the most common heating sources are fuel oil, propane and wood.

Table E.1 - Current Isle La Motte Residential Thermal Energy Use				
Fuel Source	Isle La Motte Households	Isle La Motte% of Households	Isle La Motte-Square Footage Heated	Municipal Thermal Energy Use in British Thermal Units (BTUs) BTU (in Billions)
Natural Gas	0	0.0%	0	0.0
Propane	52	23.5%	94,080	5.6
Electricity	17	7.7%	32,368	1.9
Fuel Oil	112	50.7%	209,024	12.5
Coal	0	0.0%	0	0.0
Wood	28	12.7%	53,312	3.2
Solar	0	0.0%	0	0.0

Other	12	5.4%	20,736	1.2
No Fuel	0	0.0%	0	0.0
Total	221	100.0%	409,520	24.6
<i>Source: U.S. American Community Survey, NRPC estimates</i>				

There is a lack of available information on commercial and thermal energy use, which makes estimates more difficult to calculate. Table E.2 provides an estimate of total commercial energy use (thermal and electricity). This plan assumes that the majority of this energy use, 28 billion BTUs per year, is used as thermal energy for commercial uses.

Table E.2 - Current Isle La Motte Commercial Energy Use			
	Commercial Establishments in Isle La Motte(VT DOL)	Estimated Thermal Energy BTUs per Commercial Establishment/year (in Billions) (VT DPS)	Estimated Thermal Energy BTUs by Commercial Establishments in Isle La Motte/year (in Billions)
Municipal Commercial Energy Use	39	0.725	28.3

Table E.4 – Current Isle La Motte Transportation Energy Use	
Transportation Data	Municipal Data
Total # of Passenger Vehicles (US ACS)	435
Average Miles per Vehicle (VTrans)	11,772
Total Miles Traveled	5,120,820
Realized MPG (2021 - VTrans Energy Profile)	23.4
Total Gallons Use per Year	218,838
Transportation BTUs (Billion)	26
Average Cost per Gallon of Gasoline in 2024 (AAA)	3.47
Gasoline Cost per Year	\$759,369

Table E.4 contains an estimate of transportation energy use in Isle La Motte. Isle La Motte residents drive personal vehicles approximately 5 million miles per year and spend about \$750,000 on transportation fuel expenses per year. This calculation does not include expenses for commercially owned and operated vehicles.

As of 2023, there were less than 20 electric and hybrid vehicles registered to Isle La Motte residents (Drive Electric Vermont).

Electricity Use

According to Efficiency Vermont, the average residential usage per household has somewhat increased since 2018. During the same period, overall commercial and industrial electricity usage also increased significantly. Isle La Motte is served by one electric utility: Vermont Electric Cooperative.

Table E.3 - Current Isle La Motte Electricity Use		
Use Sector	Current Electricity Use in Isle La Motte (2021) (Efficiency Vermont) (kWh)	Current Electricity Use (in Billion BTUs)
Residential	2,972,714	10.1
Commercial and Industrial	507,192	1.7
Total	3,479,906	11.8

Electricity Generation

There is currently .24 MW of electricity generation capacity from renewable generation facilities located in Isle La Motte. This capacity results in approximately 315 MWh of electricity generation per year. All of this generation is from solar facilities located in Isle La Motte. The amount of electricity generation in Isle La Motte is roughly equal to the annual electricity use of about 47 households in Vermont (U.S. Energy Information Administration).

Table E.5 – Existing Renewable Electricity Generation		
Generation Type	MW	MWh
Solar	0.24	315
Wind	0	0
Hydro	0	0
Biomass	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Existing Generation	0.24	315

Map E.4 shows the location of all electricity generators in Isle La Motte with a capacity greater than 15 kW. A full list of electricity generators can be found at the end of this section (Table E.12).

Isle La Motte has some access to three-phase distribution lines, but no access to transmission lines. These types of lines are used to transmit large quantities of electricity and are needed to serve large industrial users and commercial centers. Isle La Motte's limited access to transmission lines may make development of renewable energy in Isle La Motte more difficult.

Map E.2 shows the electricity transmission and three-phase distribution infrastructure in Isle La Motte.

Targets for Use and Generation

The second required element of an enhanced energy plan is creation of targets for future energy use. The Northwest Regional Planning Commission worked with the Vermont Department of Public Service to develop regional targets for future energy use and renewable electricity generation to meet state goals. These targets were broken up by municipality to create local targets. For more information about the regional targets, please see the Northwest Regional Energy Plan (www.nrpcvt.com). Tables E.6, E.7 and E.8 show the targets for future energy use for Isle La Motte by sector.

Thermal Targets

Table E.6 Thermal Energy Targets			
Thermal Targets	2025	2035	2050
Percent of Total Heating Energy from Renewable Sources - Heating (BTUs)	45%	58.2%	86.1%
New Efficient Wood Heat Systems (in units)	-1	-2	1
New Heat Pumps (in units)	26	60	112
Percentage of municipal households to be weatherized	5%	16%	78%
Percentage of commercial establishments to be weatherized	25%	25%	73%

The thermal target for Isle La Motte in 2050 is to have 86% of structures be heated by renewable sources. Much of this transition is likely to come in the form of electric heat pumps as the primary heating source for single family homes as the technology becomes more readily available and affordable. The target also relies

on wood heating being a continued source of residential heating. There are also high targets for the weatherization of residential households and commercial structures

Transportation Targets

Table E.7 Transportation Energy Targets			
Transportation Targets	2025	2035	2050
Percent of Total Transportation Energy from Renewable Sources - Transportation (BTUs)	10.7%	33.1%	90.9%
Electric Vehicles	37	275	653
Biodiesel Vehicles	77	153	296

The transportation energy targets for Isle La Motte are similarly ambitious. By 2050, 90.9% of transportation energy will need to come from renewable sources. This will primarily be done through conversion to electric vehicles from fossil fuel vehicles for light-duty, passenger vehicles. However, it will also mean conversion of heavy-duty vehicles from diesel to biodiesel sources. The biodiesel technology and infrastructure will certainly need to advance and evolve in order to meet this target.

Electrical Targets

Table E.8 Electrical Targets			
Electrical Targets	2025	2035	2050
Electricity Use Growth (Efficiency and Conservation in BTUs)	25.2%	43.8%	100.7%

Targets for electricity use are more complex to interpret. Electricity use is targeted to double by 2050 (Table E.8). This will likely be driven by conversions to electric heat pumps and electric vehicles. These consumer changes will cause electricity use to grow. At the same time, total energy use (energy, not electricity) will become more efficient. This is because electric cars and electric heating sources are more efficient than using other energy sources, such as fossil fuels.

Renewable Generation Targets

Table E.9 Electricity Generation Targets			
Renewable Generation Targets	2025	2035	2050
Total Renewable Generation Target (in MWh)	1,968.99	3,937.98	5,966.64

Table 5.9 shows the electricity generation targets for Isle La Motte in 2025, 2035, and 2050. All new wind, solar, hydro, and biomass electricity generation sites will further progress towards achieving the generation

targets (in MWh). Given the difficulty of developing additional hydro generation, and the constraints upon wind development, it is likely that solar generation will need to be a substantial component of meeting these generation targets. Meeting the generation targets will take considerable effort over the next 30 to 35 years.

E.10 Renewable Generation Potential		
Resource	MW	MWH
Rooftop Solar	0	341
Ground-mounted Solar	204	250,504
Wind	272	833,883
Hydro	0	0
Biomass and Methane	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Renewable Generation Potential	477	1,084,728

Isle La Motte has sufficient land to meet the above generation targets based on mapping completed by NRPC. Based on mapping and calculations completed by NRPC, Isle La Motte has access to the generation capacity outlined in Table 5.10. This generation capacity was calculated using the “base” layers for solar and wind. For an explanation of what constitutes a “base” layer, please see the mapping subsection below.

Isle La Motte supports NRPC’s position regarding “commercial” and “industrial” wind facilities. The NRPC Regional Plan finds that the construction of new “industrial” or “commercial” wind facilities within the region does not conform to the Regional Plan (NRPC considers any wind facility with a tower height (excluding blades) in excess of 100 feet tall to be considered an “industrial” or “commercial” wind facility).

Energy potential from biomass and methane sources is not estimated. This is due to a variety of factors including insufficient information on which to create estimates. Isle La Motte encourages the use of these sources for electricity and thermal generation, especially on farms.

Mapping Energy Resources and Constraints

The third required element of an enhanced energy plan are maps that provide guidance on appropriate the location of new renewable generation facilities. All maps can be found at the end of this section.

The purpose of the maps is to show those areas that may be good locations, or may be inappropriate locations, for future renewable electricity generation facilities. However, these maps are intended only as a planning tool. When an electricity generation facility is proposed, the presence of all natural resources constraints on site shall be verified as a part of the application.

Solar and Wind

The solar and wind maps show both “base” and “prime” areas. Base areas are areas with electricity generation potential that may contain possible constraints. Prime areas are areas that have electricity generation potential without constraints. Areas that do not contain electricity generation potential, and areas that contain a known constraint, are shown as white space on the map.

The solar map indicates some available land for solar in Isle La Motte, including areas located within ½ mile of transmission and three-phase distribution lines. The following preferred locations for solar generation facilities by the Town of Isle La Motte: rooftops, parking lots, and landfills. Brownfield sites located outside of the Village of Isle La Motte are also considered preferred locations.

Isle La Motte has a strong preference for solar facilities that have less than 5 MW in generation capacity. This preference is a reflection of the community’s dedication to preserving the aesthetic and rural qualities of Isle La Motte by restricting the geographic size of solar facilities. In addition, Isle La Motte prefers that solar facilities greater than 149 kW in generation capacity to be sufficiently separated from other similarly sized solar facilities to “break up” the visual impact of two or more solar facilities located next to each other and to preserve Isle La Motte’s rural character.

Isle La Motte has relatively good access to base wind resources, but few prime wind areas. These areas are generally concentrated near the lakeshore.

Hydro and Biomass

The biomass map is somewhat similar to the solar and wind maps. The biomass map also displays “base” and “prime” areas. However, these categories are not necessarily indicative of electricity generation potential. They instead indicate forests that may be used for the harvesting of woody biomass for use in either thermal or electric generation.

The hydro map is unique from the other types of generation maps. It shows existing dam sites used for electricity generation. It also shows existing dam sites that are not used for electricity generation, but could be retrofitted to provide electricity generation capacity. Data about these dams comes from a study

Mapping Methodology

The maps, developed by Northwest Regional Planning Commission, show where there is solar, wind, hydro, and biomass “potential” in Isle La Motte based on information provided by the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund. After identifying the areas with best potential, “known” and “possible” constraints were identified on the maps. Known constraints are conservation resources that shall be protected from all future development of renewable electricity generation facilities. Possible constraints are conservation resources that shall be protected, to some extent, from the development of renewable generation facilities. The presence of possible constraints on land does not necessarily impede the siting of renewable generation facilities on a site. Siting in these locations could occur if impacts to the affected possible constraints are mitigated, preferably on-site. A full list of known and possible constraints included on the maps is located in Table E.11.

commissioned by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The hydro map also shows some known and possible constraints that could impact the redevelopment of some dam sites. Isle La Motte has no existing dam sites and the development of new dam sites is extremely unlikely due to Isle La Motte's island location and the extensive regulatory process involved in developing new dams.

Equity

Reaching Isle La Motte's energy goals will bring both environmental and economic costs and benefits. The equity issues related to who will bear those costs is of continuing concern to the Town. A just energy transition requires that all residents have equitable access to the benefits and costs of the energy transition. The efficiency of green technologies offers savings for consumers as seen with electric vehicles, electric heat pumps, newer appliances, residential solar, etc. These technologies often require upfront investment, making them more difficult to access for residents with lower income. Low-income workers in Vermont also tend to work in industries that are more susceptible to the effects of climate change such as tourism and agriculture and are often disproportionately impacted by natural disasters like flooding. Equity for all residents will be considered in every decision about energy.

Conclusion

Achieving the energy goals in state statute will be difficult. Isle La Motte is committed to playing its part in working towards accomplishing these goals and in creating a more sustainable, affordable, and secure energy future.

GOALS:

1. Plan for increased electric demand with the support of local electric utilities and Efficiency Vermont.
2. Reduce annual fuel needs and fuel costs for heating structures, to foster the transition from non-renewable fuel sources to renewable fuel sources, and to maximize the weatherization of residential households and commercial establishments.
3. Hold vehicle miles traveled per capita to 2011 levels through reducing the amount of single occupancy vehicle (SOV) commute trips and developing public transit ridership.
4. Focus growth within and adjacent to the village.

POLICIES

1. Isle La Motte supports energy conservation efforts and the efficient use of energy across all sectors.
2. Isle La Motte supports the reduction of transportation energy demand, reduction of single-occupancy vehicle use, and the transition to renewable and lower-emission energy sources for transportation.
3. Isle La Motte supports patterns and densities of concentrated development that result in the conservation of energy.
4. Isle La Motte supports the development and siting of renewable electricity generation resources in the Town that are in conformance with the goals, strategies, and mapping outlined in this plan. Development of electricity generation in identified preferred locations shall be favored over the development of other sites.

5. Isle La Motte supports the conversion of fossil fuel heating to advanced wood heating systems or electric heat pumps.
6. Support local farms and the local food system.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Coordinate annually with Efficiency Vermont and state low-income weatherization programs to encourage residents to participate in weatherization and electrification programs available to Isle La Motte residents.
2. Conduct an energy audit of municipal and other public buildings to identify weatherization retrofits and incorporate the recommendations into the municipal capital budget.
3. Promote and provide information about the GoVermont website (<https://www.connectingcommuters.org/>) which provides information citizens about ride share, vanpool, and park-and-ride options.
4. Encourage use of heat pumps and examine potential use of heat pumps in municipal buildings.
5. Plan for and install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Isle La Motte.
6. Review municipal road standards to ensure that they reflect the “complete streets” principles as outlined by Vermont Agency of Transportation and Vermont Department of Health (http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2016/11/HPDP_PA&N%20Complete_streets_guide_for_VT_communities.pdf).
7. Investigate the installation of a municipal solar and/or wind net-metering facilities to off-set municipal electric use.
8. Investigate installation of a community-based renewable energy project.
9. Provide firefighters with training in fighting fires on structures that have solar installed.

Table E.11 – Mapping Constraints		
Solar, Wind and Biomass Maps - Known Constraints		
Constraint	Description	Source
Confirmed and unconfirmed vernal pools	There is a 600-foot buffer around confirmed or unconfirmed vernal pools.	ANR
State Significant Natural Communities and Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species	Rankings S1 through S3 were used as constraints. These include all of the rare and uncommon rankings within the file. For more information on the specific rankings, explore the methodology for the shapefile.	VCGI
River corridors	Only mapped River Corridors were mapped. Does not include 50 foot buffer for streams with a drainage area less than 2 square miles.	VCGI
National wilderness areas		VCGI
FEMA Floodways		VCGI/NRPC
Class 1 and Class 2 Wetlands		VCGI
Designated Downtowns, Designated Growth Centers, and Designated Village Centers	These areas are the center of dense, traditional development in the region. This constraint does not apply to roof-mounted solar within such designated areas. The inclusion of this resource as a regional constraint is consistent with goals and policies of the Northwest Regional Plan.	NRPC
FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) special flood hazard areas	Special flood hazard areas as digitized by the NRPC were used (just the 100-year flood plain - 500-year floodplain not mapped). The inclusion of this resource as a regional constraint is consistent with goals and policies of the Northwest Regional Plan.	NRPC
Ground and surface waters drinking protection areas	Buffered Source Protection Areas (SPAs) are designated by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). SPA boundaries are approximate but are conservative enough to capture the areas most susceptible to contamination. The inclusion of this resource as a regional constraint is consistent with goals and policies of the Northwest Regional Plan.	ANR

Vermont Conservation Design Highest Priority Forest Blocks	The lands and waters identified here are the areas of the state that are of highest priority for maintaining ecological integrity. Together, these lands comprise a connected landscape of large and intact forested habitat, healthy aquatic and riparian systems, and a full range of physical features (bedrock, soils, elevation, slope, and aspect) on which plant and animal natural communities depend. The inclusion of this resource as a regional constraint is consistent with goals and policies of the Northwest Regional Plan. (Source: ANR)	ANR
Public water sources	A 200-foot buffer is used around public drinking water wellheads. The inclusion of this resource as a regional constraint is consistent with goals and policies of the Northwest Regional Plan.	ANR
Municipal Conservation Land Use Areas	Conservation Land Use Districts, as designated in municipal plans, that include strict language that strongly deters or prohibits development have been included as a regional known constraint. The inclusion of this resource as a regional constraint is consistent with the goals and policies of the Northwest Regional Plan. Specific municipal land use districts included are outlined in Section D of the Regional Energy Plan. The are no areas identified in the Isle La Motte Town Plan were included in this category.	NRPC
<u>Solar, Wind and Biomass Maps - Possible Constraints</u>		
Constraint	Description	Source
Protected lands	This constraint includes public lands held by agencies with conservation or natural resource oriented missions, municipal natural resource holdings (ex. Town forests), public boating and fishing access areas, public and private educational institution holdings with natural resource uses and protections, publicly owned rights on private lands, parcels owned in fee by non-profit organizations dedicated to conserving land or resources, and private parcels with conservation easements held by non-profit organizations.	VCGI
Deer wintering areas	Deer wintering habitat as identified by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.	ANR
Hydric soils	Hydric soils as identified by the US Department of Agriculture.	VCGI

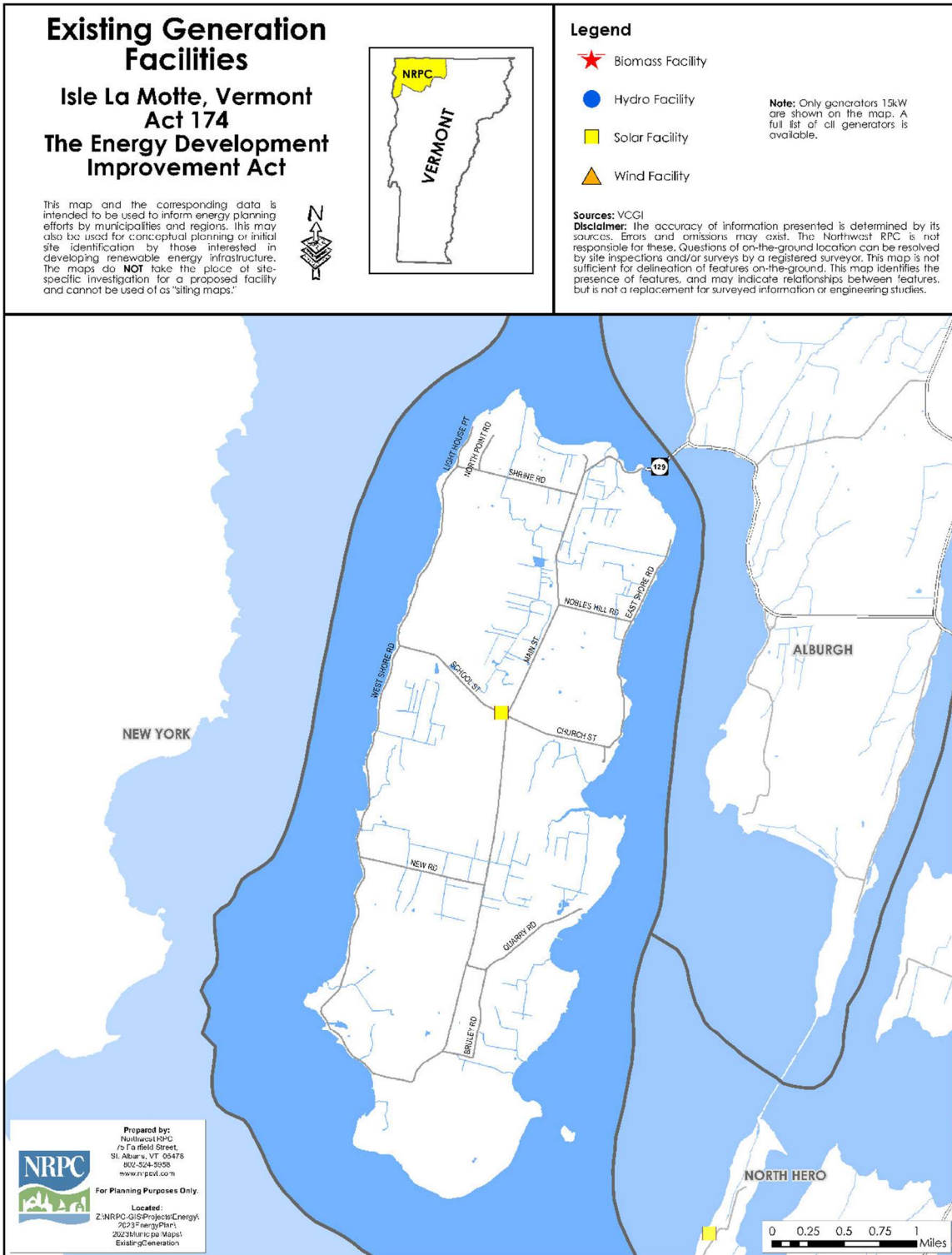
Agricultural soils	Local, statewide, and prime agricultural soils are considered.	VCGI
Act 250 Agricultural Soil Mitigation Areas	Sites conserved as a condition of an Act 250 permit.	VCGI
Class 3 wetlands	Class 3 wetlands in the region have been included as a Regional Possible Constraint. The inclusion of this resource as a regional constraint is consistent with goals and policies of the Northwest Regional Plan.	ANR
Municipal Conservation Land Use Areas	Conservation Land Use Districts, as designated in municipal plans, that include strict language that deters, but does not prohibit development, have been included as a regional possible constraint. Specific municipal land use districts included are outlined in Section D of the Regional Energy Plan. No areas identified in the Isle La Motte Town Plan were included in this category.	NRPC
Hydro Map - Known Constraints		
Constraint	Description	Source
None		
Hydro Map - Possible Constraints		
Constraint	Description	Source
"303d" list of stressed waters		ANR
Impaired waters		ANR
State Significant Natural Communities and Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species	Rankings S1 through S3 were used as constraints. These include all of the rare and uncommon rankings within the file. For more information on the specific rankings, explore the methodology for the shapefile.	VCGI

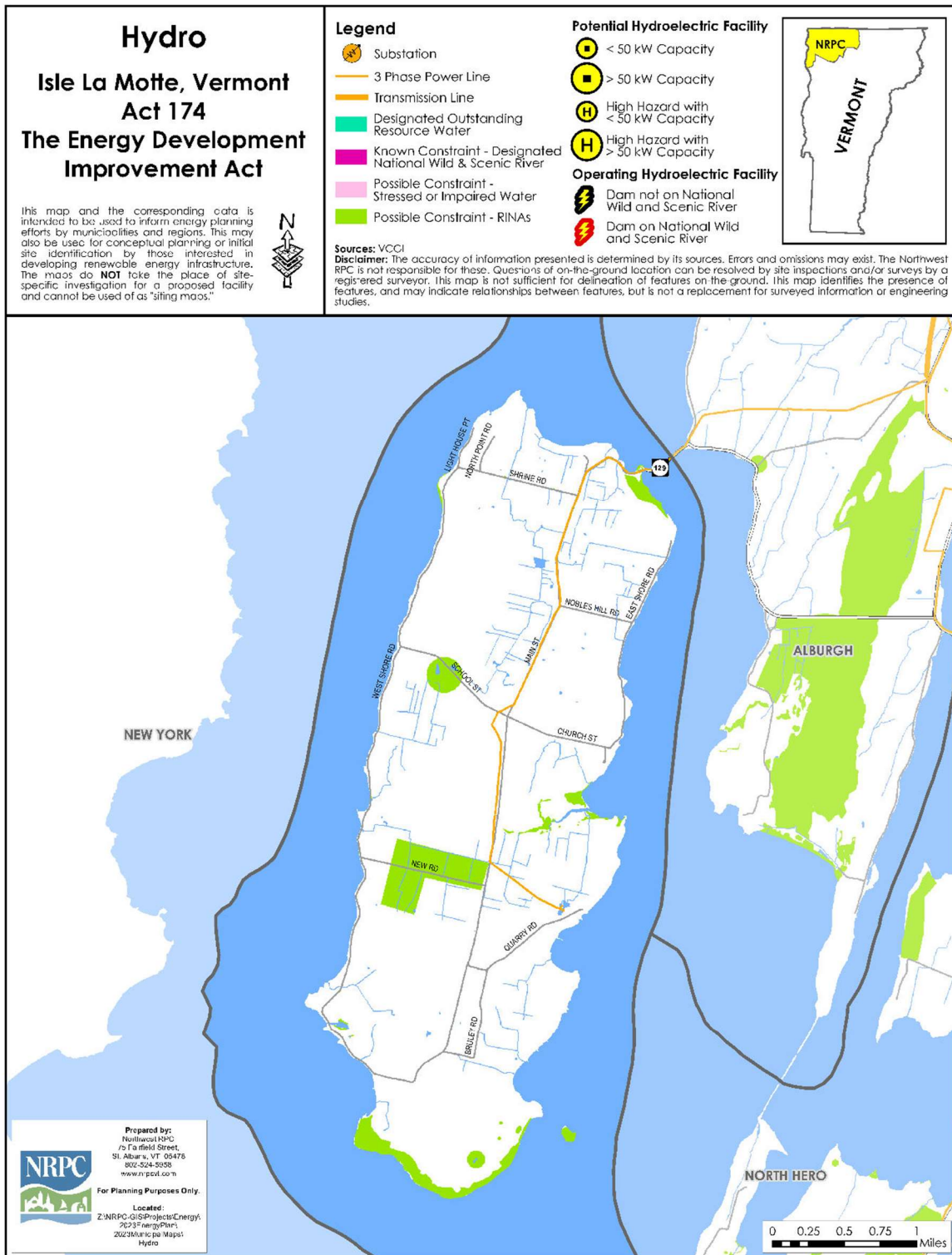
The date in Table E.12 displays facilities that have a Certificate of Public Good from the Vermont Utilities Commission to generate electricity. The Town of Isle La Motte recognizes that some of the data in the table may be out of date or incorrect. Specific locations are not available with existing data sources. The Town of Isle La Motte also recognizes that some identified facilities may no longer generate electricity.

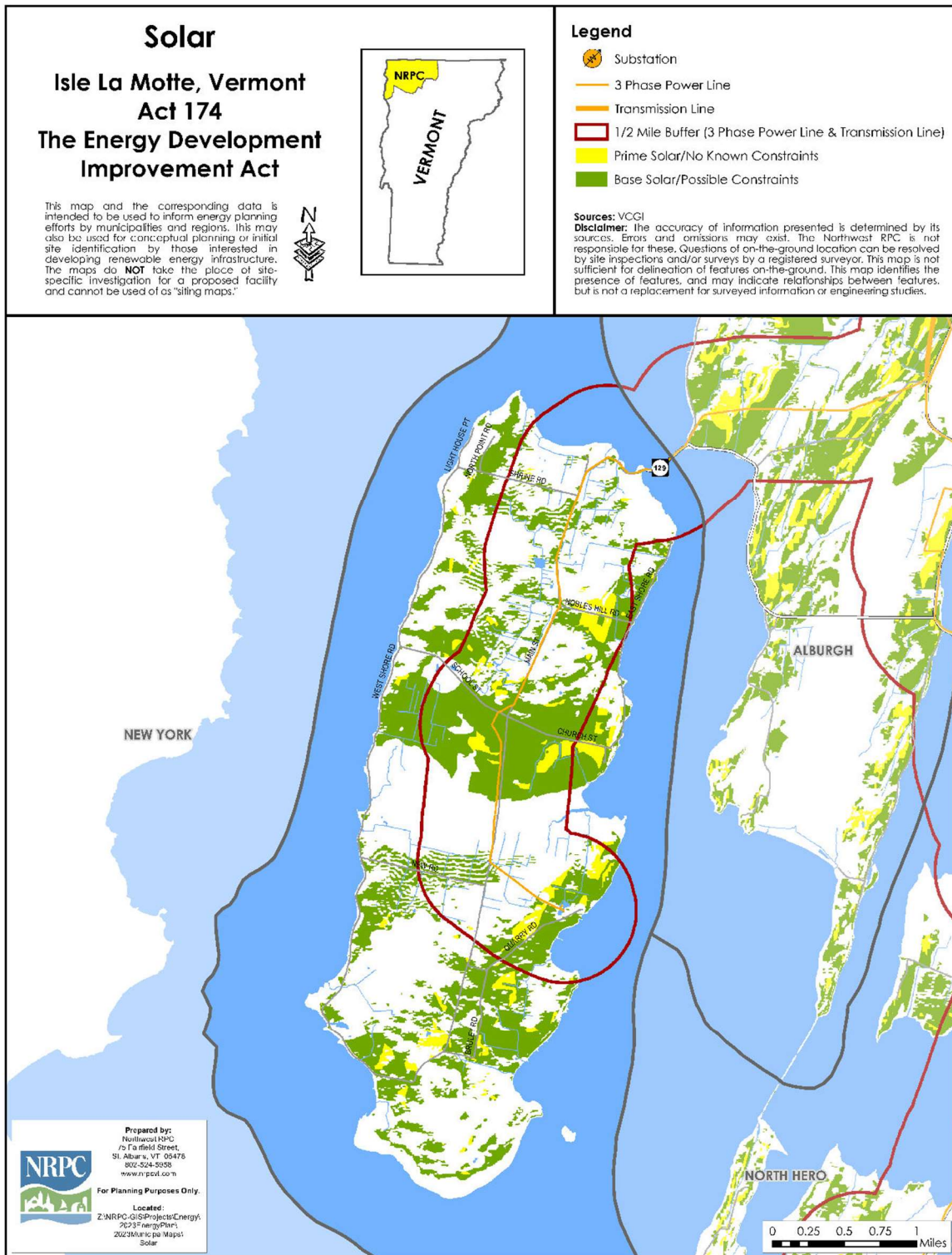
Table E.12 Facilities		
Type	kW	Date Permitted
Solar	47.24	10/17/2013
Solar	23.04	8/28/2020
Solar	15.2	12/30/2020
Solar	15	10/12/2020
Solar	13.8	10/23/2020
Solar	12.8	9/6/2018

Solar	11.4	12/6/2019
Solar	11.4	12/31/2019
Solar	11.4	12/17/2018
Solar	10.56	12/10/2020
Solar	10	9/27/2019
Solar	10	7/17/2015
Solar	9.8	2/9/2022
Solar	7.96	11/15/2021
Solar	7.68	7/19/2019
Solar	6	10/11/2017
Solar	4.8	1/22/2021
Solar	4	7/25/2015
Solar	3.8	4/4/2022
Solar	3.8	6/9/2017

Table E.13 Standard Conversions - BTU to Unit		
Unit	Unit Type	British Thermal Units
Kilowatt	Kilowatt	3,412
Gasoline	Gallon	120,404
Ethanol	Gallon	84,714
Diesel Fuel	Gallon	137,571
Heating Oil	Gallon	137,571
Residual Fuel Oil	Gallon	149,690
LPG	Gallon	84,738
Kerosene	Gallon	135,000
Biodiesel	Gallon	127,595
Wood Pellets	Ton	16,500,000
Cord Wood	Cord	20,000,000
Wood	Pounds	8,000
Natural Gas	Cubic Feet	103,200
Compressed Natural Gas	Pounds	20,160
Coal	Short Ton	19,490,000







Transmission & 3 Phase Power Infrastructure





Isle La Motte, Vermont
Act 174

The Energy Development Improvement Act

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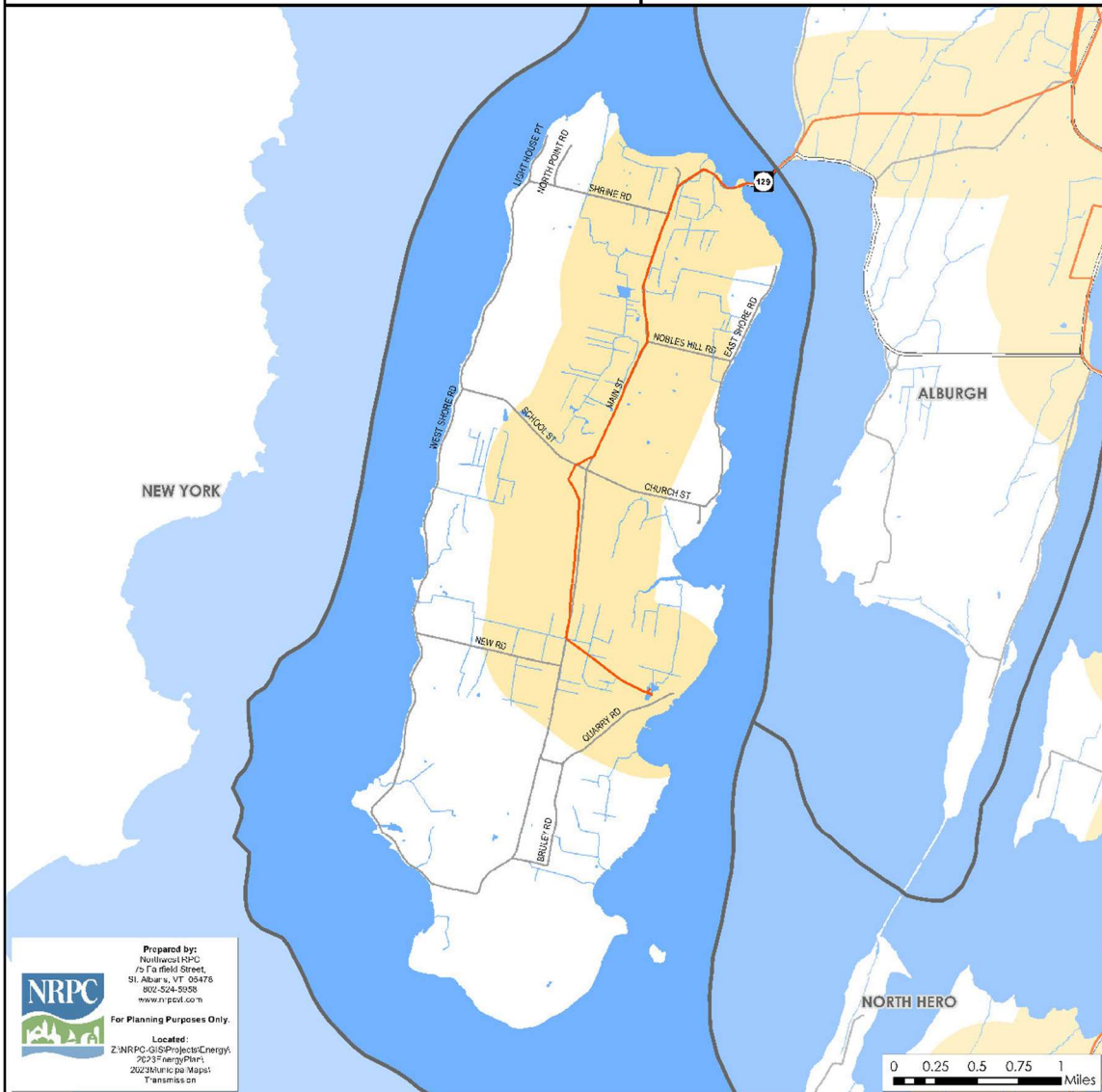


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-  Substation
-  3 Phase Power Line
-  Transmission Line
-  1/2 Mile Buffer (3 Phase Power Line & Transmission Line)

Sources: VCGI

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Utility Service Areas

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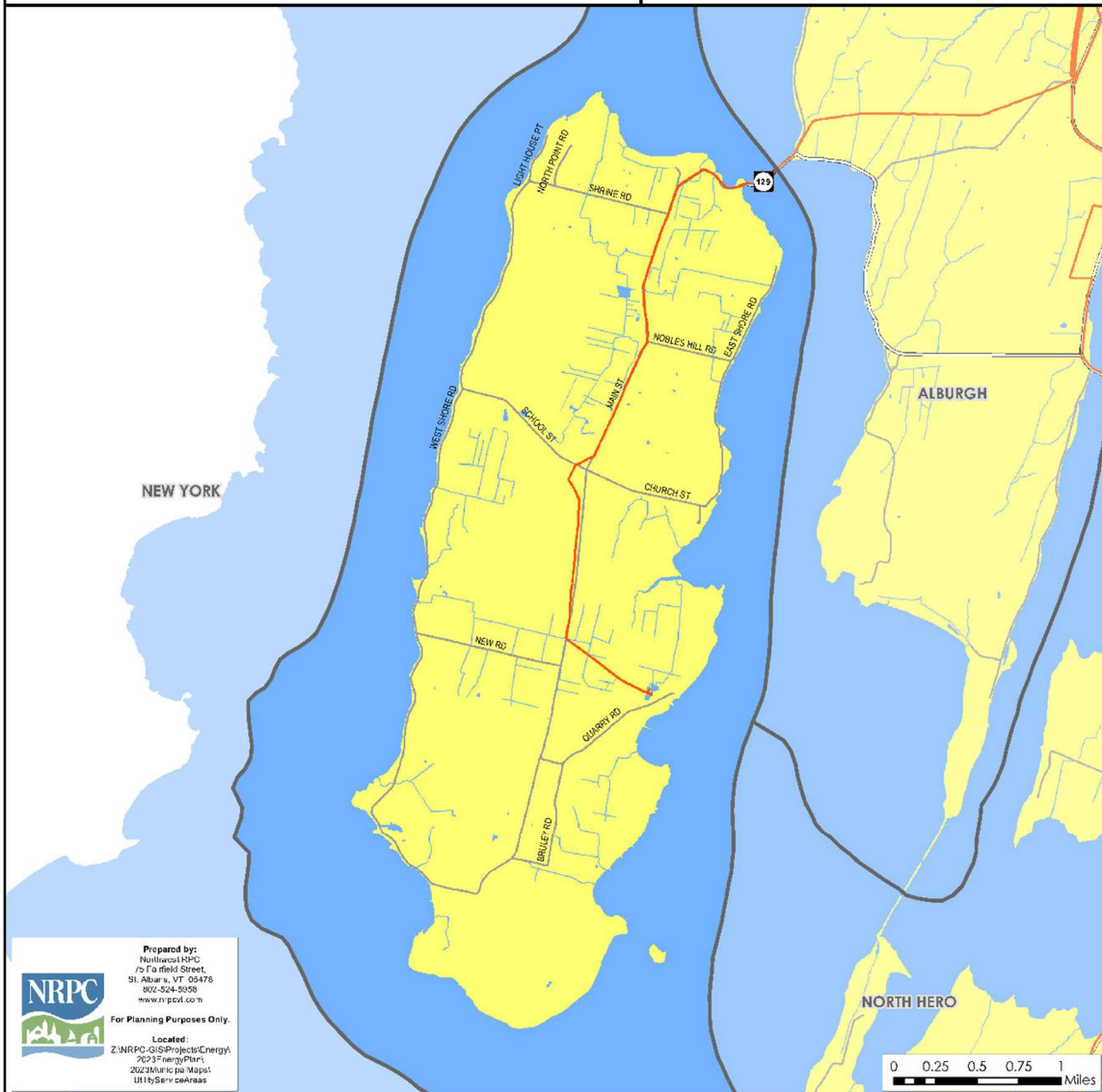
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Utility Service Area Features

- | | |
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| Green Mountain Power | Substation |
| Swanton Village Electric | 3 Phase Power Line |
| Vermont Electric Co-op | Transmission Line |
| Enosburg Falls Electric | |

Sources: VCGI

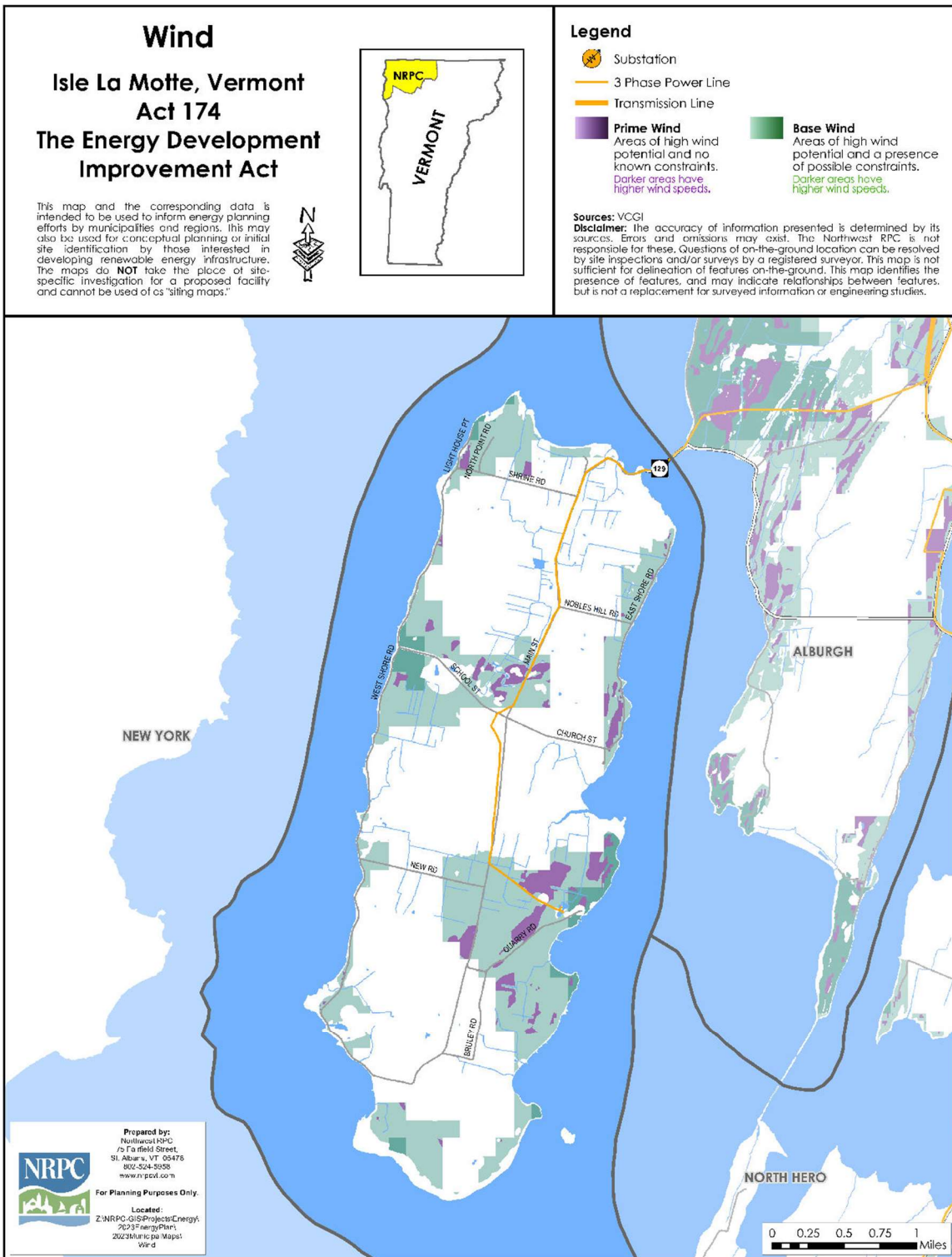
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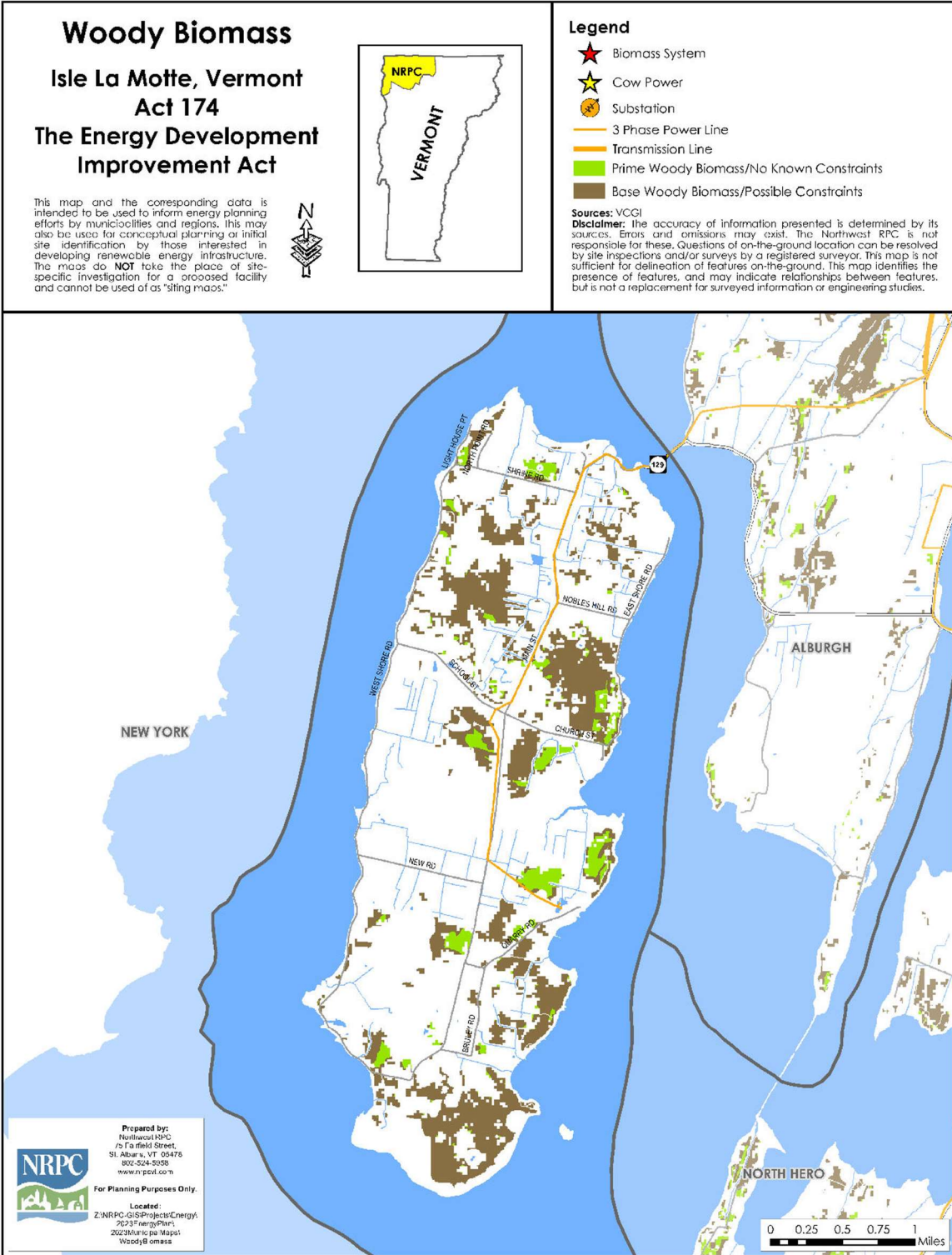


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APPENDIX: Survey Results Summary

Survey Response Summary

Overview

The Isle La Motte Town Plan Survey was distributed online and at the Town Office from October-November 2023. The survey received 104 responses. The majority of respondents (59%) are ages 35-64, while 40% are 65 and older. 79% are year-round residents and the remaining 21% are seasonal. Compared to Census data, younger residents under age 34 were underrepresented in the survey.

Residents loved Isle La Motte's natural beauty, quiet and peaceful location, and the community. Respondents were concerned with issues such as speeding, road maintenance, and Wi-Fi reliability. Many respondents raised concerns regarding town politics, as well as town spending. Lastly, many respondents expressed the desire to build community and establish spaces for activities and events.

Summary

Q1: What are your favorite places in Isle La Motte? (99 Responses)



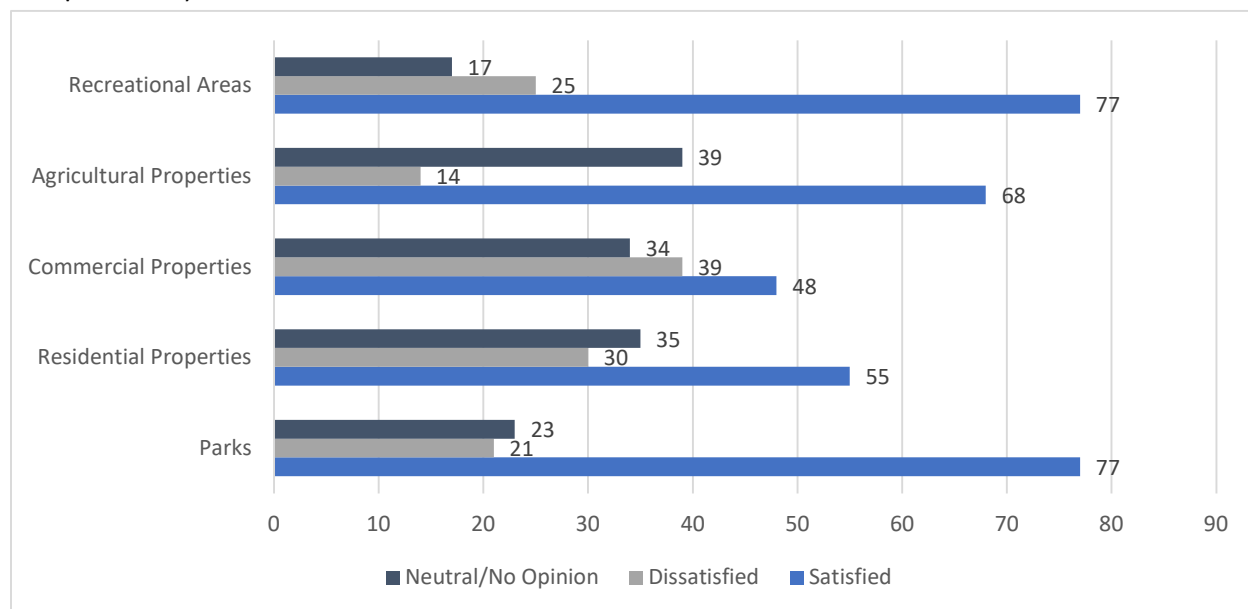
Q2: What makes Isle La Motte a good place to live? (98 responses)

- **Quiet and Peaceful (44.9% of 98 responses)**
 - “Wonderful people, serenity and, of course, the lake”
 - “The town remains old fashioned and relatively [quiet] even on busy summer days”
- **Natural Beauty (26.5% of 98 responses)**
 - “Small population, beautiful scenery”
 - “It is a picturesque location that is Just Far Enough distant from a large population and bigger cities”
- **Community (26.5% of 98 responses)**
 - “Quiet and great community”
 - “Neighbors look out for each other and always come together in times of need regardless of differences that divide us”
- **Lake Champlain (16.3% of 98 responses)**
 - “Natural beauty of the lake”
- **Remote (6.1% of 98 responses)**
 - “Our remote location”

Q3: If you could change one thing in Isle La Motte, what would it be? (93 responses)

- **Local Government (22.58% of 93 responses)**
 - “Petty politics, lack of resources or options for the youth”
 - “Personal disputes that seem to constantly invade the government operations.”
- **Bike/Ped/Road Improvements (10.75% of 93 responses)**
 - “Adding a bike lane on Main Street from the bridge to the School Street.”
 - “Improve road safety for all road users, and find ways to reduce speeding, which is an ongoing issue here.”
- **More Community Activities/Involvement (10.75% of 93 responses)**
 - “More community activities, both adult only and family.”
 - “Increase community involvement and engagement. I have lived here 3 years and have not found any sense of community, only bickering and head butting.”
- **Friendlier Community (9.68% of 93 responses)**
 - “Help people recognize we are all humans, all different, all should be respected. With respect comes acceptance, with acceptance comes unity, with unity comes strength and anything can be accomplished.”
 - “I would change the way people treat each other.”
- **Spending/Taxes (6.45% of 93 responses)**
 - “Better use of hard earned taxpayer's money.”
 - “The desire of some people to bring change that will have unintended consequences of raising taxes and driving long time full time residents out.”

Q4: How satisfied are you with the condition of the following? (121 responses)



Q5: Other Comments on Question #4 (24 responses)

- **Bike/Ped Improvements (12.5% of 24 responses)**
 - “The speed limits are a joke, with people driving 50-60+ in residential areas with walkers and no one is doing anything about it. Bikers are also a real hazard.”
 - “The most unfriendly tourist town in the Islands with dangerous roads.”
- **Town Land/Recreation (12.5% of 24 responses)**
 - “If anything put more money into open spaces & parks.”
 - “The town owns land that we don't use, and we should.”
- **Community Participation (8.3% of 24 responses)**
 - “Increase resident participation in the community by providing games or contests to challenge folks to actually participate.”
 - “The current board should be better organized and spend a great deal less money! Town council should be listening to people and not furthering personal agendas!!!”
- **No Change (8.3% of 24 responses)**
 - “I do not want Isle la Motte to be turned into Swanton, St Albans or even any of the other islands. We are unique and we need to stay that way.”
 - “Please don't come along and try to change our small community. If big business, town kept water, sewer, community pools, zoning, side walks, and squiggly roads, and etc are for you.... Please move back to city area where those things are available and there are more people to help pay for those expenses. ILM is

actually full of people who can't afford higher taxes. It's unreasonable for anyone to think anything other than this."

- **Clean Up (8.33% of 24 responses)**

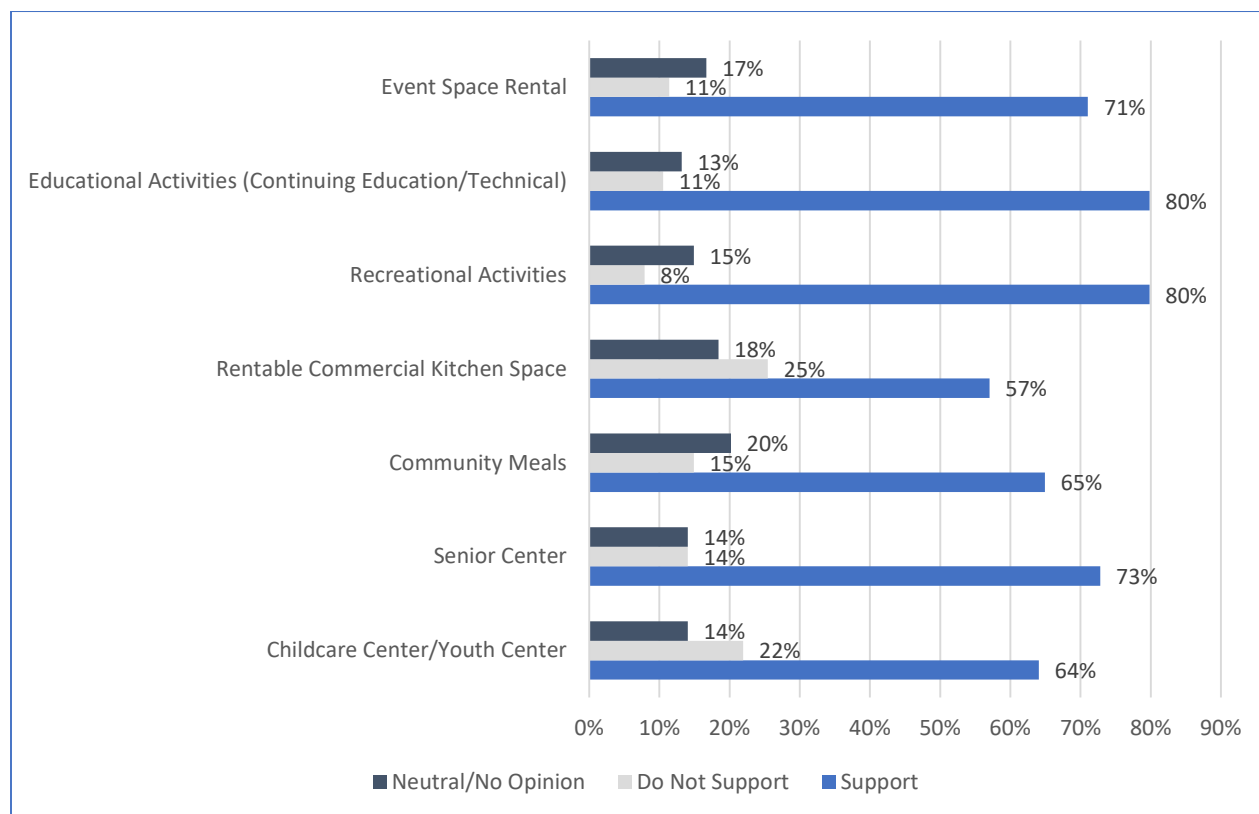
- "Clean up some of the yards and tear down those buildings that need it."
- "If we are to be proud of our environment, some properties should be cleaned up and trees and bushes should be planted."

Q6: Over the next 5 years, Isle La Motte should (ranked choice, rank most desired option #1) (125 responses)³

Priority	Average Rank
Increase recreational opportunities	3.6
Increase residential construction	3.9
Maintain/improve open spaces	5.2
Control the rate of development	5.3
Attract new businesses/commercial development	5.7
Protect environmental quality	5.7
Protect historic structures	5.8
Control type of development	6.0
Improve traffic flow	6.7
Improve pedestrian flow in Village	7.1

³ It was noted during the survey collection that the survey may inadvertently record blank responses as ranking in the order originally suggested in the question. To address this issue, survey responses for questions 6, 13 and 20 where two or more responses appeared as ordered in the question were removed from the analysis. This had a limited impact on the overall data results (0-2% per priority).

Q7: By October the Town will own the Isle La Motte Elementary School building. What uses of the elementary school building would you support? (114 responses)



Q8: Other Comments on Question #7 (29 responses)

- **Rentable/Shared Space (13.8% of 29 responses)**
 - “I also think we could look at some rentable/shared office spaces for people to work. That building is huge and unused.”
 - “We could also rent out the space as a working space for people to rent to get office work done.”
- **Community Center (10.3% of 29 responses)**
 - “This building is a great for our community. Glad the former Sb board pursued this.”
 - “In other words a Community Center. Might be difficult to accommodate all particularly with square footage requirements for young children.”
- **Library (6.9% of 29 responses)**
 - “If this was turned into a public library they offer all of these as a part of their community outreach and would be eligible for associated grants and funding as a public library. Our current library doesn’t meet the criteria for a public library and is controlled by a small group of private citizens. It should be kept as a

satellite location and preserved for historical value but a real public library opened at the town office.”

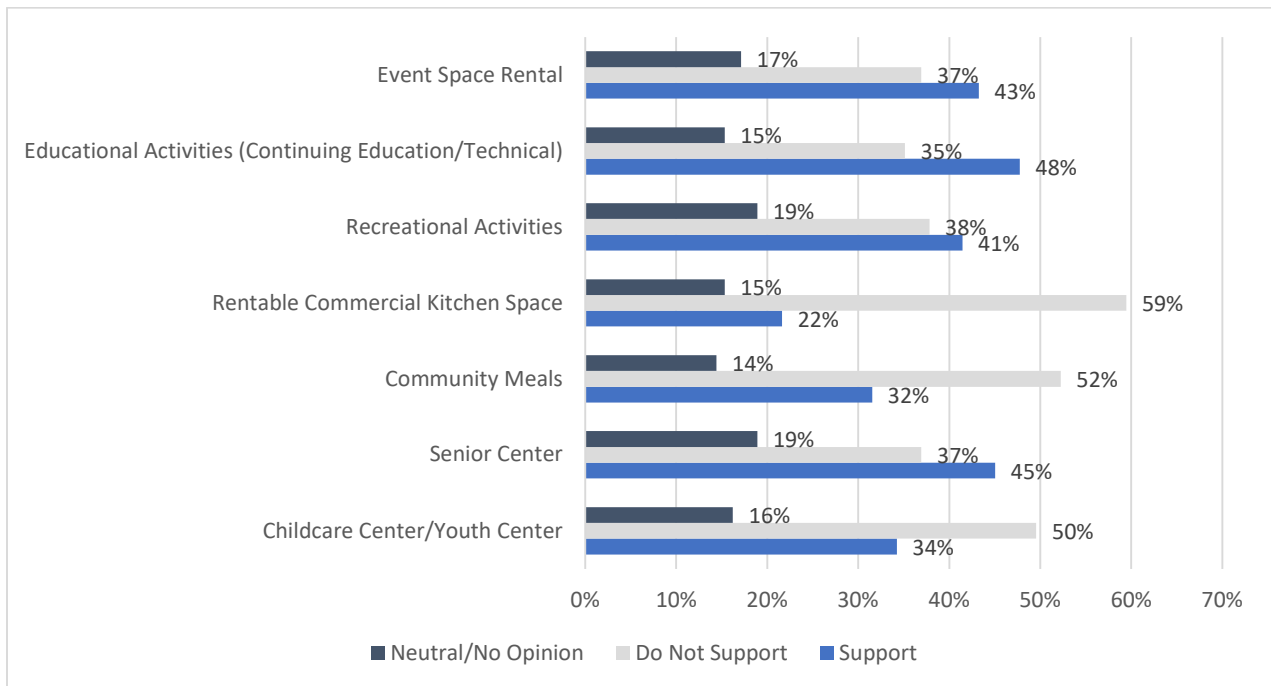
- **School (6.9% of 29 responses)**

- “I would most like to see the school be a school. One of the reasons I moved here was proximity to a school for my child.”

- **Town Hall (6.9% of 29 responses)**

- “I believe the new town hall should be moved to the two classrooms to the right of the entry way with its own entry on the side of the building and a secure vault room as in other towns. the remainder of the space may be rented for mobile doctors etc and the multi purpose and kitchen for town use and renting to private persons for event usage.”
- “Why are you not listing Town Hall as a use for this structure? Is it not currently being used for this?”

Q9: What uses of the old Town Hall building would you support? (111 responses)



Q12: Other Comments on Question #11 (19 responses)

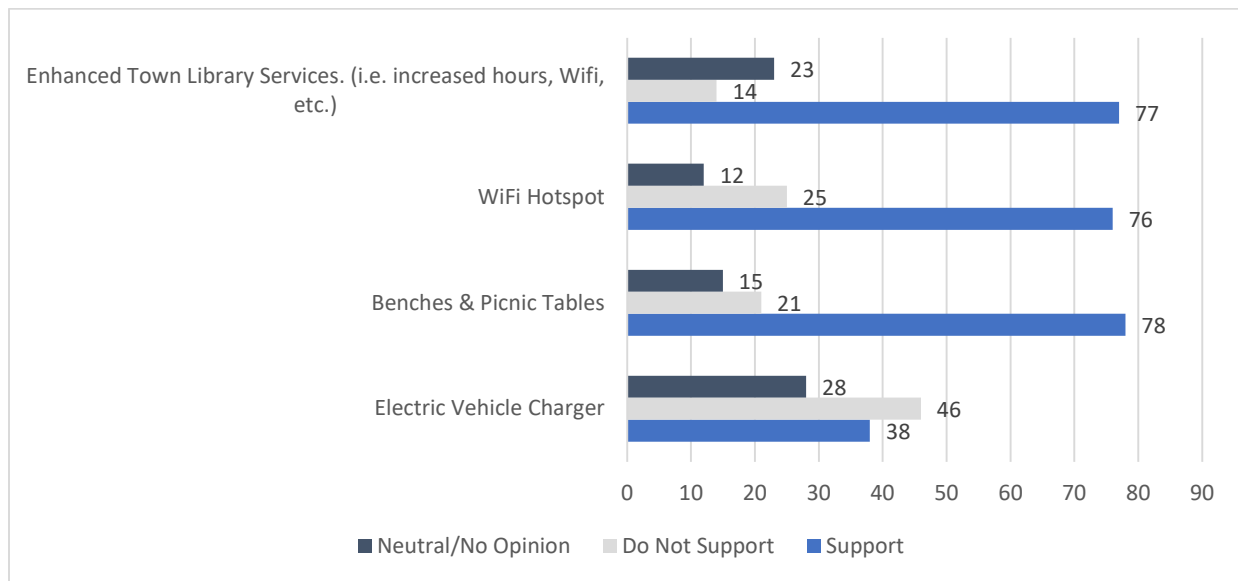
- **Sell/Remove (40.4% of 47 responses)**

- “Get rid of it. Either remove it or sell it if anyone would take it. And eyesore on Main Street.”
- “Sell to private commercial tax payer. Town doesn't need 2 buildings. Put it on the tax-rolls, instead of paying for heat & upkeep.”

- **Renovated/Preserved (25.5% of 47 responses)**

- “In it's current state, I don't think that this building is appropriate for many of the above activities. major upgrades are required.”
- “This building should be preserved and made functional for use. It is a great building and should not be left to deteriorate. You can find other towns in Vermont that have a like building and it is used and alive.”
- **Community Space (8.5% of 47 responses)**
 - “It could also be used as a community gathering space, or a community food shelf, or both.”
 - “It could also be a community gathering space, especially if it had ADA updates. It's a historical building so it's eligible for grants”
- **Welcome/Tourist Center (6.4% of 47 responses)**
 - “This space seems suited for some other use, perhaps a welcome center, a location for tourists and cyclists to take a break, maybe a location for groups to meet?”
 - “I'd love to see this building made into a welcome/tourist center for the town, like they have in Alburgh by the Noyan border, with seating and advertising & directions to all ILM businesses.”

Q11: What features/changes would you like to see in the Village (Main Street/School Street Area)? (112 responses)



Q12: Other Comments on Question #11 (19 responses)

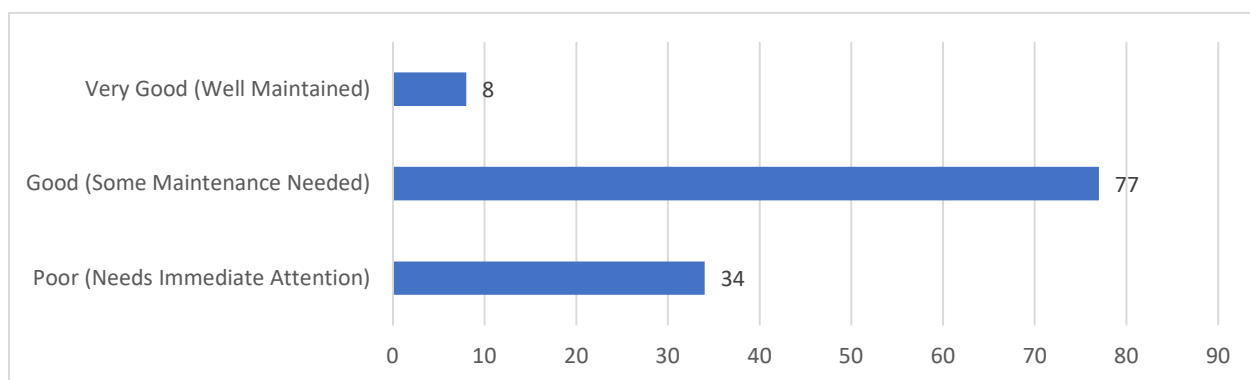
Miscellaneous comments

- “The historic buildings around Main/School/Church Streets are a treasure. ILM should work with the Historical Society to promote and preserve them.”
- “Some way to make it more appealing like it was before. How about some trees and plantings, and a bench or two. The flags did help to make it seem like the town was still alive.”
- “Beautification efforts perhaps as a challenge to some of the creative gardeners on the island. Our property aesthetics are not very inviting.”
- “The activation of the area should be done with a light touch to maintain a balance between our quiet solitude while providing modern essential services to residents and visitors.”
- “We need a place where people want to come, get some lunch, use their phone without using data, meet a friend, seat and rad a book while having lunch. This place is centrally located and has the space for parking.”

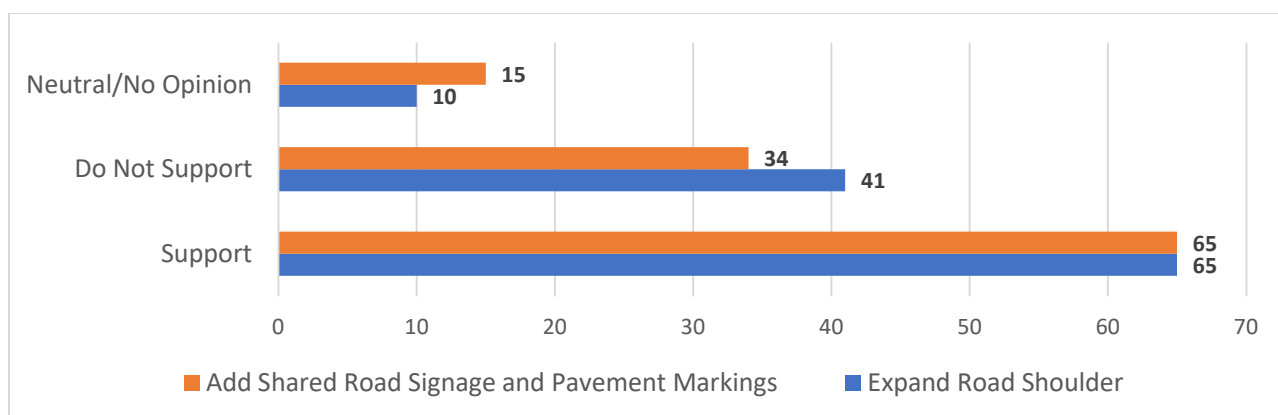
Q13: What outdoor recreational activities are important to you? (ranked choice, rank most desired option #1) (100 responses)

Priority	Average Ranking
Boating	2.5
Biking	3.3
Hiking	3.3
Fishing	3.5
Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing	5.4
Running	5.5
Hunting	5.7
Snowmobiling	7.1

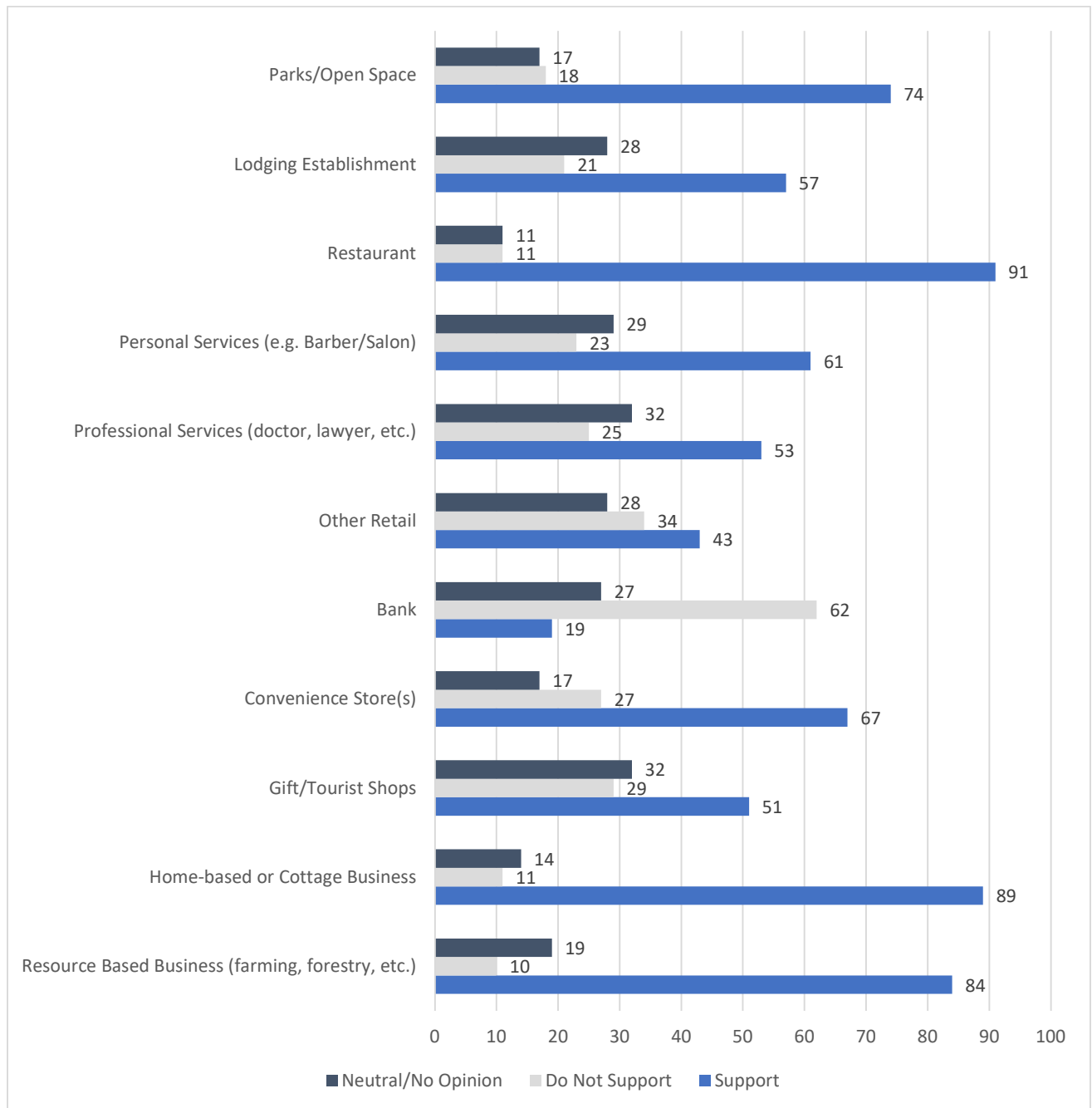
Q14: How would you rate the general conditions of the local roads in Isle La Motte? (101 responses)



Q15: Would you support any of the following options to promote bicycle and vehicle road safety? (100 responses)



Q17: What types of businesses would you like to see in Isle La Motte?
(113 responses)



Q18: Other Comments on Question #17

- **Miscellaneous comments**

- “Not sure who thought up most of these questions you do realize this is ILM not Swanton or any other town. We are small and like it this way.”

- “As stated prior. Let the island be nice and quiet. South [H]ero has made a large mistake by growing and the residents are paying for it now. They want their town back.”
- “I do not want Isle la motte to be turned into North Hero, Grand Isle or South Hero or even Alburgh. This place is special and should not attempt to be like the other towns in the county.”
- “For some of these ideas to be somewhat realistic, Isle LaMotte would have to become a "destination location".”
- “Isle La Motte is unique and should remain as it is.”

Q19: How can the Town best support new & existing local businesses in Isle La Motte? (57 responses)

- **Publicity (19.3% of 57 responses)**
 - “Clean up north Main St. and better promote the Island's natural beauty both locally (Islander) and regionally (7 Days, Burlington Free Press, Yankee, etc.)”
 - “Advertise specials for locals. Apple day at the orchard, free coffee and donut day at the store, a harvest market, better marketing, free wine tasting at the winery, barbecue tasting at the barbecue place.”
- **Leave them alone (17.54% of 57 responses)**
 - “The town should not be giving any financial support at all.”
 - “In Capitalism - the new & existing local businesses support THEMSELVES! Townfolk can patronize the businesses they like & trust.”
- **Shop at local businesses (12.28% of 57 responses))**
 - “Shop local and embrace everyone.”
 - “Simple, the local residents of ILM should visit the local establishments.”
- **Safer shopping area (5.26% of 57 responses))**
 - “Safer roadways and bike/ped access for visitors.”
 - “Providing safer areas to walk and bike and make people want to come here.”
- **Tax incentives/grants (3.51% of 57 responses))**
 - “Give tax breaks or grace periods if they will bring employment and income opportunities.”
 - “The Town could provide some sort of tax abatement/incentives.”

Q20: Below are 5 areas Isle La Motte will likely need additional funding for. Please prioritize these areas from 1-5 (where the most desired option is #1).(86 responses)

Priorities	Average Rank
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Computer Upgrades/Security	2.1
Matching Grant Funds	2.8
Improve Record Keeping Safety and Security	2.9
Digitizing Land Records	3.1
Capital Improvements	4.0

Q21: Please list any additional ideas for projects you would like considered. (31 responses)

- **Infrastructure (19.4% of 31 responses)**

- “1. Roads and Culverts, Road side mowing should include the 15' from the center of the road vessel shaving street-side grass along the road. Fix replace main culvert that drains the Island on West Shore Rd. back to 4' box culvert. 2. Have our own road dept vs private contractor. 3. Put Toll booth back on the entrance to help fund our road projects. 4. Get a handle on Speeding. 5. Follow up on work getting done correctly.”
- “Any infrastructure improvements via direct funding or by obtaining state or federal money/grants should be done asap. Broadband is a huge need, water and sewer (sometime in the future) would be amazing and help protect our fragile environment and the lake.”
- “Fix our roads!”

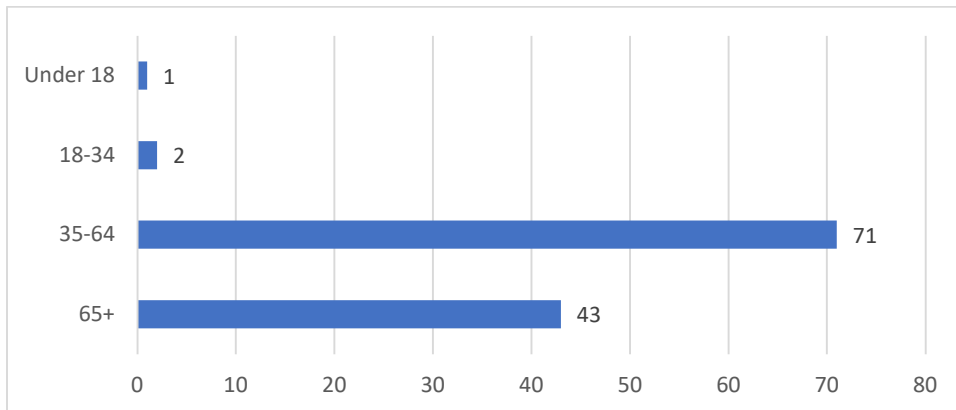
- **Community Space (13.0% of 31 responses)**

- “Develop a functional community space to increase opportunities for people to spend time with each other--a resource and a gathering place.”
- “A community gathering space/art project would be excellent. Investing in our existing spaces, particularly the neglected old town hall, which has been mis-managed for years.
- “Develop a functional community space to increase opportunities for people to spend time with each other--a resource and a gathering place.”

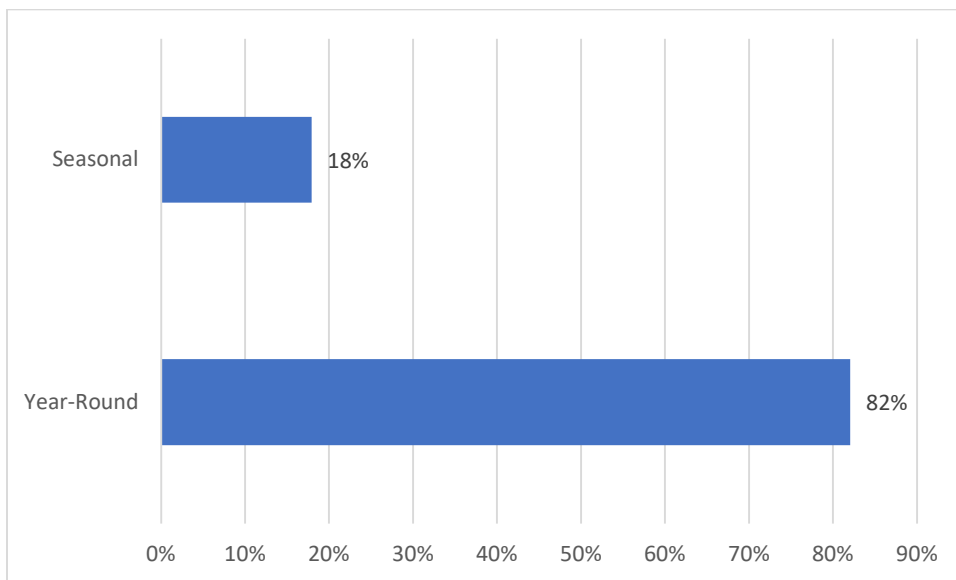
- **Digitizing Records (13.0% of 31 responses)**

- “Why are we not already working on the digitizing of our records? The money was approved by a large majority. We did have a clerk who was very committed to this project. It appears that the current administration is more interested in trying to change ILM into something we are not! At least the questions here are more in line with what is needed ! Very disappointed in the current remaining SB!!”
- “For one I would like to know why the article we voted on for the records has been started.”

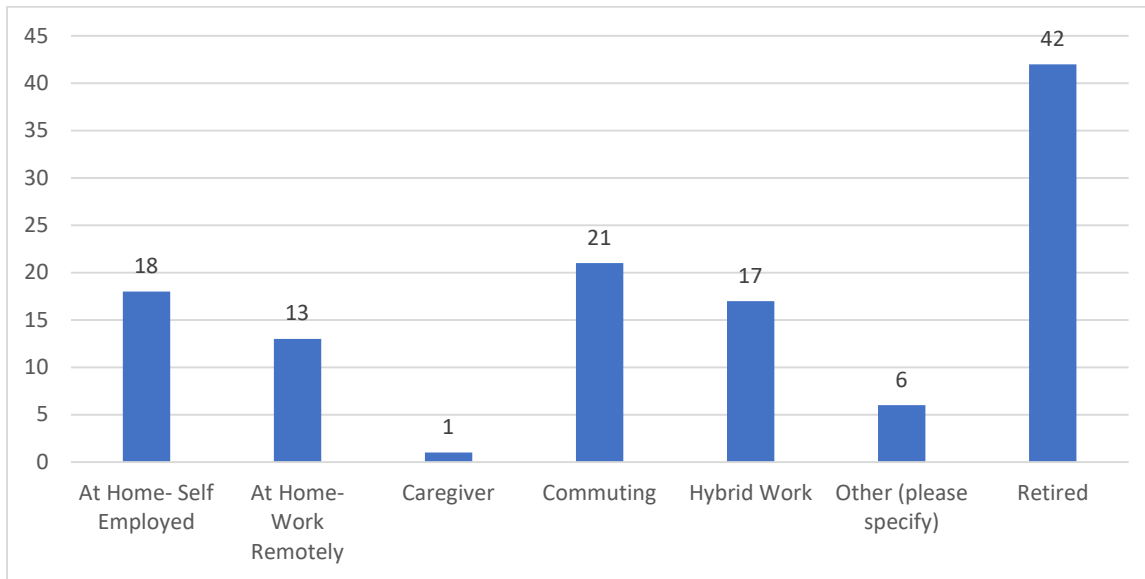
Q22: How old are you? (117 responses)



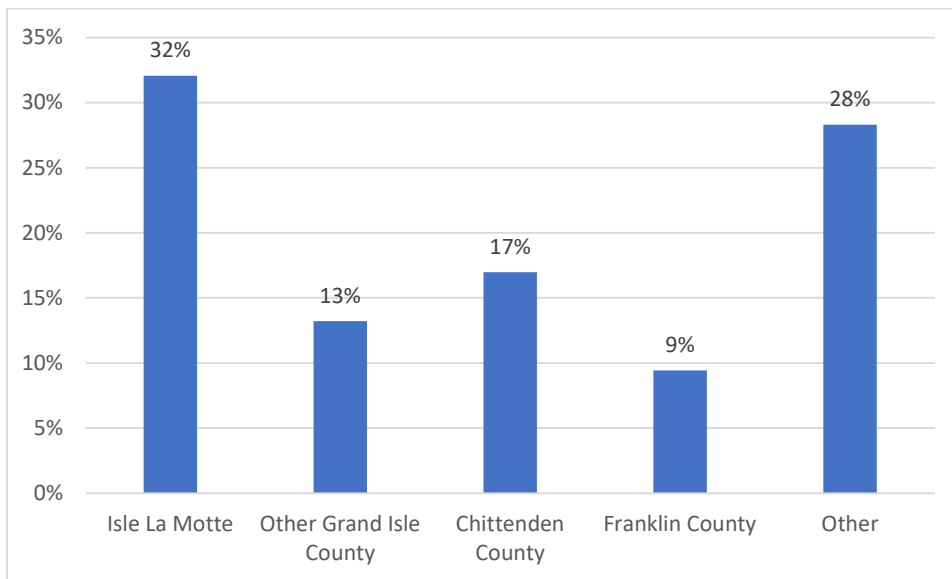
Q23: Are you a seasonal or year-round resident? (117 responses)



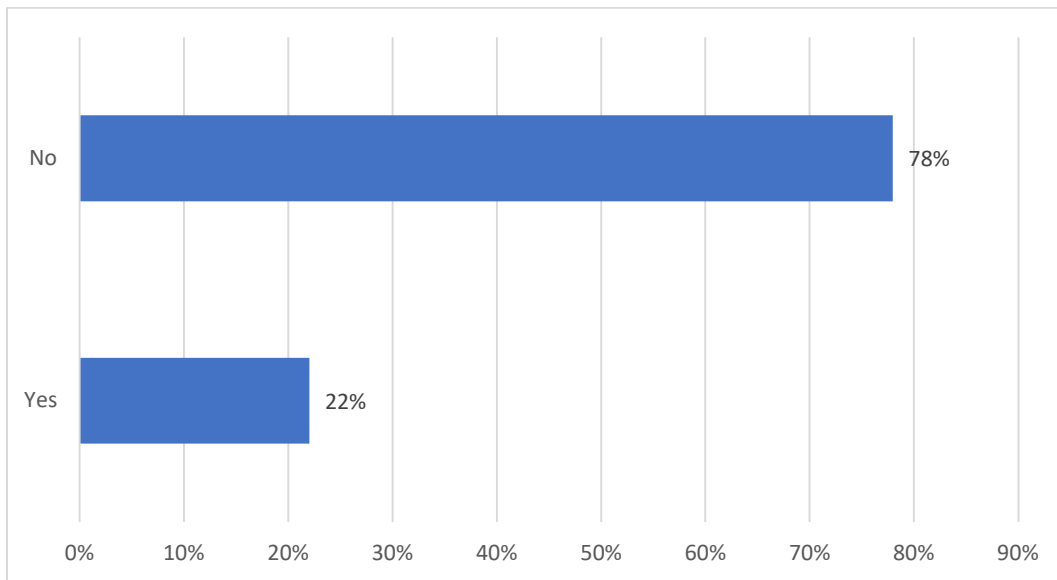
Q24: How do you work? (118 responses)



Q25: Where do you work? (Check all that apply) (106 responses)



Q26: Do you have school aged children under the age of 18 at your home? (118 responses)



Q27: How long have you lived in Isle La Motte? (118 responses)

