



April Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 10	6:00pm	Natural Resources Committee meeting
Wed. 10	7:00pm	Full Commission meeting
Thur. 11	7:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD) meeting
Wed. 17	6:30pm	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
Wed. 24	5:00pm	Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Wed. 24	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board

Meetings are held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury, and are open to the public.
Digital calendar located at <http://acrpc.org/calendar/>



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Road and Erosion Drainage Inventory Wins 2019 Project of the Year award!

Kevin Behm, Assistant Director of Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC), created a simple, user-friendly way for municipalities to assess and collect spatial data on their local roads and compile such data into an inventory that can be independently managed by each municipality. The tool Behm developed, Fulcrum Road Erosion and Drainage Inventory (FREDI), lets road foremen and town members assess road segments and update municipal culvert inventories.

In March, the effort was selected as the project of the year by the Vermont Planners Association.

An award ceremony will be held on April 11th at the Statehouse in Montpelier

Congratulations Kevin!

Events

Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) Tour of Monument Farms Methane Digester and Hike Saturday, April 6 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hagar Farm; 3296 Weybridge Rd, Weybridge
MALT will celebrate the recent authorization of the North Country Trail extension with a FREE event at Monument Farms. The event will begin with a tour of their facilities, demonstrating how Monument Farms strives to be environmentally conscientious, followed by a walk from the Hagar Farm to hike a section of the Blue Trail through stunning views of the surrounding farmland and the Adirondacks. Champlain Orchard's Cider and Monument Farms' milk will be provided as refreshments. All ages and interests welcome!

Parking: Both sides of driveway in front of manure pit at the Hagar Farm



The Lake Between - International Conference Monday, April 8, 8 AM - 4 PM at

UVM's Davis Center, Burlington, Vermont

The Lake Between (Le lac qui nous unit) – is an International Conference designed to bring together academics, business leaders, policy-makers, outdoor enthusiasts, boaters and swimmers, musicians and artists to talk about Lake Champlain. This conference is open to all interested in the past, present and future of our shared lake. A diverse array of speakers will present on a variety of topics, with plenty of time built in for audience participation.

More info here: <https://www.uvm.edu/cas/vermontresearch/lake-between-le-lac-qui-nous-unit>

An Economy For All Town Hall– Vergennes Sunday, April 7, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Kennedy Brothers Auditorium, 11 Main St.

Join VT Lt. Governor David Zuckerman, and the Rights & Democracy Education Fund for an evening listening session and discussion about racial justice, raising the minimum wage, paid family and medical leave, universal health care, ensuring clean water, a just transition to a 100% real renewable future, and more.

Additional speakers will include local legislators, community leaders, and community members who are working on ways to solve these issues in their community or across the state.

RSVP at https://secure.everyaction.com/SR9HI7S1Vka-q0znLdKE_A2

Lunch and Learn:

Benefits of State Downtown Designation

Tuesday, April 9th, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Location: Middlebury Town Office, Large Conference Room, 77 Main Street

Did you know that Middlebury, Vergennes, and Bristol are designated downtowns? And East Middlebury and New Haven are designated village centers? Bring your lunch and learn from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development what these designations mean and how they can benefit your business or towns. Learn more and register at <https://addisoncountyedc.org/services/events/lunch-and-learn-benefits-of-state-downtown-designation-20190409>



Events



Learn About Citizen Science at Dead Creek

April 11, 2019, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

966 Route 17 West in Addison, VT

Vermonters are invited to learn about how citizen science is employed to help with wildlife conservation in Vermont at the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area Conference Room in Addison. This 'Citizen Science 101' presentation is free and open to the public and is limited to the first 50 people who register via email.

The presentation will be led by Erin Talmage, Director of the Birds of Vermont Museum, and Amy Alfieri who manages Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area and Visitor Center. Talmage will discuss the history and importance of citizen science and how the information collected can be used for conservation. Alfieri will discuss citizen science opportunities through the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. To sign up, email Amy Alfieri at amy.alfieri@vermont.gov

Green Up Day- May 4th

A beloved Vermont tradition for almost 50 years, volunteers come together to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces.

Get Involved: If you have never participated in Green Up Day, it's easy! Find your town's information for where to get bags here:

<https://greenupvermont.org/town-contact-list>

Wear brightly colored clothes, sensible shoes, gloves, and sunscreen.

Be tick smart! Wear long pants, avoid tall grass, wear bug repellent and check for ticks when you arrive home.

New this year, the Green Up Day App! Visit

<http://www.codeforbtv.org/blog/official-green-day-mobile-app>



Road Roundtable- Lincoln, VT- May 5

A workshop from Vermont Local Roads and the Agency of Natural Resources that offers enhanced trainings for road crew and foremen and others to inventory and prioritize road erosion sites. Since 2016 Vermont Local Roads and Vermont DEC have hosted trainings targeted for road crews and foremen on maintaining local roads and complying with state permitting requirements. This year the Road Roundtable will be coming to Lincoln, and will dive into the nuts and bolts of the Road Erosion Inventories that have been on-going, see what the results have been, and look at how towns can access and use the data collected. The agenda for the meeting is still being developed, but other topics are expected to include the Municipal Roads General Permit, changes to the Road and Bridge Standards, culver sizing and installation, and FY20 road grant funding. Details will be posted on the Vermont Local Roads website (<https://localroads.vermont.gov/>) when finalized.

Grants & Funding

Vermont Capacity Building Program

Proposals due April 30th, for review in June.

Final decisions will be announced in October.

The grant is for a maximum of \$30,000 per year, for up to three years, to significantly enhance the capacity of a Vermont-based, statewide non-profit organization that has both a vision and a strategic plan to extend its influence and achieve defined goals. The organization's goals should resonate with the Foundation's mission to further social justice, protect the environment or support family farms and local food systems.

Application and more information located at <https://benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-vermont-capacity-building-grant-program.html>



Vermont Economic Justice Program

Proposals due June 29th, review in September

Competitive grants of up to \$20,000 to Vermont-based, non-profit organizations working to address the economic, social and environmental impacts of poverty.

Areas of interest include:

- Equity in education
- Access to safe and affordable housing
- Access to jobs with livable wages
- Workers' rights
- Access to affordable health care and
- Access to healthy and affordable food

Application and more information located at <https://benandjerrysfoundation.org/vermont-economic-justice-grants.html>

Road Structures and Paving Grants- April 15

State grants for bridges, culverts, and retaining walls that are part of the municipalities' highway (Class 1, 2, or 3) infrastructure and for re-surfacing or reconstruction of Class 2 roadways are now open. Grant amounts are limited to \$175,000 for any one project. Grant Application forms may be obtained from the municipality's VTrans District office. Required match varies for the two grant programs.

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) grant program- Second Round

Grant applications due April 30th, 2019

A total of \$400,000 in funding available this round to support the installation of Level 2 and DC fast charge stations at qualified locations in Vermont. The program prioritizes funding in state designated areas (downtowns, village centers, new town centers, growth centers and neighborhood planning areas), highway corridors, public transit hubs, major tourist destinations, colleges/universities, hospitals, public park and rides, workplaces and multi-unit housing. Eligible applicants include Governments (Federal, State, municipal, public education institutions and public utilities), businesses, non-profits, homeowner associations, electric utilities, EVSE equipment providers.

Grant applications may be submitted to ACCD.CPR@vermont.gov.

Program description, resources, and application are available at <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/electric-vehicle-supply-equipment-evse-grant-program>.

For more information about the EVSE grant program please contact Gary Holloway, Downtown Program Coordinator at gary.holloway@vermont.gov or 802-828-3220.

Trainings

Town Officer Education Conferences

- Thurs., April 4 at Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee VT
- Thurs., April 11 at Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT

Town Officer Education Conferences (TOEC) provide training for more than 300 municipal officials and citizen volunteers.

To check out the agenda and register., visit:

<https://www.uvm.edu/extension/toec>

Town Health Officers Training

Thursday, April 18, 2019 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Rd, S.Burlington VT

Each year VLCT and the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) provide regional training opportunities for health officers and local boards of health *free of charge*, thanks to financial support from VDH. The goal of these trainings is to prepare new officials, share updates and essential resources, and provide a refresher to experienced health officers on the roles and responsibilities of this important position

Meg McCarthy, Compliance and Enforcement Advisor for VDH, will summarize the duties and responsibilities of and resources available to town health officers. Town health officers will learn how to identify common public health hazards, conduct inspections, and determine when and how to issue health orders and promote positive public health outcomes in their communities.

For questions contact Event Coordinator Heather Law, (802) 229-9111, info@vlct.org

Registration Deadline: Wed., April 11, 2018

Info and registration at, <https://www.vlct.org/event/town-health-officers-training-s-burlington>

Transportation Resilience Planning Tool

May 1, 2019 from 9:00-3:00 pm at the VTrans Training Center in Berlin.

Registration Deadline: April 24, 2019 (Space is limited so sign-up soon!)

The Vermont Transportation Resilience Planning Tool (TRPT) is a web-based application that identifies bridges, culverts and road embankments that are vulnerable to damage from floods, estimates risk based on the vulnerability and criticality of roadway segments, and identifies potential mitigation measures based on the factors driving the vulnerability. The course will teach participants how to interpret and apply the detailed data and factors behind the TRPT's results to inform project planning, scoping and design with the goal of reducing the vulnerability of road embankments, culverts and bridges to flood damage.

To register send an email to Beth McTear at Beth.McTear@vermont.gov

Questions? Contact Joe Segale, VTrans Policy, Planning & Res. Bureau Director, 802-477-2365

Application and User Guide:

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/transportation-resilience>

Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife Cooperator Training Workshop

Visit www.vtcoverts.org for an application

- **May 17-19** at the Common Ground Center 473 Tatro Rd, Starksboro, VT
- **September 6-8** at Kehoe Conservation Camp on the shores of Lake Bomoseen

Contact Lisa Sausville at info@vtcoverts.org

Volunteer Requests and Award Applications



Volunteers Needed For Disaster Drill

April 9, starting at 9:00 a.m. ending at 11:30a.m
(30 minute commitment)

Peterson Family Athletic Complex / Kenyon
Arena concourse level, Middlebury College

In times of major public health medical crisis, hospitals and clinics can get quickly overwhelmed, and **Points of Distribution (PODS)** for the delivery of medication are set up throughout the community.

On April 9 the Department of Health will run volunteers through the POD at Middlebury College to test their readiness in the event of a public health emergency.

Shifts last half an hour. You are also welcome to stay for the entire exercise and make multiple passes through the POD. It will be a very easy task of just receiving mock medication with the POD staff directing you throughout the entire process.

Contact: Dennis Pelletier, Vermont Dept. of Health, Emergency Preparedness Specialist, Middlebury District Office at (802) 734-0114 or Dennis.Pelletier@vermont.gov

2019 Vermont Dairy Farm of the Year Award

Nominations must be received by April 26.

The award is presented annually by University of Vermont Extension and the Vermont Dairy Industry Association (VDIA). Nominated farms are evaluated on their herd, pasture and crops management; milk production; land stewardship and environmental practices; commitment to promoting the dairy industry; and overall excellence in dairying, among other criteria. Judges are past award winners.

Any farm that was nominated previously, but did not win, may be nominated again.

To submit a nomination or learn more about the program see go.uvm.edu/vdfya.

Or request a nomination form from Program Administrative Assistant Peggy Manahan at Peggy.Manahan@uvm.edu, (800) 639-2130 or (802) 524-6501



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