



SERVICES TO ERVING IN 2023

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND USE

- Continued development of a Keyup Brook Watershed-Based Plan that would make the watershed area eligible for water quality grants.
- Met with town staff to formulate a grant proposal to study the Keyup Brook watershed and identify water quality best management practices.
- Provided technical assistance related to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing of the Northfield Mountain pumped storage and the Turners Falls dam hydroelectric projects, resulting in a signed recreation settlement agreement.
- Provided several updates to the Erving Zoning map at the Town's request.
- Prepared a memo summarizing known short-term rental numbers in Erving, tax revenues for towns that have opted in to the lodging tax, and a summary of existing bylaws across the state, related to short term rentals. Towns can use that info to develop policies and bylaws, if desired.
- As part of a 6-town Complete Neighborhoods "Greenfield Area" grant project, analyzed zoning of Greenfield and other towns, to generate recommendations for increasing housing diversity.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Conducted the annual student health survey assessing attitudes and behaviors among middle and high school students. Staff reported results to Gill-Montague Regional School District (GMRSD) administrators from 81 students, representing 59% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grades. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the GMRSD.
- Helped GMRSD administration and staff implement Restorative Practices school climate improvements.
- Supported Erving in Motion Age-friendly workgroup on age- and dementia-friendly municipal planning initiative. With Mass in Motion funding, the workgroup purchased and installed a bench at the library. The funding also helped support a Wellness Fair at the Erving Senior Center.
- Supported town officials with information and technical assistance on spending opioid settlement funds.
- Provided seven Erving children with summer camp scholarships through a Community Health Improvement Plan, Foundation for Community Justice mini-grant to improve youth health.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Prepared a site profile for the International Paper Mill property featured at the FRCOG's exhibitor table at the Western Mass Developer's Conference in Springfield in October.
- Provided technical assistance on historic preservation related planning.

SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- Erving contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment, fire alarm services, and dog tags and licenses.
- The FRCOG Cooperative Inspections program issued 88 building permits, 63 electrical permits, 25 plumbing/gas permits, and 5 certificates of inspection for Erving in 2023.
- Erving is a public health nursing program member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the FRCOG. CPHS staff:
 - Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools and senior centers. These clinics served 325+ individuals in North County, including many Erving residents. Clinics at Erving Senior Center and Erving

Public Library served 93 people in total and provided 124 doses of vaccine.

- Hosted drop-in nursing hours at the Senior Center, serving 60 different people in 124 separate contacts.
- Gave 259 Flu and 257 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours, and home visits. Among these, Erving residents received 26 vaccines, including 9 at-home visits.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, checking state disease reporting system daily and following up as required, including 68 Erving cases.
- Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all drop-in nursing hours: 69 boxes exchanged.
- Supported participation in the Franklin County Age- and Dementia-Friendly Communities initiative by working with the steering committee, subcommittees, and community partners to write and publish a five-year action plan in response to local priorities identified in the needs survey data.
- Four Erving residents received low-cost tick tests through a district Tick Report.com program, a value of \$140. Offered tick prevention materials/ help for residents accessing tick tests.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops, roundtables and training sessions that Erving public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Emergency Preparedness

- K-9 Life Support Certification – 2
- Assault and Battery Response – 1

Planning, Conservation & Development

- Environmental Protection Grant Info Session – 1
- Short Term Residential Rentals – 1

Public Health & Community Awareness

- Age- & Dementia-Friendly Community Talk– 1
- DPH Capacity Assessment – 3
- Health Workforce Performance Standards – 1
- Overview of the Tanning Code – 1
- USDA Rural Development Grant Info Session – 1

TRANSPORTATION

- Continued to participate in the Northern Tier Rail study to examine the feasibility of passenger rail service connecting North Adams, Greenfield, and Boston.
- Completed trail counts and provided mapping assistance for the Poplar Mountain Trail network.
- Collaborated with Erving on ongoing meetings of the Route 2 Task Force, and provided facilitation assistance.
- Continued to assist the town in advancing the Church Street Bridge improvement project.
- Conducted traffic counts on Church Street and North Street for speed analysis.
- Provided assistance in advancing the Wendell Trail Project, which will provide an off-road bicycle and walking connection from Erving Center to Farley.
- Completed summary report for electric vehicle station survey in the town of Erving.
- Conducted truck survey and reporting at the Route 2 rest area in Erving for truck drivers.
- Participated in the National Park Service’s development of a Foundation Document for the New England National Scenic Trail.