

# ACRPC

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## LAST CALL: Better Roads Grant Deadline is March 17th!

This program provides technical assistance and funding to promote the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while enhancing and protecting water quality around the state. Four different categories of grants are available:

- **Category A.** Planning grants to conduct an inventory of roads and/or culverts and identification of road-related erosion and/or stormwater problems affecting water quality. Sites identified must be

prioritized for future repair with a budget plan to correct these problems over a period of time.

- **Category B.** Correction of a Road-Related Erosion Problem and/or Stormwater Mitigation/Retrofit for both gravel and paved roads. Examples include stone- or grass-lined ditches, road drainage turnouts, stone check dams, splash pools, catch basins, and Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) management practices.
- **Category C.** Correction of a slope-related road erosion problem. Examples include stream bank stabilization, lake shore stabilization, retaining walls, or road bank stabilization.
- **Category D.** Structure/culvert upgrades. Eligible projects include repair, replacement or upgrade of an existing large structure or culvert, or replacement of a series of smaller culverts.

## Commission Calendar

March 2017

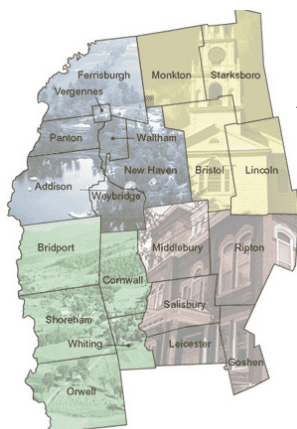
8	7:00pm	Full Commission Meeting
15	7:00pm	TAC Meeting
16	7:00pm	ACSWMD Meeting
22	6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting

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

The deadline to submit a grant application is Friday, March 17, 2017. Download a grant applications from the VTrans website here: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/high-way/better-roads>.

For more information, questions, or help with Better Roads grants, please contact Linda Blasch (802-498-7216 or [linda.blasch@vermont.gov](mailto:linda.blasch@vermont.gov)) or Alan May (802- 828-4595 or [alan.may@vermont.gov](mailto:alan.may@vermont.gov)).

You may also contact Josh at ACRPC with any questions, for a letter of support, or to request assistance with an application at 388-3141 or [jdonabed@acrpc.org](mailto:jdonabed@acrpc.org).



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# Announcements

## Local Emergency Operations Plans Due By May 1st

It's that time of year again to update your Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), and submit it to SW-CRPC between Town Meeting Day and May 1, 2017. There have been no modifications to the Base Plan for 2017, so municipalities should continue to use the Base Plan template that was released in 2016. Appendices are optional, but they serve as an additional resource for your municipality to enhance emergency preparedness. The following appendices have been added for 2017:

- B8 Continuity of Operations Plan;
- B9 Evacuation Plan;
- B10 Debris Management Plan;
- C6 Shelter Inspections; and,
- C7 Municipal Guidance for Flood Emergencies

The LEOP requires the certifying individual to take ICS 402 or ICS 100. DEMHS is offering ICS 402 around the state this spring. Course offerings are available on the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Website here: <http://demhs.vermont.gov/calendar>.

To learn more about the updates and for assistance updating the document, please contact Allison at [ahopkins@swcrpc.org](mailto:ahopkins@swcrpc.org).

## Town of Starksboro Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan

ACRPC has made available for public review a copy of a draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for the Town of Starksboro. This draft copy is available for review at the ACRPC offices 14 Seminary St. in Middlebury or on the ACRPC website at [www.acrpc.org](http://www.acrpc.org).

LHMPs are developed under a grant from FEMA's hazard mitigation grant program to ACRPC. The plans outline both natural and man-made hazards which can affect a community as well as what measures can be taken to reduce eliminate or avoid identified threats. A

committee made up of 7 representatives for the Town of Starksboro has been working with Tim Bouton since September of 2016 to identify hazards and possible mitigation actions for those hazards. Starksboro's greatest vulnerabilities were identified by the committee as Flash Flood, Invasives, Structure Fire, Severe Snow, Ice Storm, Insect-Borne Illnesses, Highway Accidents, Severe Mud, High Winds and Hazardous Materials Spills.

The committee invites your comments for possible incorporation into this draft LHMP. Once a final plan is completed, it will be sent to FEMA reviewers for approval and then returned to the town for adoption. Vermont's Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) gives credit to communities with adopted hazard mitigation plans. When combined with adopted Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP), Town Road and Bridge Standards and membership in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), an adopted LHMP entitles a community to receive an additional 5% from the state if a federal disaster is declared.

Comments/Edits/Suggestions can be sent to Tim Bouton, 14 Seminary St. in Middlebury or [tbouton@acrpc.org](mailto:tbouton@acrpc.org).

## Efficiency Vermont Launches Speakers Bureau

Efficiency Vermont is offering free workshops for community groups and businesses designed to help Vermonters make energy improvements. Each workshop addresses how a particular technology works, associated economics, and available technical and financial resources. Efficiency Vermont will provide an energy expert to deliver the presentation, guidance on how to effectively organize a workshop, and educational and public outreach materials. Community groups and businesses are asked to take primary responsibility for getting the word out and securing the venue.

## Resources, Workshops & Other Opportunities

The following educational workshops are currently available:

- Button Up Vermont: how homes lose energy and primary opportunities for air sealing and insulation
- Cold Climate Heat Pumps: the latest in heat pump technology, the relative economics compared to other fuel sources, and successful case studies
- Mobile Home Efficiency: improvements unique to mobile homes, with a focus on DIY opportunities
- Modern Wood Heating: how wood pellet central heating systems work, and the relative cost and savings compared to other systems
- Slash Your Energy Bills: introductory workshop on reducing energy bills through low-cost efficiency improvements, weatherization, and more
- Zero Energy Homes: the path toward a zero energy home with energy efficiency, heat pumps, and solar

To schedule a workshop call 1 888-921-5990 or sign up on the Efficiency Vermont website here:

<https://www.encyvermont.com/services/education-awareness/events>.

### **BioFinder 2016: Mapping Your Community's Conservation Resources**

Please join Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for one of these free workshops on using our updated, online mapping tool! BioFinder is a mapping resource used to find the places in Vermont most important for maintaining biodiversity, even as the climate changes. It includes maps of Vermont's connected forests and waterways, locations of important ecological resources, and other information used for conservation and land use planning. By zooming in and out to different scales, BioFinder can help you see your land or community in a larger context. Find the website at [BioFinder.vermont.gov](http://BioFinder.vermont.gov), and join us to learn more!

The final workshop of 2017 will be held at the Illsley

Library in Middlebury on Monday, March 27th from 7:00-9:00PM.

Everyone is welcome, but since space is limited, pre-registration is required. Please email [Monica.przyperhart@vermont.gov](mailto:Monica.przyperhart@vermont.gov) to sign up or learn more.

### **2017 Town Officers Education Conference**

Registration is now open!

You are invited to attend the 72nd Town Officers Education Conferences(TOEC). There is a strong lineup of workshops, speakers, and exhibitors, and Paul Costello from the Vermont Council on Rural Development will be the keynote speaker.

Registration is now open! Early registration price is \$65, but note that prices will increase to \$70 on March 28th so register early! For more details and to register, please visit here: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventId=1945847>.

Understanding that the cost of registering can be discouraging, this year the conference hosts are happy to share a scholarship opportunity:

The Vermont Institute of Government has graciously offered to provide a limited number of partial scholarships (up to half an attendee's fee, typically) to local officials who would otherwise be unable to attend. Priority will go to those from small towns (populations 1,000 and under) who have exhausted all other potential sources of funds. If interested, please contact Pam Lowell ([Pamela.Lowell@uvm.edu](mailto:Pamela.Lowell@uvm.edu) or 802-773-3349) as soon as possible.

Save the Dates:

- April 4 – Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee
- April 11 – Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier

For more conference information please visit here: [www.uvm.edu/extension/toec](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/toec).

# Resources, Workshops & Other Opportunities

## **Show me the Money! Roads Scholar Workshop: 6 Technical Hours**

### ***About***

Show me the money will provide Road Foreman and municipal officials with an overview of their grant funding options for infrastructure improvement while also providing a description of how those monies will be made available.

### ***Instructors***

Alan May - Vermont Better Roads Program Coordinator has been with the program for 7 years. Previously, he was a Site Supervisor in construction for 6 years prior and a Public Works Foreman for 9 years.

Rachel Beauregard - VTrans Municipal Assistance Project Supervisor has been with the section for 2 ½ years and previously worked for several years at VTrans District 5 helping towns with various road issues and grant programs.

Linda Blasch - VTrans Better Roads Program Technician recently rejoined the program in September, 2016. She has 5 years of experience working with the Better Roads Program and also worked on water quality issues at the Agency of Natural Resources as well as in the ski industry.

### ***Class Running Time***

- 8:00 am - 8:30 am: Registration
- 8:30 am: Workshop Begins
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm: Lunch (provided)
- 2:30 pm: Workshop Ends

### ***Locations***

- March 8, 2017, Colchester Town Offices
- March 9, 2017, Northeast Vermont Development Association (NVDA)

## **New Community Resilience Building Workshop Guide & Website**

After a decade of working directly with communities, The Nature Conservancy Director of Science, Adam Whelchel, is proud to say the final Community Resilience Building Workshop Guide is complete. “Community Resilience Building” is a tried and tested approach that is now trusted by over thirty five communities. You can get the Guide and much more at [www.CommunityResilienceBuilding.com](http://www.CommunityResilienceBuilding.com).

The Community Resilience Building Workshop is a flexible “anywhere at any scale” comprehensive approach that gets municipalities, organizations, and agencies moving further on resilience. Adam is always available to discuss opportunities as they emerge at ACRPC.

You can also learn more at [www.AdamWhelchel.com](http://www.AdamWhelchel.com).

# Resources, Workshops & Other Opportunities

## 2017 Addison County Legislative Breakfast Schedule

Date	Location	Town
March 13	Pratt Memorial Library (279 Main St.)	Shoreham
March 20	<i>**Governor's Breakfast**</i> American Legion	Middlebury
March 27	Congregational Church	Maple Street, Salisbury
April 3	<i>**Ag Lunch**</i> Grange Hall	Bridport
April 10	Congregational Church	Weybridge
April 17	American Legion	Bristol
April 24	Parish Hall	King Street, Vergennes
June 5	Grange Hall	Bridport

- All events are sponsored by Bridport Grange #303 and Addison County Farm Bureau, with support from the Addison County Chamber of Commerce and Addison County RPC
- All breakfasts start at 7:00am, with programs running 7:30 - 8:45am
- Luncheons will run from 12:00 - 1:45pm
- Purchase of breakfast is not required to attend, but helps to defray costs incurred by event hosts

## Agency of Commerce & Community Development Resources

A new online atlas developed by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development provides a wealth of information about such things as boundaries of state designated downtowns and village centers, which municipalities have zoning regulations, cultural and natural resources, and more. In addition to the interactive map, the tool includes the municipal planning database that provides data on local land use regulation and policies.

- Planning Atlas: <http://maps.vermont.gov/ACCD/PlanningAtlas/index.html?viewer=PlanningAtlas>
- Municipal Planning Database: <http://planningatlasdatabase.vermont.gov/Resources/Show-Resources-Table.aspx>
- Training Opportunities & Conferences: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/events>
- Funding Opportunities: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding>