



# ACRPC

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## Another Benefit of having an Adopted Town Plan

As of July 2012, municipalities are only eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Vermont Community Development Program if they have an adopted town plan (24 V.S.A. § 4382). This new rule does not apply for CDBG Disaster Recovery funds. CDBG funds are useful for housing, community facility, economic development or infrastructure planning or projects. Please contact Claire Tebbs (ctebbs@acrpc.org) at ACRPC to discuss your plan if it is expired or will expire soon.

Visit [http://www.accd.vermont.gov/strong\\_communities/opportunities/funding/vcdp](http://www.accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/funding/vcdp) to learn more about the CDGB program.

## Public Hearing on Panton and Addison Joining Byways Program

Vermont Byways Council will hold public hearings to consider the requests from the towns of Panton and Addison to join the Lake Champlain Byway. Public comments are being received now. Located in north-west Vermont, this byway runs along the northern length of Lake Champlain, stretching from U.S. Route 2 through Grand Isle County in the north; joining U.S. 7 in Chittenden County and extending into Addison County on routes 30, 73 and 74.

The Town of Panton has requested to designate Panton Road, Jersey Street, Pease Road, Lake Road and Route 22A as a portion of the Lake Champlain Byway and the Town of Addison has requested to designate Lake Road, Route 17 and Route 22A as a portion of the Lake Champlain Byway.

To find out more about the Lake Champlain Byway, visit <http://www.lakechamplainbyway.com>.

**Addison Hearing**  
7 PM on April 15, 2013  
Addison Town Clerk's office  
65 VT Route 17 West, Addison

**Panton Hearing**  
6:30 PM on March 26, 2013  
Panton Town Office  
3176 Jersey Street  
Panton, Vermont

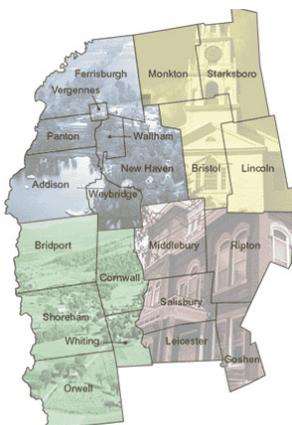
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## Commission Calendar

March 2013

12	3:00-5:00	Vermont Invasives Middlebury Project
13	7:30	Full Commission Meeting
16	9:00am - 11:00am	ACWRC Sample Collection Training
20	7:00	Transportation Advisory Committee
21	6:00	ACSWMD Meeting
27	6:30	ACRPC Executive Board
28	7:30	ACRPC Energy Committee

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



Addison County Regional Planning Commission  
14 Seminary Street  
Middlebury, VT 05753

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## **The Vermont Planning Information Center**

Check out the new and improved website (<http://vpic.info>) for Vermont's volunteer and professional land use decision-makers consolidates access to the resources you need including:

- All planning and zoning publications produced by Land Use Education and Training Collaborative
- An improved calendar of training events (trainers can post events directly)
- Links to key websites and documents

Send questions and comments to Peg Elmer [elmer.peg1@gmail.com](mailto:peg1@gmail.com) or to obtain access to the calendar contact Alison Low [alison@nvda.net](mailto:alison@nvda.net).

## **Transportation RFPs**

ACRPC announces two transportation RFPs for the towns of Monkton (Monkton Ridge Village "Complete Streets" Planning & Feasibility Study) and Ripton (Baker Bridge (TH-1) Safety & Functional Assessment Study).

Visit <http://acrpc.org/rfps> for details.

## **New England ADA Center Announces Training Opportunity**

The Vermont Center for Independent Living invites cities and towns to submit proposals to compete for a field-based training day to help New England municipalities identify facility needs. Twenty applicants will be chosen to participate. Are you planning to make access improvements to a municipal building in your town? If so, you are encouraged to apply for a full day of training with experts who will work with you to identify barriers and create a list of solutions to improve accessibility under the Americans With Disabilities Act. Participating municipalities will also receive a \$1,000 award towards improving accessibility.

Questions? Kim Brittenham 800/ 639-1522 [kbrittenham@vcil.org](mailto:kbrittenham@vcil.org)

## **New EPA Report on Sustainable Communities**

*Creating Equitable, Healthy, and Sustainable Communities: Strategies for Advancing Smart Growth, Environmental Justice, and Equitable Development* is a new EPA report that offers low-income, minority, tribal, and overburdened communities approaches to shape development that responds to their needs and reflects their values. The report provides a menu of land use and community design strategies community-based organizations, local and regional decision-makers, developers, and others can use to revitalize their communities:

The report was developed jointly by the Office of Sustainable Communities and Office of Environmental Justice and can be accessed here: [http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/equitable\\_development\\_report.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/equitable_development_report.htm)

## **Regional Economic Development Grants**

This program is to provide competitive grants to municipalities and to non-profit organizations to stimulate the creation and development of potential opportunities that provide regional economic development in either an individual community or recognized community service area. The program is administered by the State's Department of Buildings & General Services.

This grant program is open to municipalities and non-profit organizations that provide regional economic development in either an individual community or recognized community service area. The maximum available grant is \$25,000 per project. For each dollar requested, documentation must be provided to show that one dollar has been raised (on hand or pledged) from non-state sources. Projects that are in the conceptual stage should not apply at this point. Preference will be given to those projects that have a demonstrated longevity of support within a community.

Applications are available here: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/formsandpublications>

# Events

## **Health and Wellness in Addison County: FREE HBO Film Screening and Discussion**

*March 19th 2013, 5:30pm*

*Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association, 55 Col-  
lins Dr. (next to Porter Hospital)*

*Weight of the Nation* is an HBO series on the Nation's obesity epidemic. Come see the film and discuss barriers to physical fitness and accessing healthy food in your community. Meet others interested in school food programs, physical activity programs, community gardens, worksite wellness, community planning and design for walking and cycling. RSVP to Megan Lausted at the Vermont Department of Health at [megan.lausted@state.vt.us](mailto:megan.lausted@state.vt.us).

## **Annual Training Session for the Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative (ACRWC)**

*Saturday, March 16, 9:00-11:00am*

*Addison County Regional Planning Commission  
14 Seminary St., Middlebury*

ACRWC has been working for 20 years to monitor the quality of Addison County rivers, streams and creeks. At this training session ACRWC will go over the routines for preparing sample bottles, collecting samples, and filling out data forms. Bagels & Coffee will be served.

ACRWC is looking for volunteers to help sample on the Otter Creek, Middlebury River, Lemon Fair River, New Haven River, Lewis Creek, and Little Otter Creek. If you have an interest in the health and wellbeing of our local watersheds, and would like to assist in collecting samples, please join us!

Sample days are usually Wednesday mornings during spring & summer.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer:  
Matthew Witten, ACRWC Coordinator: 434-3236;  
[mwitten@gmavt.net](mailto:mwitten@gmavt.net)

## **First Public Hearing for the ECOS Regional Plan**

*March 20th at 6:00am*

*Sheraton Hotel, South Burlington*

This meeting will mark the end of the first public comment period on the Regional Plan. The CCRPC Board would like to consider your comments in the refinement of the plan. Comments are requested to be submitted in advance at [www.ecosproject.com/plan](http://www.ecosproject.com/plan). This hearing will be streamed live at [www.ecosproject.com](http://www.ecosproject.com), and questions/comments during the meeting can be submitted to [info@ccrpcvt.org](mailto:info@ccrpcvt.org). In order to thoughtfully address your questions and comments in the context of other input, we would appreciate receiving the comments in advance of the hearing.

To read a full copy of the plan, please visit [www.ecosproject.com/plan](http://www.ecosproject.com/plan).

## **68th Annual Town Officers Education Conference**

*Wednesday, April 3rd, 8:00am - 3:30pm*

*Hilton Burlington*

Over 20 breakout sessions, and a panel discussion on "Great Communication: Whose Job Is It, Anyway? Leaders, Citizens and Inclusive Democracy." \$70 fee includes lunch and AM and PM refreshments.

2013 Sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Hilton Hotel, Burlington - April 3
- Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee - April 17
- Killington Grand Hotel, Killington - April 24

For more information or to register, visit:

[http://www.uvm.edu/extension/  
community/?Page=toec.html](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/community/?Page=toec.html)

Click on brochure for session descriptions.

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## **UVM TRC Transportation Research Expo**

*Wednesday, March 27, 8:30am - 3:30pm*

The Transportation Research Expo is an opportunity to showcase innovative research by UVM and partner institutions, with respect to critical issues facing the field of transportation and support for building sustainable. Key Note Speaker is Michael P. Lewis, President of American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Full schedule here: [http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101758557052-248/TRC\\_Expo\\_Agenda\\_FINAL.pdf](http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101758557052-248/TRC_Expo_Agenda_FINAL.pdf)

## **Upcoming Webinars**

*Mapping for Emergency Management*

Tue, Mar 12, 2013 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM <http://vcgi.vermont.gov/node/639>

*Mapping With Census Data: Linking Tabular Data from Factfinder2 with VCGI's Shapefiles*

Tue, Mar 19, 2013 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM <http://vcgi.vermont.gov/node/640>

## **2013 Vermont Drinking Water Source Protection Workshops**

*Hosted by the Vermont Rural Water Association, in partnership with VT DEC and U.S. EPA*

Are you interested in learning how to better protect your community's water supply? Don't miss these great opportunities to learn about water quality protection from Vermont's agricultural and forestry experts.

Two Locations:

March 12th -8:30AM-3:30PM, O'Brien Community Center, Winooski

March 13th -8:30AM-3:30PM, Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock

Who should attend? Water system operators, regional

planners, municipal officials, land trusts, and others.

Cost: \$60 includes lunch (6 TCHs available for water operators).

Description: The workshops will focus on land-water linkages in the vicinity of public drinking water sources and the working landscape. Case studies of systems that improved groundwater or surface water quality will be highlighted. Presenters will give ideas for projects focused on land use controls for protection of water sources near agricultural and forested lands.

These Source Protection trainings will serve as a follow up to previous workshops hosted by EPA Region 1 in Vermont in 2006 and 2007. New topics will be explored and will inspire water system operators, planners, and water quality personnel to work together on source protection activities that can benefit everyone. Source protection projects can help protect groundwater and surface water, promote public health, and preserve the working landscape.

To register, visit [www.vtruralwater.org](http://www.vtruralwater.org). Questions? call 802-660-4988.