ACRPC update

December 2018

ACRPC Welcomes Transportation Planner
Mike Winslow

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission is pleased to welcome Mike Winslow as our new Transportation Planner. Mike will serve as the lead staff person for the Transportation Advisory Committee and will help ACRPC implement Vermont's work on the Transportation Planning Initiative in the county.

Mike comes to ACRPC after a long career. He worked for many years on water quality issues and Lake Champlain as the staff scientist for the Lake Champlain Committee. He chaired the Lake Champlain Basin Program's Technical Advisory Committee. He has spent eight years on the Vergennes Planning Commission. With Vergennes he has served on a steering committee for a Better Connections Grant and led the Otter Creek Basin Revitalization project. Immediately prior to coming to ACRPC Mike worked with FEMA, assisting Vermont's recovery from severe storms in October of 2017 and May of 2018.

We are pleased to have Mike join our team and invite you to introduce yourself and make him welcome as he starts his work with ACRPC!

Commission Calendar

Dec. 5	7:00pm	Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
Dec. 12	7:00pm	Full Commission Meeting
Dec. 20	7:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management District Meeting
Cancelled		Executive Board Meeting

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

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Thank You and See You Around!

After almost nine years as an ACRPC Staff Planner, it's time for a new chapter. I wanted to say thank you for this opportunity to serve ACRPC and the many municipalities of Addison County. It has been a great opportunity to meet dedicated change-makers and understand the inner workings of our fiercely unique towns and villages. It has been an honor to work with volunteer board and committee members who care enough to give many hours of hard work toward improving their communities.

Evening meetings, while not many people's idea of a good time, gave me many sweet moments to wander our idyllic back roads, take in a sunset, record the spring peepers on my phone, or breath in that fresh Addison County (manure) air at dusk. We are lucky to live here.

Thank you for showing up, meeting around the table – all hours of the day, working through challenges and differences and finding solutions. Thank you for staying positive, bringing good ideas, listening, mobilizing, and making this State the small-scale wonder that it is.

- Claire Tebbs

Events & Other News

Meeting of Addison County providers who work with adolescents and their families
Date: Monday, December 10, 8:30–10am
Location: Counseling Service of Addison County, 109 Catamount Park, Middlebury

This meeting is hosted by the Local Interagency Team (LIT) and started after a review of the most recent Youth Risk Behavior Survey data and a discussion about the needs of adolescents and how we work together to support youth. One of the things we noticed was that we have a gap in the integration of services for youth- we don't all know each other as well as we would like to and there is awareness that we may want to build more consistent approaches and a more shared sense of best practices on topics like LGBTQ support, substance use, self-harming behavior, and transitions to adulthood (and many more!). The agenda of this initial meeting will focus on how we could work together, a better definition of what might be areas of interest and a decision about whether we would like to meet more regularly together and what that would look like.

Addison County's 2nd Annual State of the County: Data and Discussion about the health and wellbeing of our community

Date: Thursday, December 13, 9-11am
Location: Counseling Service of Addison County, 109 Catamount Park, Middlebury

This meeting is hosted by Addison County's Community Health Action Team (CHAT) Steering Committee. We'll report on progress since our last data meeting and share some findings from Addison County's 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment.

Funding Opportunities

Current Clean Water Initiative Program Grant Opportunities
For more information on all Clean Water Initiative Program Grants, please visit the webpage (**https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/grants**)

Partnership Project Development Block Grant
https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/grants/ecosystem-restoration

Application due: 4pm, December 10, 2018

DEC is requesting proposals for clean water project development, including coordination between landowners, municipalities, and other potential project partners. Up to $138,501 is available for this block grant.

Partnership Grants and Contracts Block Grant (Work Crew/Train the Trainer)
http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=33976

Application due: **4pm January 7, 2019**

DEC is requesting proposals to support implementation, technical support, capacity building, and education across program priority areas including stormwater management, municipal road-related stormwater management, natural resource restoration, agriculture, and forest management.

For information, contact Shalini Suryanarayana, shalini.suryanarayana@vermont.gov, 802-461-6175

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program
https://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2019rfp.aspx
Proposals due: Thursday, January 31, 2019

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Potential projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship.

Projects should also increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach and implementation.

This program expects that applicants will represent a mixture of urban and rural communities. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program.

For more information or questions about this RFP, please contact: Chloe Elberty, Coordinator, Community Stewardship, Chloe.Elberty@nfwf.org

Rural Fire Protection Grant Program
https://www.vacd.org/programs/rural-fire-protection/
Application deadlines:February 1st, April 1st, June 1st, and August 1st, 2019.

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is pleased to announce the 22nd year of funding for towns to improve fire suppression capabilities. The goals of the program are to:

- Save lives, by reducing response time and improving both public and firefighter safety.
- Enable fire fighters to have quicker, easier, and safer year-round drafting capability.
- Reduce risks to property and natural resources, both public and private.
- Lower insurance premiums, both public and private

The installation of **new** dry hydrants & other types of rural water supplies is still the priority of the program, but eligible projects also include repair/upgrade, replacement, relocation of existing rural water supplies, and new "drafting site" development, (including access development, stepping stones for portables, etc.). The maximum grant award is $5,000 per project or system; a 25% local match is required.

For more information, please download the application packet or contact Troy Dare, Program Manager, at 802-828-4582 - dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com to have an application packet mailed to you.

(See Ripton example in Addison Independent: https://www.addisonindependent.com/201811 ripton-installs-new-dry-hydrant)

Tools & Trainings

ICS 100 - Introduction to Incident Command

Time: 6:30 -10:30 PM (1830-2230)
Dates: 12/6/2018 and 12/13/2018
Location: Middlebury Fire Department, 5 Seymour St, Middlebury VT 05753

This course provides training and resources for personnel who require a basic understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS).. The course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This course is for entry-level first responders (firefighters, police officers, emergency medical services providers, public works, public health personnel, others) and other personnel that require introductory ICS.

You can register for any of these courses via the VT Learning Management System (http://vem.vermont.gov/training/trainingprogram/lms)

Vermont Local Emergency Management Director Course
Time: 12:00-4:00 PM (1200-1600) 4hrs x 2
Dates: 1/23 and 1/24, 2019
Location: Addison County Regional Planning Commission, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury VT
Instructor: Max Kennedy

Course for Local Emergency Management Directors (EMDs), required for state EMD certification

Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) workshop
Time: 12:00PM - 1:00 PM (1200-1300)
Date: 2/13/2019
Location: Addison County Regional Planning Commission, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury VT
Instructors: Max Kennedy, Andrew L'Roe

In this workshop we will be working with town EMDs and EMCs on completing the LEMP forms required for 2019.

Who's Who on the Addison County Regional Planning Commission?

Ashley Laux,

Middlebury

1. *What Town are you from now and where else do you consider yourself from?*

   I live in Middlebury and grew up in Iowa City, Iowa.

2. *Why are you interested in serving on this regional commission?*

   Part of the Vision in the regional plan states, ""Small-town sense of community is maintained, where people feel a sense of belonging and responsibility." This resonates with me—I want to contribute to creating vibrant communities in our county and the regional commission is one way to work with other community members towards this goal.

3. *What is one of your favorite public places in Addison Co?*

   The Robert Frost Trail!

4. *Life mantra or life bucket-list item?*

   My Addison County bucket-list item is to walk the entire TAM with my family over the course of one day!

5. *What kind of projects would you like to see the commission support?*

   I look forward to working with the commission as we update the population and housing section of the plan. I feel like the commission can be contributing towards making Addison County a more affordable place for families to live through finding creative ways to increase access to affordable housing across the county.