



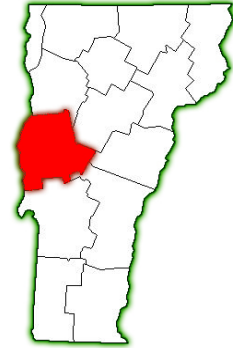
# ACRPC

*update* December 2013

## Congratulations to 2014 Municipal Planning Grant Winners!

The Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) have announced 2014 MPG winners. Cornwall, Leicester and Middlebury received grants for this coming year to work on a variety of projects. Five Addison County towns applied for funding. The total amount asked for exceeded the regions

allocation of \$38,657, making for a competitive grant cycle. The projects are listed below:



### Town of Cornwall : Natural Resource Planning

State Funds Awarded: \$10,657  
 Local Match: \$1,328  
 Total Project Cost: \$11,985

The Town of Cornwall will complete an inventory of its natural resources, fluvial hazard areas, and areas of significant stream bank erosion.

### Town of Leicester : Zoning Bylaw Update

State Funds Awarded: \$8,000 (No Local Match)

The Town of Leicester will update the zoning bylaws to conform to the recently adopted Town Plan, addressing the development of slopes and storm water management, lake front protection, and economic development.

### Town of Middlebury : Economic Development

State Funds Awarded: \$20,000  
 Local Match: \$6,000  
 Total Project Cost: \$26,000

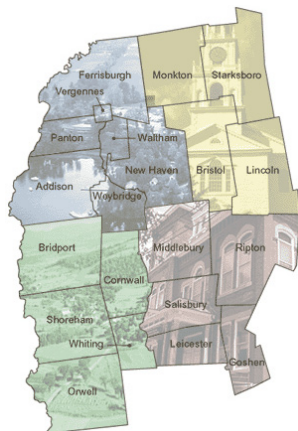
The Town of Middlebury will study the local retail market and develop a set of community-driven recommendations for how the town can meet the demand for retail in a way that fits with the town's unique character.

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## Commission Calendar

Dec 2013	10	7-9pm	Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL ~ Public Meeting @ Middlebury Inn, Founders Room, 14 Court Square
	11	7:00 p	Full Commission Meeting
	13	8:15 a	ACTR Board Meeting
	19	6:00 p	Addison County Solid Waste District Meeting
	25		Holiday - Christmas (Office Closed)

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



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## VDH Releasing RFP to Address Physical Activity, Nutrition, Alcohol & Drug Abuse & Tobacco Use



The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) will be releasing an open competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) to support implementation of community-based chronic disease prevention strategies related to alcohol and drug abuse,

nutrition and physical activity, and tobacco use prevention for a three-year period (for up to \$160,000 per year). Applicants will also have the option to apply for funding for the Healthy Retailer program.

### Background of The RFP:

The 2010 Vermont Department of Health's Strategic Plan is available to review at the link below:

[http://healthvermont.gov/admin/strategic/strategic\\_plan.aspx](http://healthvermont.gov/admin/strategic/strategic_plan.aspx)

This plan was informed by several national discussions including the Healthy Vermonters 2020 goals, the promotion of chronic disease integration by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, the National Prevention Strategy, and the opportunities to promote healthy communities as part of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. A requirement that regional plans include an element dealing specifically with flood resilience (24 V.S.A. Section 4348):

Specifically, the 2010 VDH Strategic Plan goal promotes "effective and integrated public health programs and communities with the capacity to respond

to public health needs." The RFP will also emphasize the importance of healthy community design as a cross-cutting framework for prevention work in all three program areas.

Applicants must select at least two program areas to work on from the list below. The funding amounts below are for the first grant year with future funding contingent on availability and grantee performance.

1. Alcohol and Drug Abuse – up to \$65,000 available per award
2. Nutrition and Physical Activity – up to \$40,000 available per award
3. Tobacco – up to \$45,000 available per award

Primary funding for this RFP comes from the State of Vermont, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), and the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. All funding sources promote implementation of evidence- and practice-based approaches in systems and environmental change to achieve broad reaching, highly impactful, and sustainable change. Systems and environmental change have a proven track record of providing effective, long-term outcomes and are directly related to a change in social norms.

### Anticipated Timeline for The RFP:

Grant Cycle:	1 Jul 2014 – 30 Jun 2017
RFP Release:	Early January 2014
Bidder's Conference:	Late January 2014
Bidder's Questions Due:	Mid-February 2014
Due Date:	Late February 2014
Notifications of Awards:	Mid-April 2014

For further information on the RFP, please visit:

<http://acrpc.org/grants/>

# Public Meetings

## ANR Secretary Deb Markowitz Invites You to Attend Municipal Day



### Save the Date!

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, will be hosting a Municipal Day on Monday 31 March 2014 at the National Life Building in Montpelier, VT.

### What Is It?

The all-day event will include poster presentations, workshops, technical assistance and the opportunity to engage with Agency staff members and municipal colleagues from across the state. More information about presentation and workshop content will be coming soon.

### Who Should Attend?

- \* Members of Select Boards
- \* Town Managers
- \* Municipal Legal Staff
- \* Planners / Planning Commissions
- \* DRB and Zoning Officials
- \* Conservation Commissions
- \* Superintendents of Public Works
- \* Development Review Boards
- \* Regional Development Associations
- \* Solid Waste Districts
- \* Town Clerks
- \* Economic Development Staff

ANR's goal is to enhance their service to their municipal partners by increasing their education and outreach efforts. ANR staff encourages you to send your workshop/presentation wish list.

Email: [deb.markowitz@state.vt.us](mailto:deb.markowitz@state.vt.us)

## Crossing Guard Training Kits are Now Available to Vermont "Safe Routes To School" (SR2S) Partner Schools!



The Safe Routes To School Resource Center is offering each partner school a free Crossing Guard Kit, which includes a lightweight, retroreflective stop paddle, crossing guard vest, best practices training DVD, and a pocket guide with safe crossing tips.

To order your kit online today, please visit the webpage listed below and click on "Order your kit..."

[http://saferoutes.vermont.gov/whats\\_happening](http://saferoutes.vermont.gov/whats_happening)

## Free Vermont Public Records & Open Meetings Laws Webinars Available To Be Held on 19 & 20 December 2013

Failure to understand and comply with Vermont's open government laws can be a disaster waiting to happen. These laws continue to evolve by legislative action and court decisions and it can be difficult for local government officials and employees to stay current with and meet their obligations under these laws.

The attorneys of Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, PC invite local municipal officials and employees to attend either or both of two free online webinars on Vermont's public records and open meetings laws, which are described below:

# Training / News

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## Vermont Open Meeting Laws – Basics & Issues

December 19, 2013 – 1pm to 3pm.

Register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6176439853664326401>

Topics covered:

- o When are you having a “Meeting”?
- o Public comment and maintaining order
- o Can you do business by email?
- o Hearings and deliberations
- o Conflicts of interest and recusal
- o Executive sessions

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## Vermont Public Records Act – Responding to Requests and Understanding Exemptions

December 20 – 10am to 12pm.

Register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6396230029034480386>

Topics covered:

- o How to respond to a public records request.
- o Important exemptions for local government and school districts.
- o Public records lawsuits and attorney’s fees.
- o Emails as public records.
- o New criminal records exemption.

\* The firm Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, PC emailed this invitation intending that only one or two representatives of your organization would attend, so please

distribute it to appropriate persons you would wish to attend.\*



Be sure to register online in advance of the presentation date to set-up GoToWebinar on your computer. If you wish to attend both webinars, please separately register for each one.

Participants will be able to hear the presentation either through your computer’s speakers or by telephone. PowerPoint slides will be viewable on your computer. Questions can be submitted through the computer interface or by telephone.

If you have difficulty registering or have any other questions, please contact Jennifer Grindle at : [jgrindle@firm SPF.com](mailto:jgrindle@firm SPF.com) / 802.660.2555.