

ACRPC

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Addison County Transportation Summit

- Thursday, May 11th
- 6:30 - 8:30PM
- Vergennes Opera House

Join Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR), the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC), the Addison County Walk-Bike Council, and other local decision-makers to talk about local and regional transportation planning.

The Transportation Summit is designed to remove

some of the mystery from transportation planning.

Come discuss the following and more:

- How can we make our roads safer for everyone and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels?
- Where does funding come from for sidewalks?
- Who decides where to site a Park-and-Ride?
- How are bus routes and schedules determined?
- How can local town energy committees get involved creating transportation efficiencies?

For more information, please email: info@cbc-cavu.org.

Commission Calendar

April 2017

12	7:00pm	Full Commission Meeting
13	7:00pm	ACSWMD Meeting
19	7:00pm	TAC Meeting
26	6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting

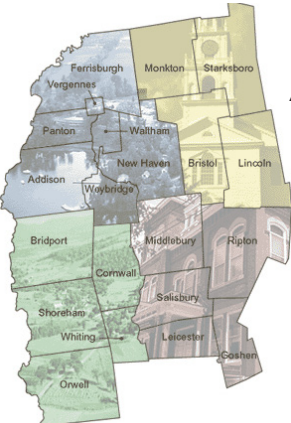
Meetings are held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, and are open to the public.

Local Emergency Operations Plans Due By May 1st

It's that time of year again to update your Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), and submit it to ACRPC by May 1, 2017. There have been no modifications to the Base Plan for 2017, so municipalities should continue to use the Base Plan template that was released in 2016. Appendices are optional, but they serve as an additional resource for your municipality to enhance emergency preparedness. The following appendices have been added for 2017:

- B8 Continuity of Operations Plan;
- B9 Evacuation Plan;
- B10 Debris Management Plan;
- C6 Shelter Inspections; and,
- C7 Municipal Guidance for Flood Emergencies

The LEOP requires the certifying individual to take ICS 402 or ICS 100. DEMHS is offering ICS 402 around the state this spring. Course offerings are



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Announcements

available on the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Website here: <http://demhs.vermont.gov/calendar>.

To learn more about the updates and for assistance updating the document, please contact Tim Bouton at tbouton@acrpc.org.

Vergennes Receives Lake Champlain Basin Program Grant!

The City of Vergennes, in partnership with the Watershed Consulting Associates, was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program for a project entitled, “Sanitary Sewer Utility Mapping to Reduce Occurance of Combined Sewer Overflows and Stormwater Master Planning for Vergennes, VT.”

The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) works in partnership with government agencies from New York, Vermont, and Québec, private organizations, local communities, and individuals to coordinate and fund efforts that benefit the Lake Champlain Basin’s water quality, fisheries, wetlands, wildlife, recreation, and cultural resources.

These efforts are guided by the plan *Opportunities for Action*. The LCBP works with its program partners, advisory committees, and local communities to implement this plan through a variety of federal, state and local funds. Core funding for the LCBP is through the US Environmental Protection Agency. Since 1992, the Lake Champlain Basin Program has awarded more than \$6.4 million in local grants and funded more than eighty important research and demonstration projects about the Champlain Basin. The local grants are key to implementing the *Opportunities for Action* plan at the grassroots level.

Efficiency Vermont Launches Speakers Bureau

Efficiency Vermont is offering free workshops for community groups and businesses designed to help Vermonters make energy improvements. Each workshop addresses how a particular technology works, associated economics, and available technical and financial resources. Efficiency Vermont will provide an energy expert to deliver the presentation, guidance on how to effectively organize a workshop, and educational and public outreach materials. Community groups and businesses are asked to take primary responsibility for getting the word out and securing the venue.

The following educational workshops are currently available:

- Button Up Vermont: how homes lose energy and primary opportunities for air sealing and insulation
- Cold Climate Heat Pumps: the latest in heat pump technology, the relative economics compared to other fuel sources, and successful case studies
- Mobile Home Efficiency: improvements unique to mobile homes, with a focus on DIY opportunities
- Modern Wood Heating: how wood pellet central heating systems work, and the relative cost and savings compared to other systems
- Slash Your Energy Bills: introductory workshop on reducing energy bills through low-cost efficiency improvements, weatherization, and more
- Zero Energy Homes: the path toward a zero energy home with energy efficiency, heat pumps, and solar

To schedule a workshop call 1 888-921-5990 or sign up on the Efficiency Vermont website here: <https://www.encyvermont.com/services/education-awareness/events>.

Association of VT Conservation Commissions ~ Tiny Grant Program Deadline April 14th! ~

The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) is seeking applications for its 2017 Tiny

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Grant program. The grants provide seed money and/or matching funds for specific conservation projects at the local level and AVCC members are eligible to apply.

The grants range from \$250-600 and the goals of the program are to help conservation commissions advance their missions in a number of ways, including: 1) assisting local committees/groups in becoming a Conservation Commission; 2) to increase the functioning capacity of existing Conservation Commissions; and 3) to provide seed money and/or matching funds for specific projects in the broad categories of land conservation, education and outreach, stewardship and management, and planning.

Last year, AVCC awarded grants to groups in Bolton, Greensboro, Wallingford, Dummerston, and Bradford. Projects included a floodplain forest inventory project, establishing a pollinator corridor, outdoor education programs connecting kids with nature, improving a town forest trail network, and improving access to a natural area for Vermonters of all abilities

Applications are due by April 14, 2017.

For more information and to download the grant application visit: <http://vtconservation.com/tiny-grants/>.

REV2017 Request for Presentations - Don't Delay!

The deadline to submit your presentation proposal for REV2017: Renewables for All is just around the corner. Don't delay and submit your abstract today!

As the premier renewable energy conference in New England, REV's annual conference convenes the most influential leaders in the renewable energy sector from policy makers and cutting edge entrepreneurs, to utility managers and more. This year's conference, REV2017: Renewables for All covers energy policy/ planning/permitting, finance, and specific technical sectors. Don't delay and submit your idea today! The deadline to submit your proposal is May 5th.

If you are interested in sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities, please visit here: <http://www.revconference.org/sponsor/>.

For information about last year's conference visit: www.revconference.org.

REV2017 will take place on October 2 & 3, 2017 in Burlington, Vermont.

Human Power Parade in Bristol

- Saturday, May 20th 10:00am - 2:00pm
- Bristol Skate Park: Parade Launch & Party
- 110 Airport Drive, Bristol, VT

Let's find something to celebrate rather than something to protest... and what better way to celebrate than a zany bicycle parade! When we ride bikes, we connect with the weather, our neighbors, our power, and the joy of moving freedom.

Schedule:

10-11am Bike Decorating, Music & Skate Park Show
Deck out your bikes, tune up the tires and get ready for our rolling celebration with local music and some rad moves at the skate park.

11-12:30 pm The Human Powered Parade!
JOIN our FIRST ANNUAL FLOAT COMPETITION!
We will stop at intersections along the way for community dance parties, interactive art and all things zany!

12:30 - 2:00pm Human Powered Party!
Vendors will be selling local food, bike-powered goodies and gadgets and goodies to increase your non-petroleum mobility and fun!
Advocates will be at hand to spread the word about public transit, bicycling/ walking infrastructure, safety

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and fitness. Local band performances encourage festivity.

All donations collected go towards Safe Routes to Schools incentives in Addison County.

To learn more or to sponsor the event, please visit here: <https://livingtreealliance.com/humanpowered-parade/>.

Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference

The Department of Housing and Community Development is pleased to present the Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the Barrett Center for the Arts in White River Junction. The event is made possible by a partnership with Northern Stage, Preservation Trust of Vermont, and the Town of Hartford. The conference will highlight White River Junction's successful revival by bringing new housing, businesses, and jobs downtown.

This year's conference features nationally recognized keynote speaker Joe Minicozzi, who has done the math that proves investing in downtowns not only improves our quality of life and economy, but saves taxpayer dollars. In addition to the conference sessions and tours, there will be ample time to network including a reception immediately following the conference. Registration includes a full day of sessions and tours, light breakfast, lunch, and appetizers at the reception.

Take advantage of the early bird rate by registering now. Space is limited. For registration and additional conference information please visit our website. Please contact gary.holloway@vermont.gov or 828-3220 with any questions.

Register here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/events/conference>.

Vermont Arbor Day Conference

- Thursday May 4th
- 8:30am-3:30pm
- VT College of Fine Arts, Montpelier
- Cost \$40, lunch provided

Registration is now open for the 2017 Vermont

Arbor Day Conference. The Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program is hosting its second annual full-day conference in honor of Arbor day on May 4th at the Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier. Come learn, celebrate, and network with the citizen tree stewards, municipal leaders, and professionals for Vermont's urban and community forests.

Four simultaneous tracks geared toward separate audiences will be offered this year: municipal leaders, professional arborists, citizen volunteers, and general forest health interest. Session topics include: Emerald Ash Borer, VT Green Streets Manual, VT Tree Warden Statues, VT Open Meeting Law, Tree Cabling and Alternatives and more! ISA and SAF credits will be available for some sessions.

A detailed agenda is available here:

http://vtcommunityforestry.org/sites/default/files/pictures/2017_arbor_day_conference_brochure.pdf.

You can register for this event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vermont-arbor-day-conference-2017-tickets-32414606962>.

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2017 Addison County Legislative Breakfast Schedule

Date	Location	Town
April 10	Congregational Church	Weybridge
April 17	American Legion	Bristol
April 24	Parish Hall	King Street, Vergennes
June 5	Grange Hall	Bridport

- All events are sponsored by Bridport Grange #303 and Addison County Farm Bureau, with support from the Addison County Chamber of Commerce and Addison County RPC
- All breakfasts start at 7:00am, with programs running 7:30 - 8:45am
- Luncheons will run from 12:00 - 1:45pm
- Purchase of breakfast is not required to attend, but helps to defray costs incurred by event hosts

Agency of Commerce & Community Development Resources

A new online atlas developed by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development provides a wealth of information about such things as boundaries of state designated downtowns and village centers, which municipalities have zoning regulations, cultural and natural resources, and more. In addition to the interactive map, the tool includes the municipal planning database that provides data on local land use regulation and policies.

- Planning Atlas: <http://maps.vermont.gov/ACCD/PlanningAtlas/index.html?viewer=PlanningAtlas>
- Municipal Planning Database: <http://planningatlasdatabase.vermont.gov/Resources/Show-Resources-Table.aspx>
- Training Opportunities & Conferences: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/events>
- Funding Opportunities: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding>