



To the Voters of Concord:

Since 1950, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the region's advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. We are a combined regional planning and economic development organization in Vermont, serving the largest and most rural region of the state - the beautiful Northeast Kingdom.

Each year we request dues from our member communities. These funds are essential as they help defray the costs of providing direct assistance to the 50+ municipalities and scores of businesses in our region.

2018 has been a busy year. Local governance has become increasingly complex. NVDA continues to expand our service offerings as needed and now include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning- town plans, zoning bylaws, ordinances;
- Transportation studies, infrastructure inventories, and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS data services;
- Grant writing and grant administration;
- Direct business support and referral services to employers in our region;
- Energy planning to give towns heightened standing in the permitting of renewable energy projects;
- Water quality planning and implementation to help communities meet new statutory requirements;
- Emergency planning assistance for disaster and flood hazard plans;
- Brownfield assessments and planning for redevelopment projects;
- Economic development planning to grow and strengthen local businesses;
- Maintaining a federal Foreign Trade Zone designation to assist companies that import for their operations;
- Providing training opportunities and on-call technical assistance for local officials.

How have we assisted Concord? In 2018, NVDA staff provided technical assistance for town highway stormwater mitigation through Grants in Aid funding, and assisted with grant writing.

NVDA's municipal dues are based on a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost- effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

Your town has been "confirmed" as a planning community by the NVDA board, which allows your community to benefit from a number of planning initiatives and financial opportunities. We look forward to pursuing these opportunities with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director