



# ACRPC

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## Vermont Thermal Efficiency Bill

Norwich state representative Margaret Cheney introduced legislation (H.216) this session to fund thermal efficiency in Vermont as recommended by the Thermal Efficiency Task Force (TETF) in its recent report ([http://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/psd/files/Topics/Energy\\_Efficiency/TETF/TETF%20Report%20to%20the%20Legislature\\_FINAL\\_1\\_15\\_13\\_2.pdf](http://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/psd/files/Topics/Energy_Efficiency/TETF/TETF%20Report%20to%20the%20Legislature_FINAL_1_15_13_2.pdf)). The initial bill would have raised the gross receipts tax on home heating fuels from .5% to 1%, doubling support for thermal efficiency work from about \$8 million to almost \$16 million. However, this added funding

was recently stripped from the bill, leaving no support for the increased efficiency work that needs to be done in the state. You can read a good article on this at Vermont Digger (<http://vtdigger.org/2013/03/05/house-energy-committee-faces-logjam-of-choices-on-programs-and-how-to-fund-them/>). Please contact your state legislators today if you'd like to express support for funding H. 216.

## Notice of Issuance of Draft General Permit 3-9100 for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is issuing draft General Permit 3-9100 (GP 3-9000) for public comment. GP 3-9100 provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage in the state of Vermont for discharges from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations to all Class A and B waters in the State, except Outstanding Resources Waters.

The Agency will accept written comments on the draft general permit until the close of business on April 29, 2013. The draft permit is available at <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov> or you may call 802-490-6171 to request a copy.

Written comments may be mailed to:

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Comments may also be submitted via email to [marli.rupe@state.vt.us](mailto:marli.rupe@state.vt.us)

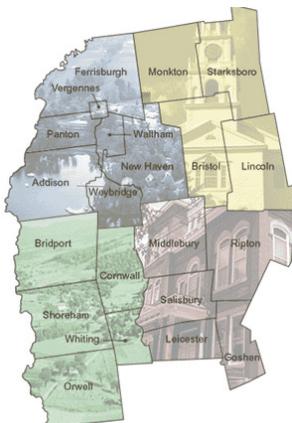
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## Commission Calendar

April 2013

10	7:30	Full Commission Meeting
11	6:00	ACSWMD Meeting
17	7:00	Transportation Advisory Committee
17	9:00 - 11:00	Zoning Administrator Roundtable
17	5:30 - 7:30	Acorn Network
23	7:00	Solar for Farms Presentation with Farm Bureau & SunCommon
24	4:60 - 6:00	ACWRC Sample Bottling
May 1	6:30	ACRPC Executive Board

Meetings are held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, and are open to the public.



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After reviewing public comments on the draft general permit, the Agency will issue the final general permit.

**Compliance with Vermont Water Quality Standards**  
The requirements of this permit reflect the goal of the federal Clean Water Act and Vermont law to achieve and maintain water quality standards. Federal regulations pertaining to the state anti degradation policies are found at 40 CFR §131.12. Vermont's anti-degradation policy is set forth in Section 1-03 of the Vermont Water Quality Standards. The effluent limitations and requirements contained in this general permit, including but not limited to the Secretary's approval of a site-specific nutrient management plan, are designed to ensure compliance with the Vermont Water Quality Standards, including Vermont's anti-degradation policy.

## **Make Money by Saving Energy**

Have you been thinking about looking into energy efficiency improvements in your home but just haven't gotten around to it? With the Home Energy Efficiency Challenge going on, now's a great time! There are lots of things you can do, with different financial investments and outcomes.

Visit [http://www.encyvermont.com/for\\_our\\_partners/community\\_partners/residential/home-energy-challenge-pledge.aspx](http://www.encyvermont.com/for_our_partners/community_partners/residential/home-energy-challenge-pledge.aspx) to take the pledge to do something to improve the energy efficiency of your home!

## **Department for Children and Families Community Housing Grants** *Applications Due: April 26, 2013*

The Department for Children & Families, Economic Services Division announces the availability of funding for community partners to work jointly to develop and implement coordinated community responses to prevent and address homelessness of individuals and families in their region. Community Housing Grant will be awarded in each of the Agency of Human Services (AHS) twelve districts throughout the state.

The primary objectives of the Community Housing Grants are:

- To prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless or to help an individual or family regain stability in current housing or other permanent housing;
- To help individuals or families living in shelters, publicly-funded motels, or places not meant for human habitation to move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing;
- To provide case management for homeless individuals and families which will provide coordination for the household and provide more intensive interaction and services for clients deemed unlikely to resolve their housing crisis with short-term financial assistance alone.

A total of \$2,899,961 is available for state fiscal year 2014. Grants will be awarded by Department for Children & Families, Economic Services Division to one lead applicant in each AHS district who is expected to make sub-awards to partner applicants as identified in the proposal. Eligible budget components are included in section two of this Funding Opportunity Announcement. There is no requirement for match funding. Final funding and award amounts are contingent upon legislative appropriation.

Find out more at <http://dcf.vermont.gov/> or by emailing Christine Dalley at [chris.dalley@state.vt.us](mailto:chris.dalley@state.vt.us).

## **Mark your Calendars!**

Way to Go! Commuter Challenge will be May 13-18 This annual event encourages Vermonters to try a new way of getting to work. Save some cash and have some fun! Each year more and more businesses, towns, and neighborhoods create teams to out-do their counterparts. Who will win the Carbon Cup? For details and to sign-up, visit [www.waytogovt.org](http://www.waytogovt.org).

# Events

## **Save the Date:**

### **Vermont Economic Development Summit**

*Monday, June 3, 2013, 9am-4pm*

*Paramount Theatre, Rutland*

This event kicks off the development of a statewide economic development strategy. This is an opportunity to make your voice heard by participating in this gathering of Vermont's leading business minds for a day of panel discussions and breakout sessions on the opportunities and challenges facing the state.

Co-sponsored by Green Mountain Power, the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and Vermont's Regional Development Corporations. Details to follow.

## **Upcoming Free Webinars**

These trainings cover a variety of topics, from the NFIP basics through specifics of elevation certificates, and are presented by STARR (Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction) staff, FEMA, and State organizations. Many of the courses are eligible for CEC credits for Certified Floodplain Managers.

To register for a course or to check on upcoming courses, navigate to <http://j.mp/starrwebtraining> and click the "Upcoming" tab. You can also participate by coming to ACRPC's offices or using our videoconferencing setup. Please call ahead to reserve a space.

*April 11, 1:00 pm – Eastern Elevation Certificates for A Zones*

Training on the proper way to complete FEMA Form 81-31 and best practices for using the Elevation Certificate in the floodplain development review process. Special consideration to using the form in A Zone without a BFE. 2 CECs for ASFPM Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs) that register and attend individually and pass the learning objectives quiz at the end of the session.

*April 17, 1:00 pm Eastern – Biggert Waters NFIP Reform Act of 2012*

The Biggert-Waters National Flood Insurance Program Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) resulted in major changes to the NFIP. This session, presented by FEMA Region X, will provide an overview of the changes and what is being done to implement the legislation. Continuing Education and Professional Development Credits are available.

*April 18, 1:00 pm Eastern – NFIP Basics*

This one-hour session will cover the history of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), basic terminology, governing authority, and provide an overview of the community's role in floodplain management through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The target audience are state and local officials who need a general understanding of the ins and outs of the program and guidance on where to go for more training and answers. Continuing Education and Professional Development Credits are available.

*April 24, 1:00 pm Eastern – Preparing Data for Hazus*

This session is targeted to those interested in how to update Hazus with local data from parcel/assessors information. We will describe the data required to update the Hazus general building stock data. The session will feature tutorials on how to update data using the Comprehensive Data Management System. We will also cover what is required for a user-defined analysis for the Earthquake and Flood modules. Continuing Education and Professional Development Credits are available.

*April 25, 1:00 pm Eastern – MT-1 Basics*

This webinar is designed to give a broad overview of the MT-1 review process and review procedures that will help applicants submit a completed MT-1 application to facilitate processing by FEMA. Attendees will learn what is required to submit a complete application, including how to fill out the forms and use FE-

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MA's new online LOMC submittal tool. In addition, the course will outline the differences between LOMAs, eLOMAs, LOMR-Fs, and conditional LOMCs. Participants will learn how to submit more complete LOMC requests that can be processed more quickly and with fewer additional data requests. The community's role with regards to the MT-1 process will also be discussed. This course is designed for State and Local officials, engineers, surveyors, and anyone interested in learning more about the MT-1 process. Continuing Education and Professional Development Credits are available.

**Videoconference on new  
Vermont Health Care Exchange**

*April 17, 2013 at 1:00 PM*

This is an opportunity to learn about Vermont's new Health Exchange. VCLT and state officials will be making a presentation to regional planning commissions and will discuss the new exchange. Interested municipal officials are invited to come to ACRPC to learn with us. Organized by the Lamoille County Regional Planning Commission.

**Lunch and Learn Webcast for Way to Go!  
Commuter Challenge Employer Champions**

*Thursday, April 11, 2013 12:00 PM-1:00 PM*

Put your business to the test or go up against other businesses to see who can reduce the most carbon pollution in one week. Bike, walk, carpool, or ride the bus to victory. Win prizes, have fun, and kick the carbon pollution to the curb!

This Way to Go! Lunch and Learn for Employer Champions webcast will introduce you to the 2013 Way to Go! Challenge (taking place from May 13-17), show you how to sign up your company, give details on challenge benefits and prizes, and provide you with resources and tips to charge up your fellow employees.

Register at: <http://www.waytogovt.org/>