



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

# ACRPC

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December 2006

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| Month    | Date | Time  | Event   | Location  |  |
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| December | 9    | 8:30 am   | Vt. League of Cities and Towns Selectboard Forum  | Vermont College, Montpelier   |  |
|          | 13   | 7:30 pm   | ACRPC Full Commission Meeting                     | Middlebury Inn  |  |
|          | 20   | The Transportation Advisory Committee is not meeting in December. Members are encouraged to attend the December 13 Full Commission Meeting. |   |   |  |
|          | 27   | 7:00 pm   | ACRPC Executive Board Meeting                     | ACRPC Office  |  |
| January  | 10   | 7:30 pm   | ACRPC Full Commission Meeting                     | To be determined  |  |
|          | 17   | 7:00 pm   | Transportation Advisory Committee                 | ACRPC Office  |  |
|          | 18   | 7:00 pm   | Vt. League of Cities and Towns Subdivision Primer | Vermont Interactive Site<br>Hannaford Career Center<br>51 Charles Ave, Middlebury |  |
|          | 31   | 7:00 pm   | ACRPC Executive Board Meeting                     | ACRPC Office  |  |

Meetings are open to the public.

Minutes are available on-line at [www.acrpc.org](http://www.acrpc.org).

For further information, contact ACRPC at 388-3141.

## New Bus Service Between Middlebury and Rutland

Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) and Marble Valley Regional Transit District (The Bus) are pleased to announce a new service starting December 4, 2006. The route will run between Middlebury and Rutland along Route 7 with stops in East Middlebury, Salisbury, Leicester, Brandon, and Pittsford.

Contact either ACTR ([www.actr-vt.org](http://www.actr-vt.org), 388-1946) or MVRTD ([www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com), 773-3244x117) for more information and schedules.

## Planning Funds Awarded to Seven Addison County Towns

Seven towns in Addison County were awarded Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) funding from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA). The total award for the seven towns was **\$74,325**. The recipient towns and projects are as follows:

### Bridport

Parcel Map Update and Build-Out Analysis  
*Award Amount: \$6,500*

### Bristol

Business Park Feasibility Study  
*Award Amount: \$6,110*

### Ferrisburgh

Zoning Bylaw & Subdivision Regulation Update  
*Award Amount: \$15,000*

### Leicester

Implementation of the Lake Dunmore – Fern Lake Planning Study  
*Award Amount: \$8,225*

### Middlebury

Strategic Downtown Development Project  
*Award Amount: \$15,000*

### Panton

Zoning Ordinance Revision  
*Award Amount: \$10,000*

### Salisbury

Revision of Zoning Bylaws  
*Award Amount: \$13,460*

## Rural Development Community Facility Loan and Grant Program

USDA Rural Development is currently accepting applications for its Community Facility Loan and Grant Program. The program can be used by non-profit and municipal entities for capital purchases or repairs. This might include constructing or purchasing and remodeling a facility; the acquisition of equipment such as vehicles, office machines, specialized safety or communication equipment, or playground equipment.

The Community Facility Loan Program has a low-interest fixed rate loan program, currently at 4.375%. The Grant Program encourages applications to be in the range of \$2,000 to \$25,000.

Applications for grant assistance are accepted throughout the year, but applications submitted before **January 12, 2007** will compete for the next round of funding. A combination loan and grant request may increase your chances of funding and can fund up to 100% of the project costs.

Due to FY07 initiatives and set asides, **first responders** and **childcare programs** are especially encouraged to

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## Municipal Delegation of State Permit Program for Individual Onsite Wastewater Systems

Beginning July 1, 2007, every parcel of land will come under the authority of the State's on-site wastewater & potable water supply system program. As a result of this change, a state permit will be needed for most repairs, upgrades, and new construction of on-site wastewater treatment and disposal facilities, on-site potable water supplies, and connections to municipal water distribution and wastewater collection systems.

To expedite application turnaround time and enable local administration of the permitting process, the 2002 onsite sewage reform legislation provided for "municipal delegation" of the program. Municipalities may elect to issue these State permits (in lieu of the State) in addition to enforcing the State regulations for wastewater and potable water systems in their communities. To take on this responsibility, however, a municipality must request and receive "delegation" of the State permit program from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

An easy to read brochure, created by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, briefly describes the 2002 Sewage Reform Act, outlines the municipal delegation process, and lists the potential benefits and drawbacks of administering the state permit program. Colchester is the only municipality to date to request and receive delegation. They have generously volunteered their internal

educational materials, policies and procedures, and forms for reference to other municipalities that are considering requesting delegation, which can be found on the DEC webpage. You can see the page, brochure and materials

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## Vermont Reptile Posters Now Available

The wait is over! The Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas Project has just printed two informational posters on the reptiles of Vermont. Reptiles Part 1 contains the snakes and lizards of Vermont and Reptiles Part 2 contains the turtles of Vermont.

Each color poster is approximately 23" by 16" and is printed on durable, glossy, heavyweight paper with non-fading inks. Photos and basic information about all Vermont reptiles are included on the posters along with our latest available (2005) distribution maps. Posters cost \$9.43 each (\$10 with VT sales tax) with a \$3 shipping charge.

Posters can be seen at the Atlas website <http://community.middlebury.edu/~herpatlas/index.html> All proceeds from the sale of the posters will help fund the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas Project. Checks should be made payable to *Middlebury College* and sent along with requests or inquiries to:

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