

TOWN OF WARREN

TOWN PLAN : (2019)

Goal 1.2.11

■ To ensure the availability of safe and affordable housing for all Vermonters, Warren will...

- Accommodate the town's fair share of the region's population growth to maintain community vitality and diversity;
- Encourage the development of affordable housing and net residential housing units;
- Encourage the development of accessory dwellings;
- Monitor the rate of housing development in an effort to accommodate the town's projected population in a manner that does not overburden public services and is consistent with the town's rural character and natural resources;
- Encourage development of diversity of housing types and prices in locations convenient to employment, town facilities, services, and commercial centers consistent with traditional settlement patterns; and
- Support efforts to maintain the existing affordable housing stock.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS: (2022 Draft)

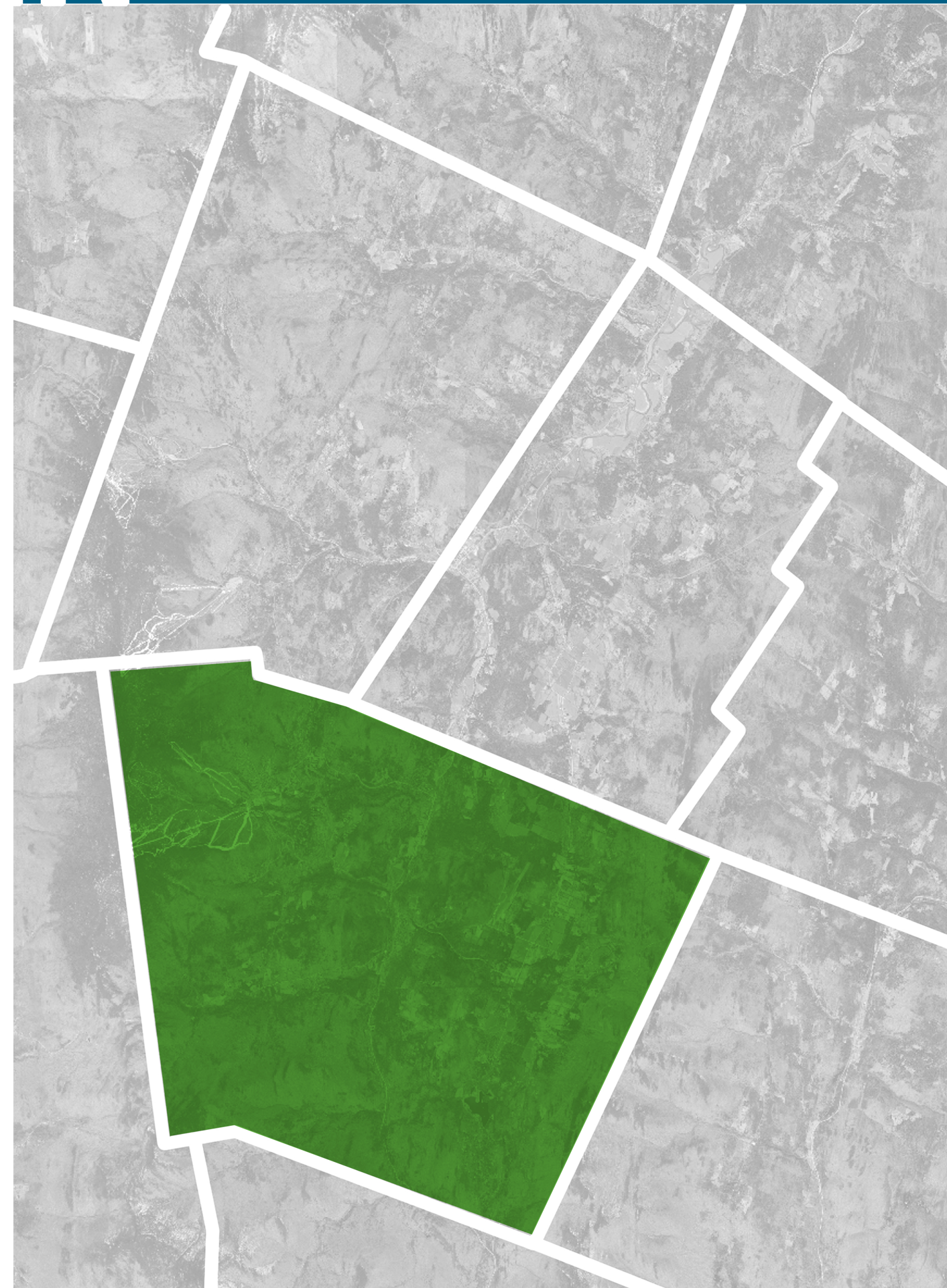
■ Seek to support both housing quality and affordability with provisions for multi-unit housing, worker housing, accessory dwelling units, and rooming and boarding houses

■ Resort District: enhanced density, dimensional requirements, allowable uses, and district boundaries Village District: Reduce dimensional setbacks & increased densities

■ ADU's: encouraged via no owner occupancy requirement. Reduced ADU parking space requirement. Two-family & multi-unit dwellings allowable in all zoning districts except for Resource Protection & Forest Recreation.

■ Increased density bonuses for affordable housing. Two dwelling units allowed on a lot without requiring subdivision.

■ Streamlined permitting and development review process.



WASTEWATER:

Infrastructure

■ Warren Village Decentralized Wastewater Management Project (2005)

Water Infrastructure
FINANCING PROGRAMS

Warren, VT; Case Study Decentralized Wastewater Management



Background

The Village of Warren, located in the Mad River Valley, pursued a successful wastewater management solution to bring capacity to local businesses and residences in need. After concerns put forth by community members and local community groups about water quality in the Mad River, testing was completed and pushed the town to pursue a wastewater management solution. With funding supported by the Pitcher's Inn in 1997, a small community cluster system was constructed of 5,000 gallons per day (gpd) located at the elementary school recreational field, Brooks Field. This system served the Inn, the Warren Store, the fire station, the Town post office, several town offices, and two residences. After a flood event in 1998 and after more than a decade of monitoring by Friends of the Mad River which showed contamination in the village, and opportunity was created for the town to benefit from an EPA Special Demonstration Grant. Warren received the Grant and with Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD) created a work plan to pursue a decentralized system. The system was built and expanded to increase capacity to 30,000 gpd and the town then purchased the system.

Timeline

- 1985: Mad River Watch started by Friends of the Mad River, volunteers continue to monitor over 30 sites watershed today
- 1987: Philips & Embereley Feasibility Study conducted, recommends Brooks Field as likely wastewater treatment site
- 1997: Pitcher Inn identifies need for additional capacity and Town, and pursues small wastewater solution
- 1998: Mad River flooding causes rise of concern and community wide wastewater solutions begin to be pursued
- 1999-2000: EPA Special Demonstration Grant awarded to Town to expand wastewater solution plan
- 2001: Draft Needs Assessment Report released with recommended project plan
- 2002: Review by committee and external engineers on feasibility of plan
- 2003: Final project plan and design completed
- May 2003-October 2004: Construction

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