



# ACRPC

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## Participate in the 2013 Vermont Home Weatherization Challenge

This fall, Efficiency Vermont, working in partnership with VECAN, will roll out an ambitious plan to significantly increase the number of Vermonters who make significant home energy efficiency improvements. The 2013 Vermont Home Weatherization Challenge will harness people’s proclivity for competition and fun to help Vermont meet its necessarily ambitious weatherization goals and save homeowners on their energy bills. Under the Campaign, town energy committees and other local partners will participate in an “Energy

Challenge” to compete with other towns within their region. Each local partner will have a target of weatherizing 5% of the homes within their community in a one-year period. Community prizes will be awarded for the top town in each region, as well as statewide prizes for the top region and town. The Challenge will run from January 1 - December 31, 2013. Be sure your town is lined up to participate. Stay tuned to VECAN.net or efficiencyvermont.com for all the details.

For more information, contact Kevin Lehman at 388-3141 or kevinl@acrpc.org.

## Latest High Crash Location Data

The Vermont Agency of Transportation has mapped the latest High Crash Location (HCL) data covering the period from 2006 through 2010. The primary purpose of providing this data is to assist municipal officials and citizens to identify highway safety issues. HCL’s are determined by the total number of crashes (not their severity) and are only reported for locations on the Federal-Aid highway system (not for local roads).

ACRPC communities may view local maps of HCL’s by clicking on their municipality at: <http://acrpc.org/communities/>

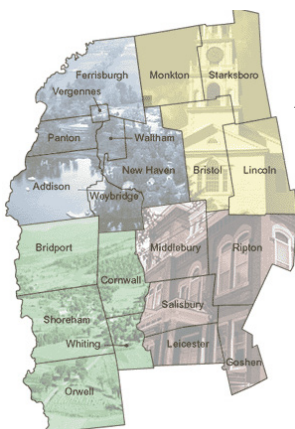
The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) identifies High Crash Location (HCL) sections and intersections throughout the State by determining if the given location experienced five or more crashes within a five-year period, and by comparing the “Actual Crash Rate” of total crashes reported to the State with a calculated “Critical Crash Rate”. When the Actual Rate exceeds the Critical Rate, the intersec-

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## Commission Calendar

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| Oct. 2012 | 10 | 7:30        | Full Commission Meeting                                     |
|           | 15 | 7:00        | ACORN Energy Coop Board                                     |
|           | 17 | 7:00        | Transportation Advisory Committee                           |
|           | 18 | 7:00        | Addison County Solid Waste Management District Meeting      |
|           | 22 | 7:00        | Local Emergency Managers Roundtable                         |
|           | 24 | 6:30        | ACRPC Executive Board                                       |
|           | 25 | 7:30        | ACRPC Energy Committee                                      |
|           | 30 | 6:00 - 8:00 | Transportation Improvement Program Hearing, VIT, Middlebury |

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



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tion or section of roadway is considered an HCL. For more information on Vermont HCL data, please visit the "Highway Research Data" page linked on: <http://www.acrpc.org/transportation/>

## **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Accepting Applications for 3rd Round of Funding**

The state of Vermont is accepting applications from cities, towns, and certain non-profits for funding under the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The program awards money to municipalities to fix public infrastructure, buy out homes and businesses, and other projects that will help mitigate the human and monetary cost of future disasters.

Towns and agencies in all Vermont counties are eligible to apply for the program. VEM can provide assistance with both the letter of intent and application. If you are unsure how to start the process or if you might be eligible, please call VEM at 800-347-0488.

Deadline for HMGP Letter of Intent: Friday, October 12, 2012

Deadline for 3rd Round HMGP applications: Friday, November 2, 2012.

For more information visit: [http://vem.vermont.gov/hmgp\\_11.2.12](http://vem.vermont.gov/hmgp_11.2.12)

## **Funding Opportunities Available Through the Vermont Homeland Security Unit**

The Vermont Homeland Security Unit, in coordination with the Vermont Communications (VCOMM) Steering Committee, is seeking applications for base stations, fixed or mobile repeaters, voter systems as well as other communications equipment as outlined in the FY10 HSGP Guidelines and Requirements. The primary focus for this funding is to replace non narrowband capable base stations and repeaters with narrowband capable equipment through the FY10 Homeland Security Grant Program.

Requests should be in line with VCOMM's mission to enhance communications, coordination and cooperation, and to establish a statewide VCALL/UCALL interoperable, accessible radio system for police, fire and emergency service responders that links local, state and federal agencies.

For more information, contact Tim Bouton at 388-3141 or visit: <http://hsu.vermont.gov/funding>

## **Fall Forums to Focus on Getting to 90 Percent Renewable by 2050 in Vermont**

Rutland Free Library, 10 Court Street, Rutland, VT  
Thursday, November 1, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

All are invited to attend and help implement Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan! In October 2011, the state released a long-range Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) that outlines a set of strategies for meeting Vermont's future energy needs. The CEP sets a goal of obtaining 90 percent of the state's total energy needs in 2050 from renewable resources.

Achieving that necessarily ambitious goal will take all hands on deck and the partnership of Vermonters.

To this end, the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network, the Vermont Natural Resources Council and regional planning commissions, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Public Service and the Vermont Climate Cabinet, are hosting a series of four forums across the state this fall to highlight the CEP and advance implementation strategies.

The goals of the forums are to:

- Update Vermonters on the progress that has been made over the past year in implementing the goals of the Comprehensive Energy Plan.
- Solicit guidance and input from participants on current and proposed implementation strategies.
- Offer concrete projects that grassroots leaders, key stakeholders, and interested Vermonters can undertake to help achieve the goals of the CEP.

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ACRPC is co-sponsoring the November 1 forum in Rutland, along with the Rutland and Bennington County Regional Planning Commissions.

For more information contact: Johanna Miller, VNRC Energy Program Director & VECAN Coordinator at 802-223-2328 ext. 112 or [jmiller@vnrc.org](mailto:jmiller@vnrc.org).

## **Public Hearing on the State Transportation Improvement Program**

Vermont Interactive Television (VIT), 51 Charles Ave, Hannaford Career Center, Middlebury, VT  
Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is holding their annual public hearing on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which outlines all the statewide transportation projects and their budgets programmed to take place from FY-2013 - FY-2016.

To view the latest Draft Budget worksheet of the FY-2013-2016 STIP, please visit: [http://www.acrpc.info/transportation/VTrans/STIP\\_FY2013DraftBudget\\_20121003.pdf](http://www.acrpc.info/transportation/VTrans/STIP_FY2013DraftBudget_20121003.pdf)

For more information on VIT, please visit: <http://www.vitlink.org/SITES/Middlebury.php>

For additional information on the Agency of Transportation's STIP, please visit: <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/STIP.htm>

Please contact Daryl Benoit at ACRPC (388-3141) with any additional questions.

## **Workshop on Managing the Municipal Budget**

Capitol Plaza, 100 State Street, Montpelier  
Wednesday, October 10, 8:30 AM — 4:00 PM

This workshop is designed for selectboard members, town managers and administrators, treasurers, finance directors, and auditors as well as trustees of public funds, cemetery commissioners and library trustees. There is perhaps no topic more important to taxpayers than financial management. Sponsored by the Vermont

League of Cities and Towns Municipal Assistance Center.

The cost of the workshop is \$65 for VLCT PACIF members, \$90 for VLCT Members, and \$135 for Non-Members. For more information, call 229-9111 or visit <http://www.vlct.org/events-news-blogs/event-calendar/managing-the-municipal-budget/>

## **Monkton Energy Fair**

Monkton Firehouse, Monkton, VT  
Thursday, October 11, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Want to know about programs that save home energy use? Weatherization? Renewables? How to fund home energy projects? Come to the Monkton energy fair! There will be tables set up with information from energy auditors, alternative energy providers, the PACE program, efficiency organizations and programs available to residents, etc. Sponsored by the Monkton Energy Committee.

## **2012 VPA Fall Conference: Planning for Earth, Wind and Fire**

Tupelo Music Hall, 188 S. Main St.,  
White River Junction, VT  
Friday, October 26, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

This fall workshop will focus on the community's role in review of renewable energy generation facilities. The workshop will be followed by the annual meeting and reception of the Vermont Planners Association (VPA).

Cost: Regular \$40, Student or Volunteer \$20. For more information and to download the registration, visit <http://www.vermontplanners.org/vpapcmain.html>

## **Local Mitigation Planning Workshop**

Vermont Emergency Management offices,  
103 S. Main St., Waterbury  
Friday and Saturday, November 15-16

This workshop is an excellent opportunity both for experienced mitigation planners and for those with

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limited or no prior planning experience. FEMA will cover those elements which constitute a good mitigation plan, as well as the FEMA requirements in getting to a conditionally approved local mitigation plan.

The workshop is free and lunch will be provided for participants on both training days.

To attend the course, you must pre-register by emailing Ray Doherty, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at [ray.doherty@state.vt.us](mailto:ray.doherty@state.vt.us) by Friday, November 2. You can also email him with any questions.

## **Avoid Pitfalls & Unlock Opportunities: Tips from experts on developing brownfields in Vermont**

Stoweflake Resort, Stowe, Vermont

Thursday, November 29, 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

This one day Brownfields Forum is intended to provide guidance and real world applications to the development of Brownfield sites in Vermont. The forum is geared toward meeting the education and training needs of Lenders, Developers, Realtor/Brokers, Environmental Consultants, Attorneys and Municipalities. If you develop or market property in Vermont's Downtowns, provide lending to conduct this work and want to understand your liability this is the event for you.

To view the agenda, register, and learn more about brownfields and this forum, please visit:

[http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/sms/RCP/PP/Brownfields\\_Conference.html](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/sms/RCP/PP/Brownfields_Conference.html)

## **Forum on Improving Bike/Ped Conditions**

Wednesday, October 24, 9:30 to 2:30

Montpelier, VT

Do you want VT's paved roads to have good shoulders? Would you like additional maps similar to the VT Bikeways map released earlier this year? Do you think more should be done to persuade roadway users to share the road? Would you like to see a new or improved multi-use path in your town?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of the above questions, then the Bike/Ped Forum hosted by the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition is for you! All who have an interest in improving bike/ped conditions in Vermont are invited to this event, which will feature workshops, networking time, and a delicious lunch. Some featured topics will be mapping, multi-use paths, law enforcement education, biking and walking motivators, and the health and economic benefits of biking and walking.

The Forum is organized for bike/ped enthusiasts, business owners and managers, state legislators and local elected officials, transportation planners, law enforcement officers, staff from VTrans and the Department of Tourism and Marketing, leaders of advocacy groups and clubs, and owners of B&Bs and inns.

Please respond to [Nancy@VTBikePed.org](mailto:Nancy@VTBikePed.org) no later than October 17 so the VBPC can have an accurate head count. If you have a topic that you want to have discussed, please indicate that in your reply. A suggested donation of \$10 per person is requested to help defray the costs of hosting this event. Directions to the meeting site and a parking permit will be sent upon receipt of your RSVP. If you have a topic that you want to have discussed, please indicate that in your reply. A suggested donation of \$10 per person is requested to help defray the costs of hosting this event. Visit [www.vtbikeped.org](http://www.vtbikeped.org) to find out more.