



# ACRPC

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September 2008

## Vermont League of Cities & Towns 2008 Town Fair Thursday, October 2, 2008 Killington Grand Hotel, Killington

Join us for an event full of learning, networking and celebrating local government! Many exciting workshops are offered! Celebrate the arts in your community, solve your greatest recreation dilemmas, comply with the ADA, protect and archive town data, examine a flume model of a stream, advocate for local government, and discuss VLCT's municipal legislative policy at our Annual Meeting.

For more information call 800-649-7915 or go to: [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org). Meet you in Killington!

## Town Transportation-Related Planning Studies

Each year, the Transportation Advisory Committee receives proposals for, and sponsors, a variety of transportation-related town feasibility studies. This grant program is intended to help the towns develop options for addressing various transportation problems that they may face. Currently, the TAC is assisting the Town of New Haven in the development of a capital budgeting process. In addition, a study is currently underway which is looking at north/south corridor traffic problems in the Town of Monkton.

At the August meeting, the TAC approved three studies to be performed in the 09 budget season. The first will gather and analyze work and business related origin/destination information throughout the county. This will be used to design better and more efficient transit service that will more closely match the needs of potential users. The second study is a traffic and movement study of the Airport Road/Main Street intersection area in Bristol. Because of its proximity to the high school and planned future development in the immediate area, the town would like to explore any safety and performance improvements that might be possible in that area. The third and final grant is to assist the Town of Lincoln in creating a capital budget for their transportation infrastructure that can then be maintained by the town and used as a tool in their annual budget development.

Contact Rick Kehne with any questions at the ACRPC office at 388-3141 or email: [rkehne@sover.net](mailto:rkehne@sover.net).

## Recycle: A Bright Idea!

Recycle just one average plastic water bottle to save enough energy to light a 60 watt incandescent bulb for 3 hours, or a 15 watt compact fluorescent bulb (CFL) for 12 hours! ([www.acswmd.org](http://www.acswmd.org))

## Commission Calendar

Month	Date	Time	Event
September	10	7:00	Full Commission
	12	12:00	Energy Committee @ Denecker Chevrolet
	17	7:00	Transportation Advisory Committee
	22	7:00	Button Up - Town Energy Committees
	23	6:30	ICS 402 @ New Haven Town Hall
	23	7:00	Natural Resources Committee
	24	5:00	LEPC 8 @ VSP New Haven
	24	7:00	Executive Committee
	25	7:00	Energy Program: Wood Supply
	October	3	12:00
7		6:00	LEMD Training
8		7:00	Full Commission
13			Columbus Day, Observed
22		7:00	Executive Board
23		7:00	Energy Workshop: Financing Renewable Energy Systems

Meetings are open to the public, and unless otherwise noted, held at ACRPC.

Selected minutes are available online at [www.acrpc.org](http://www.acrpc.org). For further information, contact ACRPC at 388-3141

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# News & Events

## Local Officials Await Disaster Declaration

Local officials are anxiously awaiting word from FEMA on a requested disaster declaration as a result of storms in early August that left washed out roads and bridges in its wake. A FEMA declaration would provide 75% federal assistance for repair to town infrastructure. When combined with a cost share from the state, up to 90% of the disaster expenses would be covered.

## ACRPC Hosts LEMD Training

On October 7 from 6-9 p.m., ACRPC will be hosting a Vermont Emergency Management Training for town emergency managers. This base level training will introduce appointed town emergency managers to the basic concepts of emergency management and what steps should be taken when a disaster strikes. Designed for new and experienced EM coordinators, this class will be followed by an advanced level training later in the year.

Contact Tim Boutin ACRPC Senior Planner at 388-3141 or email [tboutin@sover.net](mailto:tboutin@sover.net).

## Green Mountain Grant Writing Workshop

Kathleen Diehl, Partnership and Conservation Education Coordinator for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests, has scheduled a workshop targeted to the towns that are impacted by the Green Mountain National Forest to provide an overview of grant writing - on September 23 & 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Ilsley Library in Middlebury.

Contact Kathleen if you plan to attend at 747-6709 or email [kdiehl@fs.fed.us](mailto:kdiehl@fs.fed.us).

## Guide on Ancient Roads

Paul Gillies has compiled a useful guide entitled "How to Find Ancient Roads", which is produced by the Vermont Institute for Government.

You can find it at:  
<http://crs.uvm.edu/citizens/ancientroads.pdf>.

## Wildlife Opportunities and Current Use

Upcoming workshop presented by Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife, Inc. on September 20, 2008, to be held in the Peacham area.

Contact Barry Lawson, 592-3632  
or email [lawson384@charter.net](mailto:lawson384@charter.net).

## Save Your Shoreline - A Workshop for Lakeshore Owners

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission is hosting a free workshop for homeowners concerned about protecting their shorelines in the face of erosion issues. This interactive workshop will help shoreline owners:

- identify the causes of shoreline erosion;
- learn about basic information needed to plan an erosion control project;
- discover stabilization methods that work along Lake Champlain; and
- understand permitting as it relates to stabilization projects.

The workshop will be held on September 9, from 5-7 p.m. at Knight Point State Park in North Hero.

Contact Bonnie Waninger at 524-5958 or email [bwaninger@nrpcvt](mailto:bwaninger@nrpcvt).

## How to Find Ancient Roads

The Vermont Department of Housing & Community Affairs partnered with the UVM Center for Rural Studies to create a listserv to assist Vermont municipalities in complying with Act 178. This useful tool enables subscribers to ask questions, share success stories, offer tips to overcome common obstacles, locate professional help and view passages posted by other subscribers throughout the state who are interested in this process. You do not need to be a recipient of DHCA's Ancient Roads Grant Program to subscribe to the ancient roads listserve; anyone may join.

To subscribe:  
<http://list.uvm.edu/cgi-bin/wa?AO=ANCIENTROADS>

# News & Events

# Grants

## **Municipal Planning Grants**

All Municipal Planning Grant applications will be on -line for FY09.

### Schedule:

New applications instructions mailed to towns & available on the web - September.

Regional confirmation of municipal planning process due - September 30, 2008

Grant applications due - October 31, 2008

Grant decisions - December 31, 2008

The Department of Housing & Community Affairs will be taking calls from towns that wish to submit an application for Municipal Planning Grants and will walk them through the AO validation process. Grants management staff will be visiting towns in Addison County during the month of September and may be able to provide onsite training for your town. If you think this might be helpful, please contact Sue Minter or Faith Ingulsrud at 828-5228 or email [faith.ingulsrud@state.vt.us](mailto:faith.ingulsrud@state.vt.us).

In addition, one hour conference call training sessions are scheduled for Thursday, September 11 at 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 17 at 9 a.m., and Tuesday, September 23 at noon. Remote participants, using their own computers, will be led through the application and new user sign-in process.

The "AO" may designate a staff member of the ACRPC as one of the "Writers" of the Grant application, if you wish our assistance in the application process. If you are planning to apply for a Municipal Grant this year, please contact Elizabeth Golden, Land Use Planner, at ACRPC to let her know of your plans and for assistance in the process at 388-3141 or email [egolden@sover.net](mailto:egolden@sover.net).

## **Lake Champlain Basin Program Cultural Heritage Grants**

Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Implementation - up to \$10,000 to support recreation and cultural heritage projects that inform and involve the public.

Lake Champlain quadricentennial Implementation - up to \$5,000 for project that support the commemoration of Samuel de Champlain's 1609 arrival to the Lake.

Contact 800-468-5227 or [www.lcbp.org/grants.htm](http://www.lcbp.org/grants.htm).

## **Building Communities Grants Programs**

The Building Communities Grants Programs were established and funded by the Vermont Legislature to "help communities preserve important historic buildings and enhance community facilities." All of these programs, except the Barn Grants, require that the applicant be a non-profit organization or municipality. All grants require a match; matching funds from local fundraising efforts are encouraged. You may apply to more than one of the grant programs for the same project in one calendar year.

### **Historic Preservation Grant**

Purpose: For restoring important historic buildings.

Application deadline: Monday, October 6, 2008.

Contact Devin Colman, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation at 828-3043; email [devin.colman@state.vt.us](mailto:devin.colman@state.vt.us); or visit [www.HistoricVermont.org](http://www.HistoricVermont.org).

### **Cultural Facilities Grant**

Purpose: To enhance or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural programming.

Application deadline: Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

The Arts Council will offer Cultural Facilities Grants Workshops in September. Details are posted on their website: [www.vermontartscouncil.org](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org).

Contact Sonia Rae, Vermont Arts Council at 828-5425 or email [srae@vermontartscouncil.org](mailto:srae@vermontartscouncil.org).

### **Historic Barn and Agricultural Buildings Grant**

Purpose: To assist owners of historic agricultural buildings (barns, corn cribs, silos, grist mills, etc.) with a 50/50 matching grant.

Application deadline: November 3, 2008

Contact Nancy Boone, Vermont Division for Historical Preservation at 828-3045 or email [nancy.boone@state.vt.us](mailto:nancy.boone@state.vt.us).