

SWANTON, VT

- ▶ Swanton Enhancement Project – Utilized a *large* community engagement process to formalize priorities and action steps
 - 5 Task Forces and a Steering Committee were formed as a result: Arts Council, Downtown: Traffic, Bikeability & Walkability, Economic Development, Outdoor Recreation, and Uniting to Prevent Substance Abuse
 - Task Forces are charged with implementing priorities and action steps identified by the Community Visit Process

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Lessons Learned, Resources or Tools:

▶ Lessons Learned:

- Tackle the easy, quick wins to gather momentum for the larger initiatives
- Keep building capacity and community – it's important
- Maintain constant communication (FB, municipal website, newspaper)

▶ Resources/Tools:

- Local daily newspaper assigned us a reporter
- Mark Fenton visit to region (October 2015)
- Local Regional Planning, Local Motion, FCIDC, RiseVT

Current Challenge:

▶ Funding

- While there is some funding for some projects, determining which projects get funding and finding funding for the big infrastructure projects is a challenge

▶ Time

- With so much excitement and so many priorities, it's hard to get them all done fast enough to match the enthusiasm
- Some projects take a long time (scoping studies, feasibility, construction season...)