



ACRPC

update

November 2006

commission calendar

November	7	12:30 pm	ACRPC Brownfields Committee Location: ACRPC Office
	8	7:30 pm	ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location: Kirk Alumni Center, Middlebury College Campus
	8	7:30 pm	Regional Transportation Plan Hearing Location: Kirk Alumni Center, Middlebury College Campus
	13	9:00 am	Vermont Statewide Housing Conference Location: Sheraton Hotel, S. Burlington Information: www.vhfa.org/conference
	14	7:00 pm	Ancient Highways Training, Vermont Interactive Television Information: www.vlct.org/eventscalender/
	15	7:00 pm	Transportation Advisory Committee Location: ACRPC Office
December	29	7:00 pm	ACRPC Executive Board Meeting Location: ACRPC Office
	13	7:30 pm	ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location: To be determined
	20	7:00 pm	Transportation Advisory Committee Location: ACRPC Office
	27	7:00 pm	ACRPC Executive Board Meeting Location: ACRPC Office

New Watershed Planner on Board at ACRPC

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission has hired Amy Diller as its new Watershed Planner. Amy most recently worked as a project assistant at the Randolph Area Community Development Corporation (RACDC) in Randolph, VT. While at RACDC, she coordinated a community forest conservation project and a feasibility study for an affordable housing development.

Amy will receive a master's degree in Community Development and Applied Economics from the University of Vermont in February, 2007. During her time at UVM she conducted research on brownfield programs and policy in Vermont as a Department of Housing and Community Affairs intern. She also worked as an outreach coordinator for the UVM Morgan Horse Farm.

Prior to graduate school, Amy worked for 5 years as a field instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) where she instructed outdoor living, leadership, and communication skills on extended backcountry expeditions.

Amy grew up in Bridgton, Maine and received her undergraduate degree in Geography and Environmental Studies from Middlebury College. In her spare time, Amy particularly enjoys being outside on foot, skis, or a bicycle.

At ACRPC, Amy's primary responsibility is to assist towns, local watershed groups, and landowners in their efforts to maintain and improve water quality. She will also be working with the brownfields assessment program. Amy can be reached at 388-3141 or at adiller@sover.net.

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

Addison County Regional Transportation Plan

Public Meeting

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) will hold a public meeting on November 8 at 7:30 to discuss updates to the Addison County Regional Transportation Plan. ACRPC is starting the process of updating the transportation plan for the region.

The plan update will focus on Addison County, evaluate existing and future conditions, include recommendations, and establish policies and goals that guide local and state elected officials on funding priorities. The transportation plan addresses all modes of travel including highways, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, aviation, and ferry crossings.

The current transportation plan was completed in 1995 and there have been important changes and emerging trends over the last ten years that need to be considered. For example, the County's population increased 15% between 1995 and 2005, the amount of people commuting from Addison County to Chittenden County increased over 40% between 1990 and 2000, and global changes in the delivery of freight are increasing the amount of large trucks traveling on the highways.

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The purpose of this first public meeting is to collect early input, thoughts, issues, and recommendations from the public.

The transportation plan consultant, Resource Systems Group, will provide an overview of the plan update process and will provide some basic information about the current transportation system. An open discussion session will follow the presentation where meeting participants will be invited to offer their thoughts about congestion, safety, walking and biking, transit, and any other transportation issues in Addison County.

Suggestions and recommendations will be considered as the plan is developed. Additional public meetings will be held throughout the County next year to present the draft plan.

The public meeting will be held at **7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 8th** at the Kirk Alumni Center, Middlebury College (Golf Course Road off of Route 30). For additional information, contact Richard Kehne at 388-3141 (e-mail: rkehne@sover.net).

Vermont Statewide Housing Conference

The 2006 Vermont Statewide Housing Conference will be held Monday, **November 13th**, at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in South Burlington.

This year's conference will feature twice the number of workshops that were held in previous years, with subjects ranging from state and federal

policy to density and design, transitional housing, green building, and building local partnerships to support affordable housing development. Award-winning journalist Juan Williams will be the keynote speaker.

There is a complete agenda on the conference [website](http://www.vhfa.org/conference), www.vhfa.org/conference, along with a simple registration form. The registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$50, and there are some scholarships available. The conference is proving to be a popular event; at least one workshop is already closed because it has reached its maximum registrations. For more information, please contact John Fairbanks at jfairbanks@vhfa.org or 652-3424.

Planning for Ancient Highways

Vermont Interactive Television

Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm

Legislation passed in 2006 requires towns to research, identify and map previously unknown Class 4 highways by July 2009 or face the prospect of having those roads discontinued in 2015. This workshop will focus on the financial and technical resources available to assist towns in this planning process.

For information, registration and directions visit www.vlct.org/eventscalender/, or call the Vermont League of Cities and Towns at (800) 647-7915.