



ACRPC

update

September 2012

Mosquito Spraying for Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus

The Vermont Department of Health and Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets held a public meeting on Sept. 4, 7 p.m. at the Brandon Town Hall to discuss the planned aerial application of pesticide (Anvil 10+10) in the areas around Brandon and Whiting where mosquito pools have been identified with Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus. On Sept. 1, two adults who live near these areas were confirmed to have EEE, and one has passed away.

Because the risk to public health is significant, state health and agriculture officials targeted aerial spraying of this area on the evenings of September 6 and 7.

The spraying has two centers for treatment near Brandon and Whiting using a pesticide (Sumithrin) that is frequently used to control insects in homes and gardens and on pets.

Get more details at http://www.healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/eee/eee_public.aspx, including EEE FAQs, EEE fact sheet, and map of spraying area.

This will also be our program for our September Full Commission meeting, on Wed., Sep. 12th at Middlebury College. All are welcome to attend. Please see meeting agenda for details.

2012 Way to Go! Commuter Challenge Results

Three Addison County towns make the short list

Each year, Way To Go! presents a number of “Recognition Awards” to communities and businesses that achieve a high proportion of employee participation in the program. A list of this year’s award recipients is provided with this release. In addition, for just the second year, Way To Go! offers the Carbon Cup, an award that goes to only one community and to one small business and one large business. This year’s Carbon Cup goes to Vergennes.

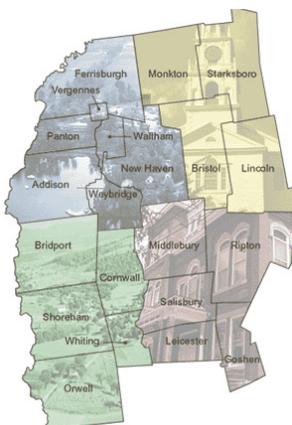
Spearheaded by Local Motion with sponsorship from the Go Vermont program, Way To Go! also supported a “head to head challenge” between Middlebury Union High School and Burlington High School. Students and staff needed to register with Way To Go! and commute in ways that would significantly reduce

This newsletter is financed through the State of Vermont Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the State of Vermont. All programs of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission are handicapped accessible.

Commission Calendar

Sep. 2012	12	7:30	Full Commission Meeting (Middlebury College, Bicentennial Hall)
	17	7:00	ACORN Energy Coop Board
	20	7:00	Addison County Solid Waste Management District Meeting
	24	5:00-9:00	Local Emergency Managers Directors Training
	26	5:00-7:00	Local Emergency Managers Meeting, VT State Police Barracks
	26	6:30	ACRPC Executive Board
	27	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

Phone: 802.388.3141
Fax: 802.388.0038

each school's carbon footprint. Both schools did well, but Middlebury took the winner's position.

The 2012 Way To Go! awards will be presented at a reception in Vergennes on September 21 (see Events section of newsletter for details).

2012 CARBON CUP RESULTS

City of Vergennes (winner)

Montpelier (2011 winner)

Fairfax

Ripton

Waterbury

Hinesburg

Burlington

Shoreham

Jericho

Plainfield

Putney

For the full results, visit: <http://www.waytogovt.org/>

Pedestrian study for Exchange St. in Middlebury is complete!

The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian infrastructure along the Exchange Street corridor, promote non-motorized access to the area, enhance the convenience of public transportation by providing safe connections from bus stops to area businesses and downtown Middlebury. This report details a preferred alternative for a sidewalk that traverses Exchange Street from Elm St. to a location near the Bridge School, the creation of two crosswalks along the corridor, as well as bus pull-off lanes near Catamount Park.

Find study at: <http://acrpc.info/transportation/bikeped>

Ready to grow?

Introduce your business to capital providers at the Financing the Working Landscape Conf. on Nov. 29th

Working landscape entrepreneurs are invited to submit applications to pitch their businesses to an audience of capital providers. Businesses could include producers

of meat, eggs, wood products, rice and agritourism and more. There are two types of presentation available:

- The Entrepreneurs Showcase - a 3-minute pitch from an entrepreneur who is looking for capital.
- The Challenge Presentation - a 7-minute presentation of a particular obstacle that an entrepreneur is facing, followed by coaching and suggested approaches from a panel of experts.

Presented by ACRPC, the ACORN Network and ACEDC, the Second Annual Financing the Working Landscape Conference will be on November 29th at the Middlebury American Legion. The event is designed to bring together the regional capital community and Champlain Valley entrepreneurs with businesses involved in food, agriculture and forestry.

97% of Vermonters polled by the Council on the Future of VT in 2009 said that the working landscape is key to our future. How are we going to invest in it so that the land continues to support future generations?

Entrepreneurs: Please visit acornvt.org or email lea@acornvt.org for an application and more information. APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 12.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS are due September 28th

While many of our towns use municipal planning grants to fund plan and zoning updates, please remember to take advantage of these funds to support innovative ideas in your community. One of the priorities of the 2013 MPGs is to fund projects that support infrastructure planning. This could translate into all kinds of planning projects such as bike and pedestrian plans, conservation planning, sewer, storm water/low-impact development, energy, and/or communications planning. Also see priority (d) for projects associated with flood resiliency, including river-corridor planning. If you have an idea and want to discuss it further, please contact our staff as soon as possible and we would be happy to assist you.

Grants

This year's Statewide Priorities projects for FY13 are:

- a. Bylaw updates intended to correct clear conflicts with the municipal plan, and bylaw updates that address the smart growth principles in 24 V.S.A. § 2791 (13) .
- b. Infrastructure planning in support of compact centers and smart growth. Projects could include but are not limited to: Capital Improvement Planning; facility inventory, mapping and needs identification; conceptual design/visioning; and developing policies relating to sewer, water, storm water, energy, transportation, green and/or communications infrastructure.
- c. Updating or amending a Municipal Plan for the purpose of addressing the smart growth principles and/or to address inconsistencies with statewide planning goals or the Regional Plan. (An expired plan or pending expiration of a plan is not considered a priority.)
- d. Planning and implementation for achieving greater flood resiliency. Projects may include integrating river corridor planning with hazard mitigation plans, fluvial erosion hazard mapping and bylaws, etc. To be considered a priority, all such projects shall involve a draft update to the municipal plan that addresses improved flood resiliency.

Bonus Points: Projects within and related to an existing designated downtown, village center, or growth center are eligible for bonus points (20 points for downtowns and 10 for all other state designations). The relationship of the project to the designation must be clearly described in the application for the bonus points to apply.

Please contact Claire Tebbs at ACRPC (ctebbs@acrpc.org) or 388-3141) if you need assistance with getting an application started or if you have further questions regarding Municipal Planning Grants.

Find out more about the grants at: http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/community_development/funding/municipal_planning_grants/mpgfy13

2012 Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program

VTrans is now accepting applications for the 2012 VT Safe Routes to School infrastructure program. The goal of the program is to remove barriers that deter students from walking and bicycling to school in Vermont through the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects.

Eligible projects must be located within approximately 2 miles of a school that includes at least one grade in the range K-8. The school must be signed up as a Partner of the VT Safe Routes to School Resource Center and must have a School Travel Plan that has been updated within the last 3 years. Please contact Abby Mattera, State Outreach Coordinator for information on becoming a Partner (Abby@saferoutesvt.org, 802-598-8651).

SRTS funding is not distributed as block grants but is rather a reimbursement program. Successful applicants will be expected to enter into a grant agreement with VTrans that will lay out respective responsibilities as all projects must be developed in accordance with applicable federal and state rules and regulations. Additional information on the program and a copy of the 2012 Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program Guide and Application can be found at: http://saferoutes.vermont.gov/getting_started/funding

Final and complete applications must be submitted to the attention of Patti Coburn and must be received or postmarked by 4:00 PM, Friday, October 26, 2012. Please contact Claire Tebbs at ACRPC (ctebbs@acrpc.org) or 388-3141) if you have questions.

Status of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants

Vermont Emergency Management has set up a telephone Information Line for those seeking information regarding the status of their applications under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Towns and homeowners seeking information about the status of their grant applications may call the following toll-free number: 866-953-2325.

Grants / Events

Those calling this number will hear a recorded message and can leave their name and telephone contact number. Callers will be contacted within 24 to 48 hours with information regarding the status of their HMGP application.

Vermont Emergency Management is working diligently with towns and local partners to expedite the FEMA review and approval process as much as possible.

Application Workshop for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grants

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 1:00 – 4:00pm
Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square (US Route 7)*

The Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) will be hosting a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) application workshop in Brandon on Sep. 12. The workshop is designed to assist organizations, communities, individuals, and businesses affected by last year's floods with applying for the CDBG-DR funding.

We suggest you encourage anyone who is at all considering applying for a grant, or will otherwise participate in the CDBG-DR application process, to attend. This includes homeowners, business owners, nonprofit staff or board members, and certainly municipal officials.

Please note that CDBG-DR allows organizations, individuals and businesses to apply directly for these grants. This is different than the typical CDBG process that requires applications to come through a municipality.

Space is limited so register early. To register for a workshop, please contact Leslie Drown by email at Leslie.Drown@state.vt.us or via phone at 828- 5211.

Renewable Energy Conference and Expo

October 1 & 2, 2012

Sheraton Hotel/Conference Center, Burlington, VT

The largest renewable energy conference in the state, Renewable Energy 2012 will bring together key players in the the renewable sectors: business leaders, system operators, manufacturers, engineers, scientists, policy makers, regulators, and academics. The REV conference provides technical training, industry presentations and poster sessions on policy, regulatory and financial issues focusing on the power, heating and transportation needs expected from future solar, wind, hydro, geothermal and bio-technologies, with a highlight on SmartGrid, battery development and the electrification of our transportation system.

Find out more at: <http://www.revermont.org>

Groundbreaking for New Transportation Center!

Monday, Sep 10, 2012, 2:00pm

341 Creek Road in Middlebury, VT.

Addison County Transit Resources is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the new ACTR Community Transportation Center on Sep. 10. Learn more about the facility and help celebrate its success.

VMS Construction of Rutland has begun construction and ACTR expects to be serving the community from the new public transportation headquarters in May.

Watch a short design Animation of the future facility here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjW6Kz_IaK8

2012 Way To Go! Awards Event

10:00am, Friday, September 21

Vergennes Opera House, Vergennes

Jeb Spaulding (Secretary of Administration) will be on hand to help present and community, school, and business leaders will share their success stories. Details of the agenda can be found at: <http://waytogovt.org>.

Come celebrate the fruits of the Way to Go! event!

Events

