



SERVICES TO HAWLEY IN 2023

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND USE

- Assisted the administrative assistant with completing Hawley's FY23 Green Communities Annual Report.
- Engaged with town officials and residents about building climate resiliency in the Clesson Brook watershed, as a part of Buckland's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant.
- Prepared a memo summarizing known short-term rental numbers in Franklin County, revenues for towns that have opted in to the lodging tax, and existing bylaws across the state related to short-term rentals. Towns can use that info to develop policies and bylaws, if desired.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) administrators on results from 101 Mohawk students, representing 81% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Worked with MTRSD admin and staff to implement Restorative Practices school climate improvements.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the school district.
- Supported town officials with information and technical assistance on spending opioid settlement funds.
- Worked with town officials to recruit residents to fill out the Massachusetts Community Health Survey, to better understand local needs and encourage state investment in improving health outcomes.
- Provided funding and facilitation support to the Mary Lyon Foundation for the creation of the West County People Supporting People Network, which hosted a resource fair to bring the county's healthcare and human service agencies to West County.

SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- Hawley contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment, and dog tags and licenses. Staff facilitated a bid for culvert replacement on Sears Road. Staff also conducted a Collective five-year bid for student transportation encompassing nine Franklin County School Districts, including the Franklin County Technical School.
- The Franklin County Cooperative Inspections program issued 19 building permits, 21 electrical permits, nine plumbing/gas permits, and five certificates of inspection for Hawley in 2023.
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- Hawley is a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a regional health district based at the FRCOG. CPHS Staff:
 - Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools, libraries, and senior centers. Town clinics served 726 individuals, providing 1075 doses of vaccine.
 - Hosted drop-in nursing hours at Charlemont Federated Church Senior Lunches and Good Neighbors monthly, serving 87 different people in 168 separate contacts.
 - Gave 259 Flu and 257 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours and home visits. Hawley residents received five vaccines, including one during an at-home visit.

- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, checking state disease-tracking system daily, and following up as required, including for five Hawley 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.
- Collaborated with local libraries on a West County community training on how to identify and respond to an opioid overdose.
- Supported 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 from the needs survey data.
- Offered tick-bite prevention outreach by providing educational materials and co-hosting seven permethrin “shoe spraying” events with district boards of health. Helped residents access the tick-testing program.
- Began hosting district “Train the Trainer” events: The first taught community members to train their peers on recognizing and responding to opioid overdose.
- Assisted businesses, organizations, and individuals with the CPHS on-line public health permitting system. Evaluated and made determinations on a total of 24 applications for Hawley, and on an additional 14 applications for regional permits.
- Conducted nine soil evaluation/percolation tests; reviewed three septic system plans, visited sites, conducted final installation inspections, prepared and certificates of compliance; and witnessed five title-5 inspections prior to property transfer.
- Reviewed two applications for food establishment permits, and conducted three inspections.
- Provided guidance to the Board of Health, as needed.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

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

Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security

Assault and Battery Response – 1

Municipal Officials’ Continuing Education

Grants Information Session – 1

Public Health & Community Awareness

Age and Dementia-Friendly Community Talk – 1

Beaver Trapping Permitting – 1

USDA Rural Development Grant Info Session – 1

TRANSPORTATION

- Administered a state MassTrails grant for trail improvements and information kiosks on the Mohican-Mohawk Trail. Facilitated the design of kiosk panels at trailheads.
- Created a large-scale map including parcels with identification and road names for selectboard.
- Engaged in contract to install Franklin County Bikeway wayfinding signs in spring 2024.
- Conducted a traffic count on Ashfield Road.
- Created a temporary traffic control plan for one-lane closure of Route 8A over Chickley River Bridge.
- Initiated a project to gather public input to discuss potential improvements to the Dugway section of Route 8A.