



ACRPC

update

July 2006

commission calendar

July	14	7:30 p.m.	ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location: Middlebury Inn
	19	All Day	Vermont Spatial Data Partnership Semiannual Roundtable Meeting Cyprian Learning Center, Waterbury
	21	7:00 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee Location: ACRPC Office
	22	All Day	Vermont Land Trust Annual Celebration Champlain Orchards, Shoreham
	28	7:00 p.m.	ACRPC Executive Board Meeting Location: ACRPC Office
August	THERE IS NO ACRPC FULL COMMISSION MEETING IN AUGUST		
			ACRPC Executive Board Meeting To Be Determined - Contact Adam Lougee

Meetings are open to the public.
Minutes are available on-line at www.acrpc.org.
For further information, contact ACRPC at 388-3141.

Safe Routes to School Award Recipients

Congratulations to New Haven, Bristol and Middlebury for their successful applications to VTrans' Safe Routes to School program. The funds will benefit Mary Hogan Elementary School, Middlebury Union Middle School, Bristol Elementary School, Mt. Abe Union High School and Beeman Elementary School. Have a safe trip!

Grant Opportunities from DHCA for Municipal Planning

The Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) is pleased to announce its annual **Municipal Planning Grant (MPG)** program. This grant program supports the development and implementation of municipal plans and bylaws, and can be used for an array of planning projects. The MPGs are for 18 month projects, with \$15,000 maximum per town (\$25,000 maximum for consortia applications).

There is no local match requirement for these grants, which are available, on a competitive basis, to all municipalities with a regionally-confirmed town planning process. Municipalities without regional confirmation may also use these funds for the purpose of developing a plan to acquire regional confirmation. Applications have been mailed to every municipality and are available on the web at: www.dhca.state.vt.us/planning. The application submission **deadline is: September 29, 2006** (postmarked).

This year the DHCA Planning Division is offering an optional **Application Workshop for Municipal Planning Grants on Thursday, August 31st from 1pm – 4pm** in the Calvin Coolidge Conference Room, 6th floor of the National Life Building in Montpelier. Please consider attending this voluntary event to improve your ability to write a competitive application. Attendance is not a grant application requirement.

For more information, contact ACRPC's Jeff Owen at 388-3141 or jowen@sover.net, or visit DHCA's website at www.dhca.state.vt.us/planning.

Announcing New Grant Programs

Beginning this fall, the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) will also be initiating two new grant programs eligible to all municipalities. More detailed information and application materials will be sent directly to municipalities later this summer.

Municipal Education Grants (MEGs) Mini-grants will be available for bringing experts directly to your town to train board members. MEGs may be used for general training on roles and responsibilities or for learning about specific technical issues the town may be facing.

Ancient Roads Grants Grant funds will be available to research and map "unidentified corridors." Unidentified corridors are town highways that "are not clearly observable by physical evidence." Failure to map such roads by July 1, 2009 could lead to landowner compensation for continued use. By July 1, 2015, public access to unmapped ancient roads will be discontinued.

For up-to-date information on planning issues check out the Planning Information Center website at: www.vpic.info.



Solid Waste Mgt District To Hold Hearing On Proposed Amendments To Waste Mgt Ordinance

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors has drafted amendments to its Waste Management Ordinance. The Ordinance, originally adopted on August 12, 1993, was last amended in 2001. The most recent proposed amendments would ensure that the Ordinance conforms to Vermont law and the District's Charter.

The amendments will more clearly define Mandatory Recyclables collection, in response to a request from residents and commercial haulers for clarification on where curbside and drop-off collection of mandatory recyclables must be offered.

Small contractors will be required to obtain stickers from the District, and contractors who collect and haul more than 100 tons/year of waste from their construction projects will be required to obtain a Commercial Hauler's License. The proposed amendments will also require the delivery of Solid Waste destined for disposal to the District Transfer Station or other District-designated disposal facility.

The proposed amendments are designed to encourage, not preclude, businesses from recycling, reusing or composting waste materials. The District Board of Supervisors determined that the goals and benefits of the waste management program set forth in their recently adopted Solid Waste Plan, as well as the environmental quality and efficient administration of the District, will be assisted by the direction of all acceptable Solid Waste to the District Transfer Station in Middlebury for disposal.

The District Board of Supervisors will hold a **public hearing to receive public comments** on the proposed amendments to its Waste Management Ordinance at its regular meeting on **Thursday, July 20, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.**, Middlebury Town Offices, Conference Room, 94 Main Street, Middlebury, Vermont. Copies of the amendments and of the entire Ordinance, as well as the Solid Waste Plan, are available upon request by contacting the District at 1223 Route 7 South, Middlebury, VT 05753, (802) 388-2333, or by accessing the District's website at www.acswmd.org.

Vermont Land Trust Annual Celebration

July 22nd from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Champlain Orchards, Shoreham

The Vermont Land Trust will be holding its Annual Celebration here in Addison County on July 22. Events will include music, lunch, Vermont wine and cheese tasting, a paddling trip on conserved wetlands along East Creek, a tour of Champlain Orchards, bike tours of scenic conserved land, a farm tour of conserved farms, and a Dead Creek Clayplain Forest Walk.

The deadline for registration is July 10. For more information and to register, please contact Annie Crawford, Membership and Outreach Coordinator at (802)223-5234 x 241 or annie@vlt.org

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