

# ACRPC

*update* June 2017

## Essentials of Land Use Planning & Regulation Training - Monday, June 19th

ACRPC will be hosting a presentation and discussion for municipal officials titled “Essentials of Land Use Planning & Regulation.” Brush up on your town planning know-how and meet others in Addison County working on planning projects. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

- Monday, June 19th
- 5:30-7:00pm
- ACRPC, 14 Seminary Street

## Vermont Smart Growth Summit

- Friday, June 16, 2017
- 8:30am - 12:30pm
- Champlain College, Burlington, VT

Join local officials, planners, policy makers, developers, advocates, and business people for a dynamic and interactive summit addressing a variety of pressing community development issues facing Vermont. Learn about Vermont’s smart growth accomplishments, gain practical tools from colleagues, and discuss ways we can harness smart growth to provide housing choices, transportation options, and a high quality of life for all Vermonters.

Featuring keynote speaker John Anderson from the Incremental Development Alliance. Up to three AICP CM credits are available for this event. There is no cost for the event but space is limited - register today!

Registration and agenda can be found at: <http://aarp.cvent.com/SmartGrowth>.

## 2016 Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits

Vermont’s Downtown and Village Center tax credit program is one of the primary benefits of Downtown and Village Center designation, and supports revitalization seen in community centers across the state.

In 2017, \$2,200,000 in state income tax credits are available to projects that enhance the historic character and improve building safety of older and historic commercial buildings in these designated communi-

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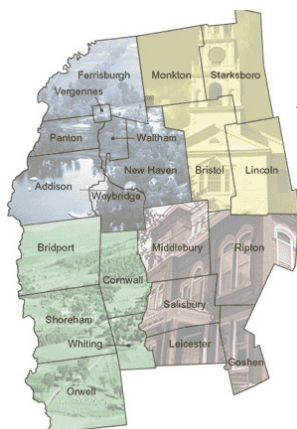
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## Commission Calendar

June 2017

14	7:00	<b>Full Commission Meeting</b>
15	7:00pm	<b>ACSWMD Meeting</b>
21	6:30pm	<b>TAC Meeting</b>
28	6:30pm	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>

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



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ties. The credits support general rehabilitation work, code compliance work, data and network wiring, and exterior improvements, and may be combined with the federal program.

Applications for the next round of tax credits are due July 1, 2017 and the Vermont Downtown Board will make allocation decisions when it meets July 24, 2017.

The application is now available on the ACCD website here: [http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/2017HTCGuidelines\\_Application.pdf](http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/2017HTCGuidelines_Application.pdf). Applications can be submitted electronically to [caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov](mailto:caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov) or to:

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Please feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions regarding the application or the program itself.

## DEC Ecosystem Restoration Program

Ecosystem Restoration Grants support the design and construction of water pollution abatement and control projects that target nonpoint sources of pollution. See the DEC Watershed Projects Database for possible projects (<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/ARK/ProjectSearch.aspx>). All other projects included in applications must be added to the database prior to the application deadline. Proposed projects must be discussed with your regional Basin Planner.

- Release date: May 23rd
- Application due date: July 6th

A detailed application manual provides step-by-step instructions to apply for funding: [http://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/erp/docs/Application\\_Manual.pdf](http://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/erp/docs/Application_Manual.pdf).

Ecosystem Restoration Grant applicants are also encouraged to attend a webinar being offered on Tuesday, June 13th, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, which will essentially be a question and answer session for grant applicants.

Attend the webinar in person in Montpelier (limited seating is available) or online via Skype for Business, here: <https://meet.lync.com/vermontgov-vermont/bethany.sargent/5M4KWSFZ>. The webinars will also be recorded and posted on the Clean Water Initiative YouTube page here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcE3IVerioHtVMqAeBLVDZQ>.

*Applications are due on Thursday, July 6th.* For more information and to RSVP if attending in person, please contact Marli Rupe at (802) 490-6171 or [Marli.Rupe@vermont.gov](mailto:Marli.Rupe@vermont.gov).

## 2017 State Sales Tax Reallocation Program Application

The Vermont Sales Tax Reallocation program is now accepting applications for 2017.

*Applications are due to Caitlin Corkins at [caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov](mailto:caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov) on June 30, 2017 by 4:30 pm.*

Municipalities and the developer of the qualified project may jointly apply to the Downtown Board for a reallocation of sales taxes on construction materials. Qualified projects must be located within a designated downtown district. Reallocated taxes must be used by the municipality to support the qualified project. In 2017, funding is available for both the Downtown and Village Center tax credits and the Sales Tax Reallocation program, and projects in both categories will compete for the available \$2,200,000.

Find the current Guidelines and Application online here: [http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/2017\\_SalesTaxReallocationApplication.pdf](http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/2017_SalesTaxReallocationApplication.pdf).

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Please contact Caitlin Corkins at 802-828-3047 with any questions.

## 2017 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Grant Opportunity

The Agency of Transportation is now soliciting applications for projects this year through the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. The intent of the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is to improve access and safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians through the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects.

The Bike/Ped Program provides funding for either a scoping study or a design/construction project for the following facilities:

- Bicycle lanes (on-road facility delineated with pavement markings and signs)
- Shoulders (generally a minimum of 3-feet wide to accommodate bicyclists)
- Sidewalks
- Pedestrian crossing improvements, including median pedestrian refuge islands
- Pedestrian signals
- Improvements that address requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Shared-use paths (designed for use by both bicyclists and pedestrians)
- Pedestrian-scale lighting (not likely to rank highly as a standalone project, but eligible as a project component)

Projects may be combinations of any of the above facilities. Projects with the following emphasis will be considered favorably:

- Facilities that address a documented safety concern such as a high crash location
- Connectivity within overall bicycle and pedestrian networks
- Proximity and access to and within village centers and downtown areas

- Facilities that serve multiple uses e.g. access to businesses, residences and schools

For a copy of the VTrans 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Guide and Application and other supporting materials, visit the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian program website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>. *Applications must be received by IPM, Friday July 14, 2017.*

Applications will be accepted for Scoping studies (project feasibility), Large-scale design/construction projects and small-scale, state funded, projects.

Applicants to the Bike/Ped Program are strongly encouraged to attend one of two workshops to learn about the details of the program. The workshops are being offered in a webinar format. Applicants must have an internet connection to participate in the training. The dates and times are:

- Tuesday May 16, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and
- Thursday, May 18, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

You must log on to <https://vtrans.webex.com> to participate in the trainings (multiple people can view a training, but one person must sign in online. Reservations are not required).

For any questions about this year's Bicycle and Pedestrian program or other VTrans initiatives related to bicycling and walking, contact Jon Kaplan, VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, at 802-828-0059 or [jon.kaplan@vermont.gov](mailto:jon.kaplan@vermont.gov).

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## **USDA Seeks Grant Applications for Community Development Efforts**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites grant applications for projects supporting economic and community development in rural areas. Grant funding is available to non-profits and public bodies through two programs: the Rural Community Development Initiative Grant Program and the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program.

“USDA Rural Development helps communities across Vermont and New Hampshire build their capacity to meet the needs of rural residents,” said Acting USDA Rural Development State Director for Vermont and New Hampshire Jon-Michael Muise. “By helping an essential community facility, such as a hospital, plan for an expansion, or supporting a housing non-profit in training residents on accessing safe and affordable housing, Rural Development’s programs invest in community led initiatives that will open economic doors across the two states.”

The Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) grant program grants help entities strengthen the rural economy. Qualified intermediary organizations receiving RCDI grants provide technical assistance and training to help nonprofit organizations and communities develop their capacity to undertake housing, community facilities or economic development projects. Applicants must have capacity-building experience for these types of projects and must provide matching funds at least equal to the RCDI grant. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. For more information, see the Notice of Funding Availability.

In 2016, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation received a \$230,000 RCDI grant to bolster economic development in 11 southern Vermont towns through providing technical assistance to local non-profits and long term strategic economic development planning for the region.

The Communities Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant program helps rural communities pursuing large projects develop applications for USDA Rural Development’s Community Facilities program. The grant provides up to \$150,000 of support to entities to hire specialized personnel, pay for feasibility studies, and retain consultants to prepare financial assistance applications and identify and plan for long-term community needs. Application information can be found in the Notice of Solicitation of Applications published in the Federal Register.

Applications for both programs must be received by July 25, 2017. For more information on these grant programs, contact Eric Law, Vermont and New Hampshire Community Program Specialist, at (802) 828-6033 or by email at [eric.law@vt.usda.gov](mailto:eric.law@vt.usda.gov).

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, invests in housing, business and community infrastructure programs aimed at increasing economic opportunity and the quality of life in rural America. For more information on Rural Development visit the Vermont Rural Development website ([www.rd.usda.gov/vt](http://www.rd.usda.gov/vt)) or contact USDA at (802) 828-6080.