



This Month's Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 8	7:00pm	Full Commission
Wed. 15	6:30pm	Transportation Advisory Committee
Thurs 16	7:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management District
Wed. 22	5:00pm	LEPC 8 Exec meeting
Wed. 22	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board meeting
Tues 28	4:30pm	Energy Roundtable

Meetings 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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Towns Receive Municipal Planning Grants

Three towns in Addison County received 2020 Municipal Planning Grants to support local planning and community revitalization initiatives that build strong communities and improve Vermont's quality of life:

- **Ferrisburgh-** A Vision for Village Neighborhoods
- **Shoreham-** Village Design for New Homes and Vitality
- **Middlebury-** Zoning to Match the Downtown Vision

Additional details and contact information on next page

News & Announcements

Municipal Planning Grants (continued)

- **Ferrisburgh**– A Vision for Village Neighborhoods

Ferrisburgh will identify the kind of compact mixed-use neighborhoods that could be encouraged through updated zoning regulations and use illustrations to build a shared vision.

For more information, contact Arabella Holzapfel, arabella.listens@gmail.com

- **Shoreham**– Village Design for New Homes and Vitality

Shoreham will prepare a conceptual plan for the Farnum Property in Shoreham Village to encourage mixed-use development including housing.

For more information, contact Peter Lynch, petershorehamsb@gmail.com

- **Middlebury**– Zoning to Match the Downtown Vision

Middlebury will update the zoning regulations for the downtown area, encouraging development that furthers the soon-to-be completed Downtown Master Plan.

For more information, contact Jennifer Murray, jmurray@townofmiddlebury.org

The Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) program encourages and supports planning and revitalization for local municipalities in Vermont. Awarded annually and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the MPG program works to strengthen Vermont by funding local planning initiatives that support statewide planning goals. Since 1998, the MPG program has provided over \$13 million to 235 cities and towns across Vermont to help plan for future growth and development, and improve the quality of life.

Municipalities with a locally adopted plan that is approved by the regional planning commission are eligible to apply. Applications are due at the beginning of October each year.

More information about the Municipal Planning Grant program can be found at <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant>

For more information or assistance putting together a proposal for next year, please contact ACRPC's Katie Raycroft-Meyer at kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org

Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

Give your tree another purpose with the Addison County Solid Waste Management District's Merry Mulch Program!

After the holidays, the District chips your trees to make a fragrant mulch, which you can collect for free in the spring to use all around your yard.

You can drop off your tree (**No wreaths, please! And remove all ornaments, tinsel, garland and wire from trees**) at the Addison County Solid Waste Management District Transfer Station, 1223 Route 7 South in Middlebury, during the District's normal operating hours of 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday, and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday. Christmas trees for Merry Mulch are accepted free of charge until the end of January.

Questions? Please call the ACSWMD, 802-388-2333



Conferences and Events

Empowering Youth to Engage in our Climate Crisis

Featuring author and activist Bill McKibben

Woodchuck Cidery
1321 Exchange St,
Middlebury

January 8, 5:30-7:30pm

A talk for K-12
Families and Children.
Free and Open to All,
please preregister.

Snacks provided, beverages available for purchase

To preregister, contact Lisa at
lisa@middunderground.org or visit



Addison County Energy Roundtable

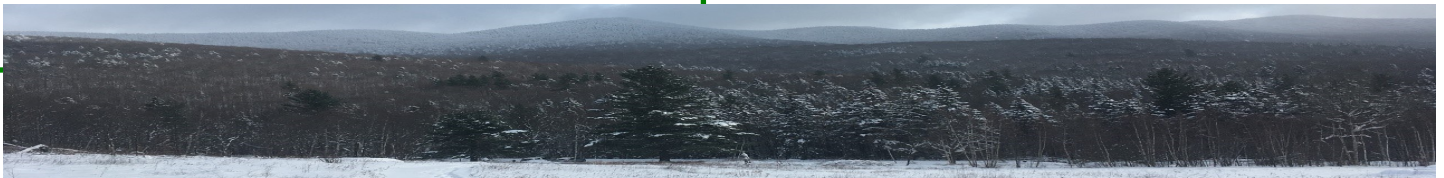
Tuesday, Jan 28. 4:30-6:00pm

ACRPC, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury VT

This event for municipal Energy Committees and Energy Coordinators will provide an update on current progress towards 90x50 energy goals and sharing tools and strategies to increase energy efficiency. ACRPC will provide resources for towns to promote energy efficiency programs and provide opportunities for Addison County residents and businesses.

For questions, contact ACRPC's Andrew L'Roe

alroe@acrpc.org or 802-388-3141



Vermont Economic Conference

Thursday, January 23, 8:00am-2:00pm
DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington Hotel
870 Williston Rd, South Burlington

Join the VT Chamber of Commerce for their annual Economic Conference to understand national, global, and state perspectives on the economic trends impacting Vermont businesses in 2020 and beyond. This year will feature morning breakout sessions.

More information and registration (until Jan 17)
at: <https://vermontvtcoc.wliinc14.com/events/Vermont-Chamber-of-Commerce-Economic-Conference-5242/details>

For questions please contact Director of
Events, Ariel Bertenshaw, at 802-262-0147 or
abertenshaw@vtchamber.com

Climate Friendly Forests

Lecture by UVM Professor of Forest Ecology,
William Keeton

February 6, 6:30 PM

Jessica Swift Community Room
Ilsley Library, 75 Main St., Middlebury, VT

How can our forests be more "carbon friendly" in the face of climate change? Learn about the role of forests in keeping carbon out of the atmosphere, how carbon markets work, and the possibilities for Vermont landowners to participate in these markets.

This talk is co-sponsored by Vermont Family Forests, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Audubon, and the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. For info contact Mark Nelson at m.a.nelson@live.com

Conferences and Events

2020 Vermont Walk Bike Summit

CALL FOR PROPOSALS (Feb 7)

Town Hall Theater Middlebury, Vermont

May 8, 2020

The 2020 Vermont Walk Bike Summit Committee invites you to share your expertise and creative endeavors with your colleagues at our upcoming conference.



Sessions will be organized into the following tracks:

1. Advocacy and Funding

This track offers participants a chance to learn more about how best to advocate for pedestrian and bicycle improvements and ways to get these funded.

2. Built Environment

This track explores the role of community vision in developing an active transportation network, cost-effective measures to increase bicycle/pedestrian accommodations, and innovative designs that a community can implement to increase levels of biking and walking.

3. Economic Development

This track highlights the financial benefits of walkable and bikeable communities.

4. Safe and Healthy Communities

This track focuses on best practices for bicycle and pedestrian safety education and combining active transportation messaging with health promotion.

5. Mobile Workshops

These workshops will include excursions outside the main conference venue to illustrate a particular design or planning concept by seeing it firsthand.

Process and timeline:

Sessions are 90 minutes long and will contain multiple presentations between 5 and 45 minutes including questions and answers. Please be clear about your expected length in proposal. To submit a proposal by **February 7**, please complete the online form:

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EUsf4K2T3PS3-sWvufm86vAMRmpcu69vhtHLw4ILbvg/viewform?edit_requested=true)

The Conference Planning Committee will make selections by **February 21** and make notifications soon after.

Questions may be sent to the Conference Committee at VTWalkBikeSummit@gmail.com

Grants & Funding

Emerald Ash Borer Management Grants

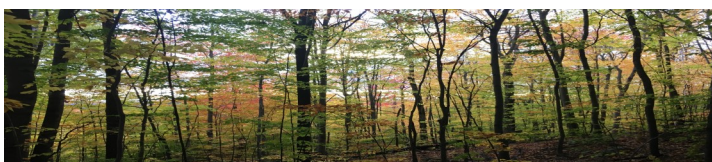
<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/programs-0/financial-assistance/eab-management-grants>

Grant applications due Friday, Jan 17, 2020

Vermont Urban and Community Forestry is seeking applicants for an Emerald Ash Borer Management grants program to support ash tree removals and tree replacements in municipalities impacted by an emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation.

VT UCF will award **\$15,000** cost-share grants to three municipalities. This funding is intended for municipalities that are prepared to remove public ash trees threatened by EAB and to plant new trees of different species to offset the loss of the ash trees. Municipalities that are included within the EAB Infested Area (both Confirmed and High Risk Areas) as of Dec. 31st, 2019 may apply.

For application questions, contact Elise Schadler, (802) 522-6015 or elise.schadler@vermont.gov



Caring for Canopy Grants

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/programs-0/financial-assistance/caring-canopy-grants>

Proposals due Friday, January 17th, 2020

These grants of \$1,000-\$5,000 act as seed funding to help communities care for their publicly managed trees and forests by taking actions to develop and sustain a community-wide tree program. A variety of project types are eligible for funding.

For application questions, contact Elise Schadler, (802) 522-6015 or elise.schadler@vermont.gov

1772 Foundation Grants

<https://ptvermont.org/help/grants/1772-foundation-grants/>

Letter of Interest deadline: January 15, 2020
matching grants of up to \$10,000 will be made available for the following historic preservation projects:

- exterior painting
- finishes and surface restoration
- fire detection/lightning protection/security systems
- repairs to/restoration of porches
- roofs and windows
- repairs to foundations and sills and
- chimney and masonry repointing.

Invited applications will be due March 6, 2020.

For questions, contact lisa@ptvermont.org

Grant Deadline Reminders from Prior Newsletters

2020 Water Quality Partnership Project

Proposals Due: January 9, 2020, 4:00 pm

<http://www.vermontbidsystem.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=40014>

2020 Wood Innovations Program

RFP submission deadline: January 15, 2020

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/programs/wood-education-and-resource-center/2020-wood-innovations-program-request-proposals>

2020 Vermont Watershed Grants Program

Application deadline February 7, 2020

<https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/grants/co-opportunities>

2020 Downtown Transportation Fund Grants

Due March 9, 2020

<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/downtown-transportation-fund>

Trainings



Municipal Incident Action Planning Hands-On Workshop

Tuesday, January 14, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Rutland Regional Planning Commission
3rd Floor, 67 Merchants Row, Rutland

Incident Action Plans (IAPs) are a way to expand your Local Emergency Management Plan with more comprehensive incident annexes without spending a lot of time on unknowable situation-dependent details.

This hands-on workshop will begin with an overview of the municipal incident action planning process and introduction to simple, concise formats for developing and recording municipal IAPs. These are efficient, typically one page, tools for developing an operational framework for specific hazards such as a flood, ice storm, pandemic, HAZMAT spill, train derailment, etc.

The presentation will be followed by time to complete your own IAP with one-on-one assistance. Come prepared with your top priorities to plan for. Need some ideas? Check your Local Hazard Mitigation Plan!

Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to Steffanie at sbourque@rutlandrpc.org or 802-775-0871 x206

Feel free to invite others in your community who are interested in this training topic.

Hazardous Materials Reporting training

Friday, January 31st, 9:00-10:00 am
Conference Room, State Police Barracks, 2490
Ethan Allen Highway/Rte 7, New Haven VT

Vermont's Community Right-To-Know Program and the Federal "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act" (EPCRA) require that all organizations, including local government facilities, annually report hazardous chemicals or pesticides kept on site during the preceding calendar year (January 1 to December 31, 2019) by **March 1st**.

The Vermont State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) requests that facilities submit Tier II reports using the EPA *Tier2Submit* software program. This training provides guidance on using the software, which is available at:

www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/tier2.htm

For information and rsvp, please contact ACRPC's Andrew L'Roe at 802-388-3141 alroe@acrpc.org

Town Meeting Tune-Up

<https://www.vlct.org/event/town-meeting-tune-up>

Wednesday, February 5, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Capitol Plaza, 100 State St, Montpelier, VT

All local officials who are interested in learning how to run town meeting are encouraged to attend this workshop. Geared toward both new moderators and seasoned veterans, the workshop will focus on the statutory requirements for town meeting, *Robert's Rules of Order*, recent pertinent court cases, and best practices for making it through Town Meeting Day unscathed.

Contact Event Coordinator Lisa Goodell at info@vlct.org or (802) 229-9111