



SERVICES TO WARWICK IN 2023

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND USE

- Reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the A1-B2 Asset Condition Refurbishment Project and submitted comments to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act office. This National Grid transmission line passes through Warwick and is being upgraded. FRCOG reviewed several project impacts, including to the New England Trail.
- Assisted the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee with completing the FY23 Green Communities Annual Report.
- Worked with the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee to develop and finalize a municipal net-zero plan and a community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Pioneer Valley Regional School (PVRS) administrators on results from 90 Pioneer students, representing 64% 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 PVRS District administration and staff to implement Restorative Practices school climate improvements.
- Supported town officials with information and technical assistance on spending opioid settlement funds.
- Provided funding and technical assistance for the creation of the North Quabbin Public Health Collaborative, based in the Orange Health Department, to provide contact tracing and health education to the town.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Supported access to the US Environmental Protection Agency's Targeted Brownfields Assessment program to assess a town-owned site. Coordinated a site visit of EPA consultants.
- Provided assistance for the town's request for local digital equity planning services from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and began working on the eight-town Franklin County Cooperative Digital Equity Plan.

SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- Warwick contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment, heating and vehicle fuel, and dog tags and licenses. Staff also conducted a collective five-year bid for student transportation encompassing nine Franklin County School Districts, including the Franklin County Technical School.
- FRCOG staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town energy committees.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

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

Public Health & Community Awareness

- Age and Dementia-Friendly Community Conversation – 2
- Restorative Practices – 4

TRANSPORTATION

- Engaged in contract to install Franklin County Bikeway wayfinding signs in spring 2024.
- Participated in the National Park Service's development of a foundation document for the New England National Scenic Trail.