



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ACRPC

update

July 2007

commission calendar

July	11	6:00 pm	ACRPC Natural Resource Committee Mtg. Location: NEW ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	11	7:30 pm	ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location: NEW ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	18	7:00 pm	Transportation Advisory Committee Location: NEW ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	18	9:00 am	Advancing Vermont's Creative Economy Location: State House, Montpelier More info: www.vtrural.org
	18	10:00 am	Protecting Community Drinking Water Sources Workshop Location: Chittenden County RPC More info: Kira Jacobs at (617) 918-1817 or jacobs.kira@epa.gov
	25	6:30 pm	ACRPC Executive Board Meeting Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
August	26	7:00 pm	25% Renewable Energy by 2025 Forum Location: ACRPC Office 14 Seminary St., Middlebury
	NO ACRPC Full Commission Meeting in August		
	15	7:00 pm	Transportation Advisory Committee Location: NEW ACRPC Office
29	6:30 pm	ACRPC Executive Board Meeting Location: NEW ACRPC Office	

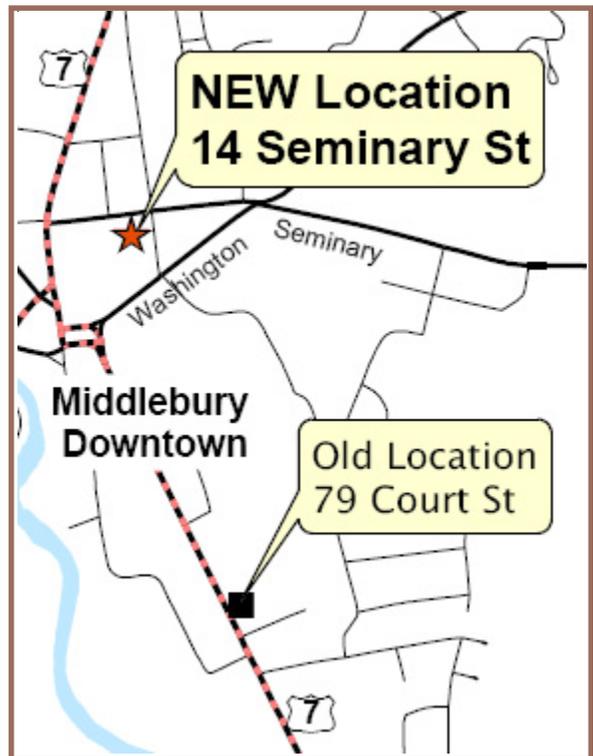
Meetings are open to the public.
Minutes are available on-line at www.acrpc.org.
For further information, contact ACRPC at 388-3141.

ACRPC Is Moving!!!

New Location at 14 Seminary Street

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission is moving into a renovated building in downtown Middlebury. At 8:00 a.m. on July 5, ACRPC will open its doors at 14 Seminary Street (see map). Phone, fax and email information will all stay the same.

A former CVPS commercial building, the new site has a larger parking lot and a conference room big enough to hold full Commission meetings. The reuse of this former CVPS building also supports our goal of maintaining the vibrancy of the region's town centers.



25% Renewable Energy by 2025

Forum on July 26 at 7 pm

ACRPC will be hosting a discussion of the 25x'25 Renewable Energy Vision at the conference room of its new offices at 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury. Bob Foster and other 25x'25 leaders will be speaking and answering questions.

The 25x'25 project is a renewable energy initiative backed by organizations and individuals united by a common interest in making America's energy future more secure, affordable and environmentally sustainable. The 25x'25 Renewable Energy Vision calls for moving from today's 6 percent to 25 percent of our nation's energy being supplied by renewable resources by 2025.

Through the 25x'25 Alliance, partners are working together to advance renewable energy solutions from our wind, hydro and solar resources, and our farm and forest working lands. 25x'25 is led by a committee composed of volunteer leaders from the agricultural, forestry and renewable energy communities.

Renewable resources provide a sustainable source of energy at stable prices, enhancing our national security, and dramatically increasing jobs and economic activity, especially in rural areas. And it reduces the emissions that pollute our air and contribute to global warming.

For more information about the event, contact Jeff Owen at 388-3141 or jowen@sover.net. More information about the 25x'25 initiative can be found www.25x25.org.

REQUESTS FOR TRANSPORTATION STUDIES SOUGHT

Do you have a transportation or traffic-related problem affecting your community? The ACRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is requesting a list of transportation planning studies to fund in Addison County. (Note: these funds cannot be used for construction projects.) The TAC will evaluate all requests at their August 15, 2007 meeting. Applicants chosen for further consideration will be asked to submit a proposal and make a presentation of the project at the September TAC meeting. Please contact Richard Kehne at 388-3141 or rkehne@sover.net for a request form or more information.

Introduction to Computer Mapping GIS Summer Course

*August 8 and 15 in Montpelier and
August 22 and 29 in Rutland*

This course will provide training in basic Geographic Information Systems (GIS) knowledge and skills to municipal officials and volunteers in Vermont. Participants do not need to have any prior experience using GIS. Using free software (ArcExplorer) participants will explore mapping options and resources that they can continue to use when they return to their town office. Exercises and supplemental information will be tailored to participants' interests and needs.

The course will cost \$50 and will be offered in Montpelier and Rutland. Each course consists of two classes - 4 hours each. See dates and locations below. Please visit the website or contact Leslie Pelch for more information and to register for the course. <http://www.vcgi.org> or 882-3002 or lesliep@vcgi.org.

Montpelier (133 State St.)
August 8 and 15: 12:30 to 4:30
Rutland (Stafford Technical Center)
August 22 and 29: 12:30 to 4:30

Rivers and Trails Assistance

Apply by August 1

Could your conservation project benefit from 1-2 years' staff time and technical assistance from a National Park Service specialist? The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA), also known as the Rivers & Trails Program, is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service.

RTCA staff provide technical assistance to community groups and government agencies so that they can conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. Rivers & Trails works in urban, rural, and suburban communities with the goal of helping communities achieve on-the-ground conservation successes.

Rivers & Trails staffers often assist their project partners by helping them identify and secure support from a wide range of funding sources. In 2006, they helped project partners in 276 communities in the Northeast find more than \$100 million in funding for their projects.

Applications for assistance can be found at www.nps.gov/rtca, and are due August 1, 2007.

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