

One Burke

Village Infrastructure Committee

The beginning.....

- Summer 2017 – VCRD held 3 Meetings with the Burke Community
- October 2017 – VCRD Report and Action Plan presented.
- October 2017 – 3 committees were formed to address the 3 priorities identified
 - Expand Education Facilities
 - **Revitalize Village Infrastructure**
 - Improve Village Traffic and Pedestrian Safety and Build a Trail Connecting East and West Burke

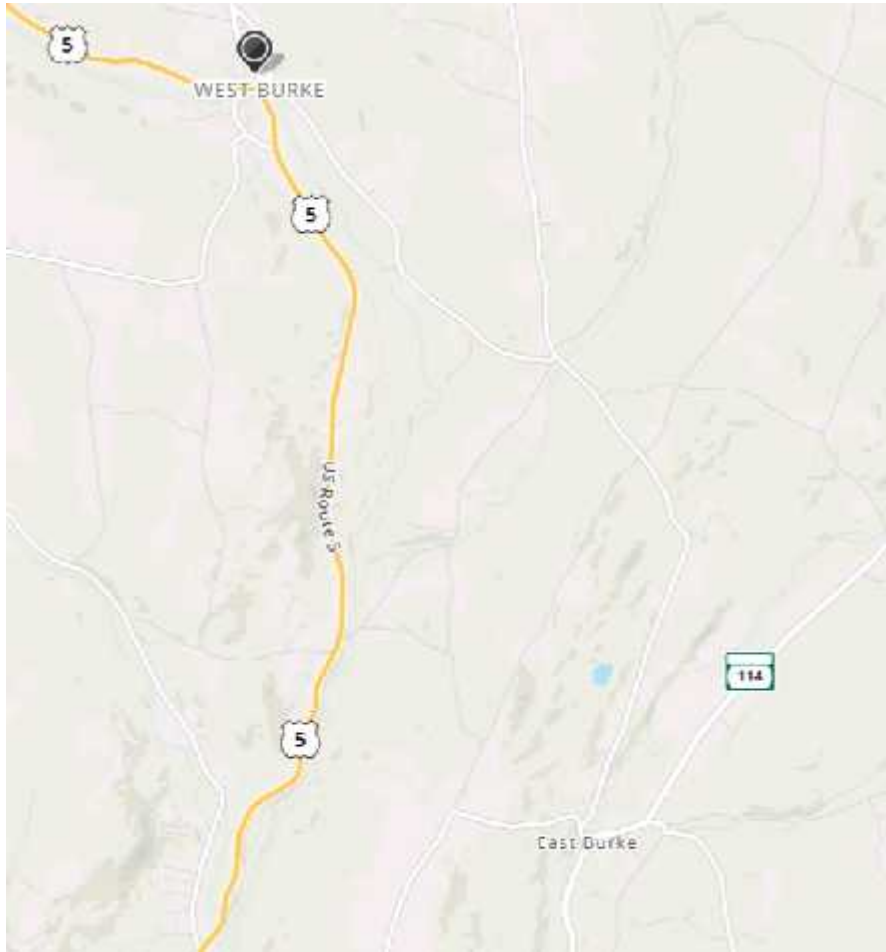
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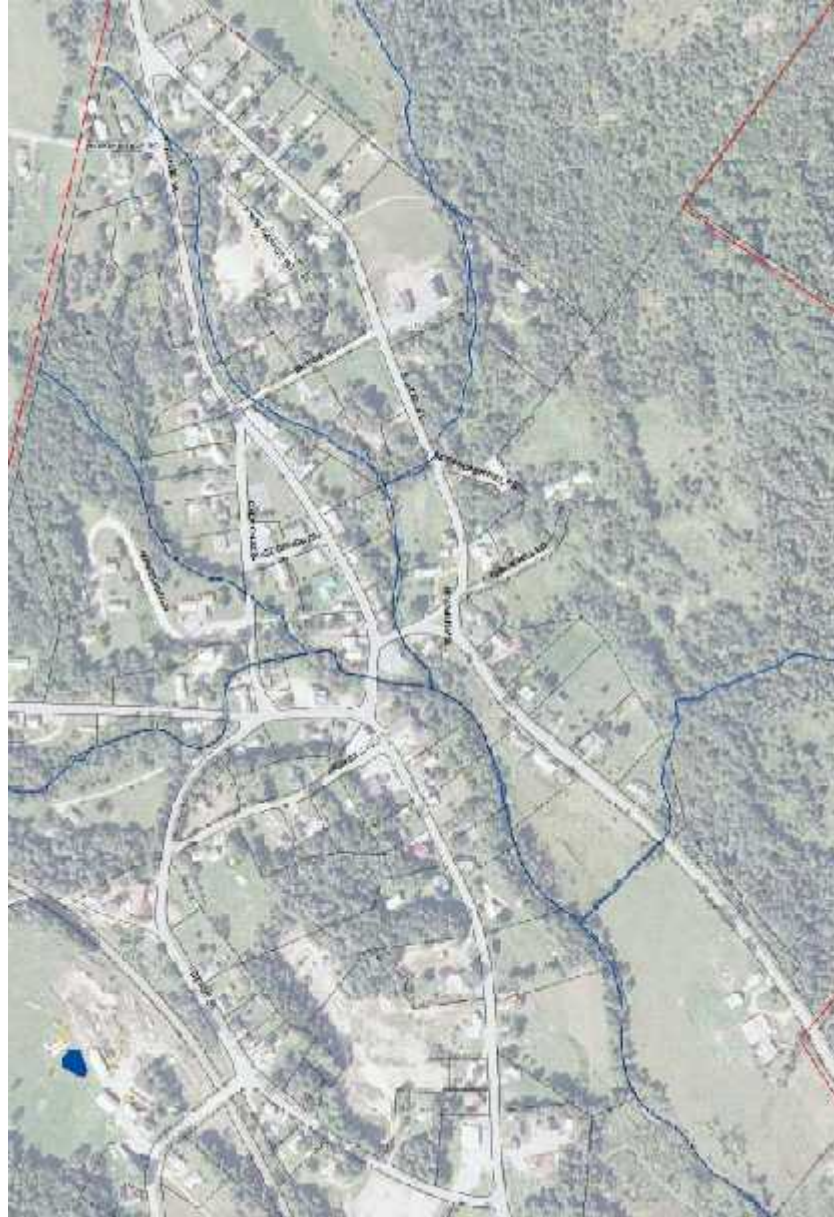
Town of Burke

- Population ~ 1,700, approx 1,000 year round
- 3 villages
 - West Burke
 - East Burke
 - Burke Hollow
- 34 square miles
- Approx 900 housing units
- Home of Burke Mountain, Burke Ski Academy and Kingdom Trails
- 2018 KT – 140,000 day visitors

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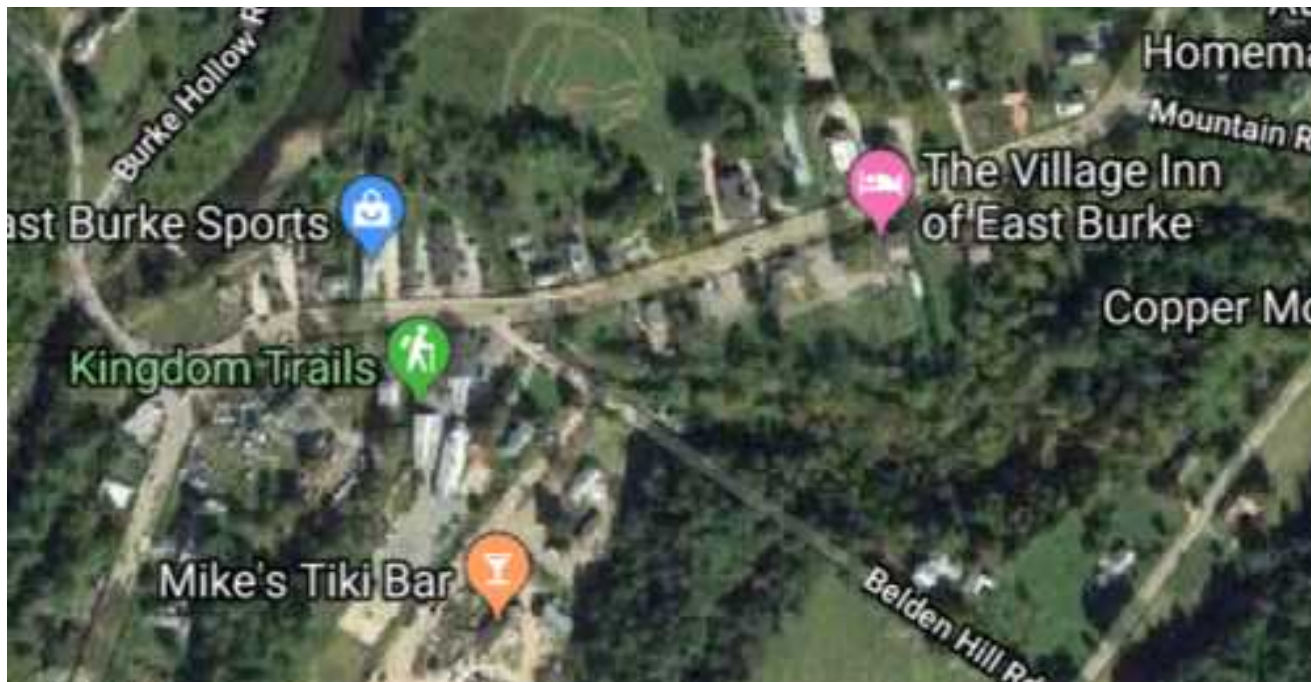


West Burke





East Burke



Timeline of events

- December 2017 – Applied for a \$30,000 – USDA Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households grant (SEARCH)
- March 2018 – Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reached out to have Burke participate in a pilot study for DEC to assist with obtaining a financially viable approach to wastewater treatment to be funded by a NBRC grant

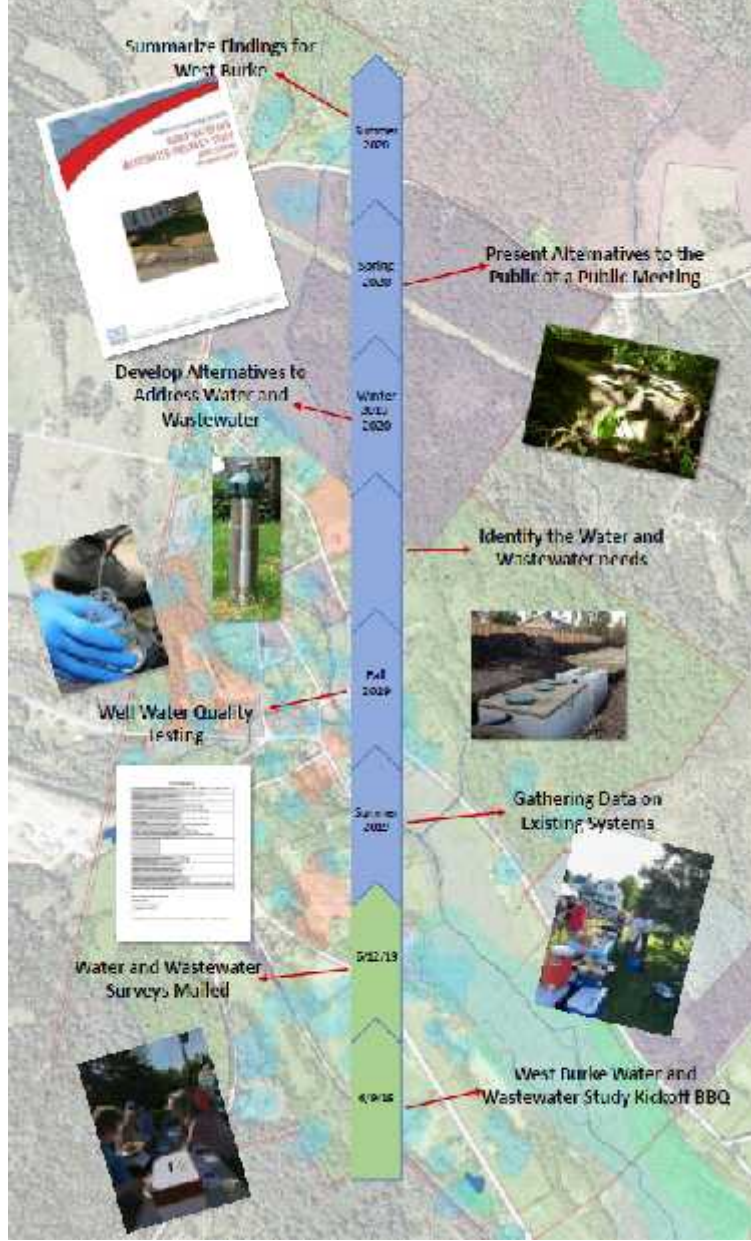
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- July 2018 - Awarded SEARCH Grant, Engineering Firm was hired
- August 2018 – DEC was awarded the NBRC grant for \$219,213 to assist 3 villages in their wastewater studies – East Burke and West Burke were selected as 2 of the 3 villages.
- November 2018 – DEC project kickoff

Timeline of events

- January/February 2019 Project charter development
- March/April 2019 – Selection of project coordinator
- May 2019 – Community communication about project
- June 2019 – Community Picnic

Burke Water and Wastewater Study



Key Challenges

- Village differences
- Volunteer Committee
- Selectboard resistant to change
- No Town manager
- Community participation
- Slow progress
- Community does not want to be burdened with more taxes or utility costs

Advantages

- Connections made with various individuals as part of the VCRD community visit – a lot of information and work provided to help with the grants and engineering selection
- Working with project manager paid for by the NBRC grant awarded to DEC
- Working at NCIC – had knowledge of various grants due to coworkers

Next step: Charrette and Ec Dev Study – West Burke

- Total project cost estimated at \$47,500
- Applied for 4 grants
 - Municipal Planning Grant – up to \$22,000
 - Vermont Community Foundation NEK Fund grant – up to \$5,000
 - Kingdom Trails Community Foundation grant – up to \$5,000 (awarded \$2,500)
 - USDA RBDG Technical Assistance grant via NCIC – applied for \$10,000
 - Remaining amount to be funded by the Town
- Also applied for NE Grassroots Grow Grants for \$2,500 (up to \$3,500)

Thank You!!