



# ACRPC

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## VT DEC to Administer Shoreland Protection Act Implementation

This May the Vermont General Assembly passed shoreland protection legislation that applies to activities within 250 feet of a lake's mean water level for all lakes greater than 10 acres in size. The Shoreland Protection Act (Chapter 49A of Title 10 §1441 et seq.), effective July 1st of this year, establishes a new state

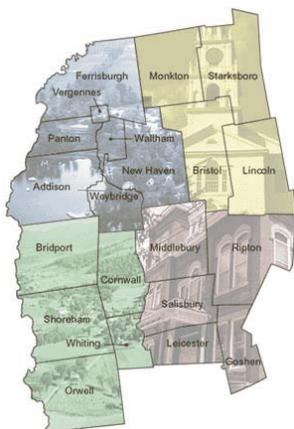


regulation for guiding shoreland development. The intent of the Act is to prevent degradation of water quality in lakes, preserve habitat and natural stability of shorelines, and maintain the economic benefits of lakes and their shorelands by defining standards for the creation impervious surface and cleared area in shorelands.

The VT DEC Lakes and Ponds Program will be administering the Shoreland Protection Act come July 1st and is currently working to implement the program. As part of their implementation plan, they are preparing guidance materials, creating a website, and reaching out to interested parties. Please join them on July 9th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., for a review of the Shoreland Protection Act and to answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.

<i>Commission Calendar</i>		
July 2014	4	<b>HOLIDAY ~ Office Closed</b>
	9	<b>7:30 p Full Commission Meeting</b>
	10	<b>1:00-3:00 p Statewide RPC Emergency Managers' Meeting</b>
	17	<b>6:00 p Addison County Solid Waste District Meeting</b>
	23	<b>6:30 p Executive Board Meeting</b>

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



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## FY15 Municipal Planning Grants Training

For state fiscal year 2015, the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

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will grant approximately \$476,544 to municipalities to promote community planning, revitalization and development activities that maintain Vermont's land use goal of compact settlements separated by rural lands. The Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) Program funds a wide range of municipal planning projects as allowed by 24 V.S.A. §4306 (b) and (c).

Projects that promote the historic settlement pattern will be given priority. These may include bylaw updates, planning for downtowns, village centers and neighborhoods, and municipal plans and updates that improve a community's ability to withstand flooding.

The maximum grant amount is \$20,000 (or \$35,000 for consortia). Applicants are required to provide a cash match for any grant request above \$8,000 (or \$15,000 for consortia). Projects requesting \$8,000 or less will require no matching funds. Grant funds are regionally apportioned, based on the percentage of municipalities with confirmed planning processes within each of Vermont's 11 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) regions. Eligible municipalities compete within their region for grant funding. Funding decisions are made by the DHCD Commissioner, based on the competitive criteria listed under Grant Selection Process. Low scoring applications will not be funded.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- \* Must have RPC Regional Approval of Town Plan by 30 Sep 2014
- \* Application Deadline: 30 Sep 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.
- \* Award Decisions: Early December 2014

## WEBINAR:

### "Preparing a Good MPG Application"

Thursday, August 7, 2014

Noon - 12:45 pm

Please register by calling: Annina Seiler/DHCD:  
828.1948 (space is limited)

For more information on applying for a MPG or for technical support please contact Claire Tebbs at

ACRPC: [ctebbs@acrpc.org](mailto:ctebbs@acrpc.org) or 388.3141, or contact Annina Seiler: [annina.seiler@state.vt.us](mailto:annina.seiler@state.vt.us) or 802.828.1948.



This training will cover the following topics:

### **Application Content** (15-20 minutes)

1. Is your town and project eligible?
2. What makes applications competitive?
3. Information you need to support your application.
4. Q & A

### **Introduction to the Online Application** (15-20 minutes)

1. Creating and validating a new user account
2. Creating and submitting a new MPG application
3. Available resources
4. Q & A

Registrants will be validated for access to the online system before the webinar begins. Those already familiar with submitting an online MPG application may participate for just the first half of the training.

The webinar will be made available on this webpage after the August 7th training.

To register, please contact Annina Seiler and provide your name, the municipality you represent and your role in municipal government (planning commissioner, zoning administrator, etc.).

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## Historic Preservation & Community Development ~ 28-29 Jul 2014, Grand Isle Lake House

The distinction between historic preservation and community development is blurred, particularly when so much of our preservation work acts to strengthen downtowns and village centers. This retreat is for any nonprofit, for profit, community-supported enterprise, or public facility taking on, or exploring, a building rehabilitation project or a project that strengthens their community. We're grateful to partner with the Vermont Community Development Program in presenting this retreat.



With room for around 20 participants, the Lake House offers an intimate setting to focus in on each case study with suggestions around fundraising; building local support; adapting and maintaining historic buildings; and governance/operations in a climate of tightening local budgets. The retreat works best with 2-4 individuals participating from each project.

Image removed by sender. Retreat at the Grand Isle Lake HouseThe retreat starts at 3:00 Monday and finishes up after lunch on Tuesday. The cost, including overnight and meals, is \$75 per person for a shared room or \$95 for a single. There are limited number of single rooms available on a first-come basis. Registration Deadline is 21 July 2014.

To register, please visit: <http://ptvermont.org/>.

For questions, or to discuss a project, please contact Ann Cousins at the Preservation Trust of Vermont [ann@ptvermont.org](mailto:ann@ptvermont.org).

## Hazardous Materials Preparedness Survey Launched

ACRPC emergency planner Tim Bouton, recently sent out a survey to all fire, EMS, police and highway departments in the Addison region. The survey is funded by a grant ACRPC received from the US DOT for hazardous materials emergency planning. The survey seeks information on the region's preparedness levels for response to a hazardous materials spill.

By answering the questions, the survey hopes to track training levels of first responders as well as what additional training is needed to face an ever increasing exposure to hazardous materials along our highways and businesses.

In addition to training levels, Tim also hopes to determine what sort of equipment each department has, from air metering devices, to personal protective gear, to clean-up supplies. A good understanding of what is already out there in the region will assist emergency response and will help first response organizations to



budget where they have the highest needs. If future training and/or equipment grant funding comes up, the survey results should help justify ad-

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ditional assistance for those organizations that need help. All organizations receiving a survey are encouraged to take the time to fill it out.

If further assistance is needed, Tim is willing to help at [tbouton@acrpc.org](mailto:tbouton@acrpc.org) or 388.3141.

## VTrans Announces 2015 Municipal Park & Ride Grant Program



The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is soliciting proposals for the creation of small Park-and-Ride facilities in Vermont communities. For the eleventh year in a row the Vermont Legislature has provided funding to support the encouragement of local

communities to develop small municipality owned and maintained Park-and-Ride facilities. The 2015 Municipal Park-and-Ride Grant Program has been funded with \$250,000.00. These facilities will assist in the effort of reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles (SOVs) on the roadway, which in turn helps to reduce vehicle pollutants and traffic congestion.

In order to be eligible for this grant, the proposed facility must be located on Municipal, State or privately (with lease) owned land, on or near a State Highway, available to commuters on a daily basis year round, provide parking for a minimum of ten vehicles, and will be owned and maintained by the local municipality. The grant funding is available for engineering and construction activities. If public transit is present nearby, collaboration with the provider is encouraged.

Please note that grant awards are made in two payments; the first half of the grant award will be available once construction of the project has begun, with the second half paid after project is completed and accepted. Electric Vehicle (EV) charging Level 1 and 2 can be included in project, but some restrictions apply.

If your community has an interest in developing a Park-and-Ride facility and would like to receive a grant to do so, please fill out the enclosed application and submit it prior to August 31, 2014.

Communities that were unsuccessful in the past are encouraged to reapply. Developed plans are not necessary at this point.



Depending upon the number of responses received, a small competitive process may be necessary to determine which towns will receive funding. Additional grant and development information will be provided to interested communities who have submitted applications. You can also find the application and information on-line at the following website:

<http://vtransengineering.vermont.gov/sections/ltf/parkandride>

If you have questions about the program, please contact Wayne Davis at 802.828.5609, or email him at [wayne.davis@state.vt.us](mailto:wayne.davis@state.vt.us).