



# ACRPC

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January 2008

## commission calendar

January	8	7:30 pm	Safe Routes To School Grant Workshop Vermont Interactive TV Locations
	8 & 9		Lake Champlain Conference Sheraton Conference Center, Burlington Info: <a href="http://www.neiwpc.org/LCconference/">http://www.neiwpc.org/LCconference/</a>
	9	10:00am	Safe Routes To School Grant Workshop Vermont Interactive TV Locations
	9	7:30 pm	ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	16	7:00 pm	Transportation Advisory Committee Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	17		VLCT Municipal Grant Symposium Montpelier, VT
	22	7:00 pm	ACRPC Natural Resource Committee Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
February	24	7:15	VLCT Preventing Flood Hazards (rescheduled from Decemeber) VT Interactive TV Locations
	30	6:30 pm	ACRPC Executive Board Meeting Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	7		VLCT Planning and Zoning Forum Montpelier, VT
	13	7:30 pm	ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	20	7:00 pm	Transportation Advisory Committee Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	26	7:00pm	ACRPC Natural Resource Committee Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury



**Saturday, March 1, 2008**  
**Middlebury College Bicentennial Hall**

Addison County's Green Energy Expo will bring together local expertise and businesses for a day of interactive workshops, exhibits, and demos focused on our energy future.

This event will provide a forum where local businesses with renewable energy, green building and efficiency products and services can showcase their wares, and members of the community can come together to learn from each other. Exhibitors and participants will share efficiency, alternative energy, and green living ideas. For more information visit <http://www.vermontbiofuels.org/events/events.shtml> or contact Ted Shambo at (802) 388-7951 or [ted@midvermont.com](mailto:ted@midvermont.com)

### Planning For the 2009 Celebrate Champlain Quadricentennial

In 2009, Vermont will mark the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's first visit to the region and the exploration of the lake that now bears his name. The Lake Champlain Quadricentennial will be a year-long celebration of Lake Champlain, the region's cultural heritage, and the Lake's critical importance as a natural and recreational resource. Applications are now being accepted for events, exhibits, and projects that explore one or more of these themes:

- *The long and rich cultural heritage of Lake Champlain and the Champlain Basin*
- *The natural history of Lake Champlain and the Champlain Basin*
- *Environmental and other challenges currently confronting Lake Champlain*
- *Samuel de Champlain's 1609 exploration of the lake basin.*
- *Franco-American, French-Canadian and Native American history and culture in the region; and contemporary cultural history of the Lake Champlain basin.*

To learn more and to submit your application, go to [http://www.celebratechamplain.org/events\\_intro.html](http://www.celebratechamplain.org/events_intro.html).

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.

## VCDP Grants Management Compliance Training

Grants Management Staff from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development will be providing a free grants management compliance training. These workshops are for grantees and administrators to learn more about managing and working with current grants and on-going projects. These trainings will be focused for newer staff to guide them through the VCDP Grant process from beginning to end. The training will be offered at the following locations:

### **St. Albans**

January 17 (snow date January 24)  
9am to 12pm

### **White River**

February 21 (snow date February 28)  
9am to 12pm

### **Rutland**

March 13 (snow date March 20)  
9am to 12pm

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## Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program

The National Association of Counties, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Wildlife Habitat Council, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and corporate partners Southern Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, are soliciting applications for the Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program. The Five-Star Restoration Program provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. Grant proposals are due February 15, 2008.

In 2007, 42 projects across the country out of 194 applications received grants of an average \$14,500. To learn more visit [www.nfwf.org/fivestar](http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar)

## VLCT Municipal Assistance Center Events

### Municipal Grants Symposium

January 17, 2008 Montpelier, VT

This workshop is designed for town managers administrators, department heads, selectboard members, planning commissioners and any local or regional official who would like to have more grant revenue sources. Nonprofits who regularly partner with local governments are welcome to attend.

### Planning and Zoning Forum

February 7, 2008 Montpelier, VT

This workshop is designed for all local officials involved in the local planning and development review process. Zoning administrators, planning commissioners, DRB/ZBA members, town administrators, managers, planners, selectboard members, and regional planning commission staff are all encouraged to attend.

For more information about VLCT events, visit [www.vlct.org/eventscalender/](http://www.vlct.org/eventscalender/) or call VLCT at 800-649-7915.

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## Citizens Bank Foundation 2008 Technical Assistance Grant Program

Citizens Bank is accepting applications for the 2008 Technical Assistance Grant program. The program is designed to assist community based non-profit organizations that provide credit services that enhance community development. The program awards grants ranging from \$3000 to \$8000 to help community organizations in their efforts to provide educational credit services such as budgeting and savings programs, homebuyer education, and financing to small businesses or farms. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2008.

For information about the program and application process, contact Brigitte Ritchie at 802-651-4420

## Safe Routes to School Grant Opportunity

The Vermont Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program will be accepting applications in early 2008 for funding for non-infrastructure activities at K-8 schools. The SRTS program strives to increase the numbers of students who walk and bike to school. The program includes non-infrastructure efforts such as pedestrian and bicycle safety education, contests, and incentives to encourage walking and bicycling. Participation in the non-infrastructure phase of the program makes a school eligible for infrastructure funding to improve items like sidewalks, crossings, signals, signs and pavement markings within a 2 mile radius of the school.

For the 2008 grant funding, schools are strongly encouraged to partner with non-profit organizations with a common mission, such as health/fitness, alternative transportation, or environmental concerns. Another possible partner is your Regional Planning Commission. Individual schools may also apply. ACRPC is currently working on SRTS programs and infrastructure improvements with schools in Bristol, Middlebury, and New Haven and encourages other area schools to apply.

The 2008 SRTS application and guidance will be available in January 2008. Applications will be due in March/April. If you want more information about the VT SRTS program contact the SRTS Coordinator, Jon Kaplan, at [jon.kaplan@state.vt.us](mailto:jon.kaplan@state.vt.us) or 828-0059. There will be an informational workshop on the program and application process offered January 8 from 7-8:30 PM and repeated on January 9 from 10-11:30 AM using all 15 VT Interactive TV sites. Information on the sites, including directions, can be found at <http://www.vitlink.org/HTML/Locations.htm>.

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