

ACRPC

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ACRPC Welcomes Andrew L'Roe to Staff

The Addison County Regional planning Commission is pleased to welcome Andrew L'Roe as our new Emergency Planner/Staff Planner. As the position title implies, Andrew will work primarily as ACRPC's Emergency Planner. Immediate projects will include collecting the remaining outstanding Local Emergency Operations Plan's in the Region, creating and completing all hazard plans for several of the Region's communities; interacting with and representing ACRPC at VEM and in other statewide emergency management

meetings and venues. In addition, Andrew will also help with Energy Planning, Municipal and Regional Planning and other tasks as necessary including helping with ACRPC's GIS and database work.

Prior to starting with ACRPC Andrew worked as an instructor at Middlebury College after finishing a graduate degree in Wisconsin. He is a volunteer fire fighter with the Middlebury Fire Department and has previously been involved in recovery operations for hurricanes and major storms in North Carolina and New Orleans. We are pleased to have Andrew on our team and hope that all of you will take the opportunity to introduce yourself to him and welcome him as he starts working for the Commission.

Commission Calendar

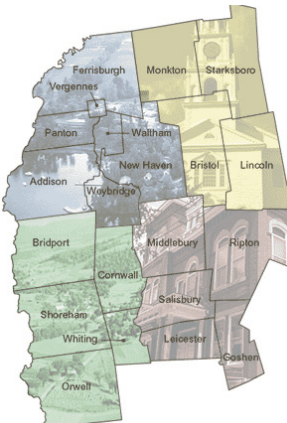
May 2018

13	7:00pm	Full Commission Meeting
20	6:30pm	TAC Meeting
21	7:00pm	ACSWMD Meeting
27	6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting

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

Two Addison County Towns Among Five Vermont Communities to Receive Downtown Transportation Grants

Thanks to grant funds from VTrans, five designated downtowns will share \$334,000 to make their communities more walk and bike friendly. Funds will support sidewalk and safety improvements in Rutland, Vergennes and Wilmington, streetscape improvements in Bristol and the expansion of Comtu Falls Park in Springfield. For more information contact Gary Holloway at gary.holloway@vermont.gov or visit the website here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/downtown-transportation-fund>.



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Tools & Trainings

New Tool: Making Room for Rivers

The Department of Environmental Conservation has a new Flood Training website to help local officials get flood-ready. Flooding is Vermont's most common natural disaster, and this site guides users through key concepts, features Vermont projects, provides tools and resources, and offers support to help municipalities reduce the risk of future flood events. Join the Flood Resilience Listserv to get updates and check out the new website to learn more: <http://floodtraining.vermont.gov/>.

Housing for All Training

- Where: ACRPC
- When: June 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Is your planning commission interested in revising your town's plan or zoning to encourage more housing growth within your community? If so, this training is for you! Adam will discuss resources and methods to try to encourage construction of all types of housing within our communities. Please RSVP by emailing Adam at alougee@acrpc.org or call Adam for more information 388-3141.

ACRPC Training Opportunity: Essentials of Local Land Use Planning & Regulation

On Wednesday, June 27th from 5:30-7:00pm ACRPC will be hosting a presentation and discussion for municipal officials titled "Essentials of Land Use Planning & Regulation." Brush up on your town planning know-how and meet others in Addison County working on planning projects.

The training will provide an overview of municipal roles and responsibilities and the fundamentals of local planning and permitting in Vermont - what every board and commission member needs to know. Specifically, the presentation will include the following topics:

- general background/history of planning in Vermont
- roles and responsibilities of municipal officers
- implementing the municipal plan
- meetings, hearings and due process as it relates to municipal planning

Please RSVP by emailing Josh at jdonabed@acrpc.org or call 388-3141 for more information.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please do not hesitate to contact ACRPC with any questions or additional topics you would like to be included and we hope to see you there!

Funding Opportunities

2018 VTrans BikePed Grant Program

As part of its ongoing support for bicycling and walking, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), has issued the annual solicitation for new bicycle and pedestrian projects. The intent of the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is to improve access and safety for bicyclists and/or pedestrians through the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects.

Typical projects include sidewalks, shared use paths, crossing improvements and bike lanes. Last year, nearly \$4 million in projects throughout the state were initiated under this grant program.

For a copy of the VTrans 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program Guide and other supporting materials, visit the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian program website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>.

Applications will be accepted for scoping studies (project feasibility), large-scale design/construction projects and small-scale, state funded, projects. Applications must be received by 1PM, Friday June 22, 2018.

2018 Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits

Vermont's Downtown and Village Center tax credit program is one of the primary benefits of Downtown and Village Center designation, and supports revitalization in community centers across the state.

In 2018, \$2,400,000 in state income tax credits are available to projects that enhance the historic character and improve building safety of older and historic commercial and community buildings in these designated communities. The credits support general rehabilitation work, code compliance work, data and network wiring, and exterior improvements, and may be combined with the federal program.

Applications for the next round of tax credits are due Monday July 2, 2018 and the Vermont Downtown Board will make allocation decisions when it meets July 23, 2018.

Additional information and the application is now available on the ACCD website here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>.

Applications must be submitted electronically to caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov or to:

Caitlin Corkins
State of Vermont
Division for Community Planning & Revitalization
One National Life Drive
Davis Building, 6th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Please feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions regarding the application or the program itself.

\$2.4 Million in New Grants for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

In late June, governments, businesses, nonprofits, homeowner associations, electric utilities, and charging equipment providers will be eligible to apply for reimbursement grants to expand Vermont's network of charging stations. Initial funding will target state-designated centers, interstate exits, major tourist destinations, colleges/universities, hospitals, public transit stations, park and rides, qualified workplaces, and multi-family housing developments. Program guidelines and the application will be available soon.

For more information contact Gary Holloway at gary.holloway@vermont.gov or visit the website here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/electric-vehicle-supply-equipment-evse-grant-program>.

Funding Opportunities

FY2019 Building Communities Grants Announcement

The Building Communities Grants Program is officially funded for FY2019. The Recreational Facilities Grant Program, the Regional Economic Development Grant Program, and the Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Programs are administered by the Department of Buildings and General Services for the construction and capital improvements to support and strengthen Vermont towns and regions. Descriptions and application criteria for all three of these grants is available on the Department of Buildings and General Services website here: <http://www.bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants> or at http://www.bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/forms_publications.

Eligible applicants, which includes municipalities, nonprofit agencies and regional economic development organizations, are all encouraged to apply for these opportunities to fund construction, infrastructure support and needed projects.

Although the award of the grants is competitive, the application process has been designed to be as simple and straightforward as possible. Grant applicants will be awarded funding as determined by a special committee comprised of private citizens, legislative, and executive branch administrative staff appointed by the Governor. Grants will be awarded in the fall and if funding remains thereafter, awards may be made on a rolling basis. The deadline for all three grant applications is Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

Municipal Planning Grants

MPGs empower local leaders to take action and fund projects like developing a village economic development plan, mapping and marketing trail networks, or updating land use regulations, and town plans. Program changes for this year include a 10% cash match for all grants and a simplified consultant selection

process for small towns. DHCD will offer training on how to write a successful grant application on August 8. Applications are due October 1 with funding decisions announced in December.

See the program description to learn more: <http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/MPG/CPR-MPG-ProgramDescription-FY19.pdf>.

Visit the application page here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant/applicant-guidance>.

Please feel free to contact Faith Ingulsrud with any questions at: faith.ingulsrud@vermont.gov.

State of Vermont Onsite Loan Program (OLP) Has Expanded Its Eligibilities

With the passage and signing of S.260, the OLP can now lend to owner-occupied multi-family properties, as well as to shared systems (i.e. across multiple parcels).

Applicants must still be homeowners occupying their residence year-round and have a failed or almost failed septic or potable water system. Applicants must meet household income requirements (currently \$112,208) and be denied credit from a conventional lender. Interest rates are fixed at 3%, with a 15 year repayment schedule for most borrowers.

Financing can be used to replace a failed system or connect a residence to an existing drinking water or wastewater system. Loan proceeds are also available to finance filtration systems where the onsite water has 'failed' due to water quality.

If you know of anyone that might benefit from this program, please share our contact information below.

Regional Construction Updates

Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project

For news and updates related to this project, visit here: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/middlebury>.

For project factsheet, visit here: <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/FactSheet/default.aspx?pin=13G542>.

Weybridge-New Haven Route 17 Bridge Project

The bridge was officially closed to traffic at 6:00am on Monday, June 4th. It is anticipated that crews will be working seven days a week until the bridge re-opens on or before August 3rd.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding this project may contact Stephanie Barrett, Public Outreach Coordinator at 802-862-6085. If you would like to receive a weekly update of the contractors anticipated work schedule, please email sbarrett@coibsinc.com your request.

The project factsheet is available here: <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/FactSheet/default.aspx?pin=12B552>.

Visit here for weekly updates: <http://countonitinc.com/category/road-closures/bridge-8-vt-route-17/>.

Middlebury-Starksboro VT 116 Paving Project

This project extends along VT 116 for approximately 20 miles from just south of Robinson School in Starksboro to the US 7/VT 116 intersection in Middlebury. Paving within Bristol Village is not included in this project.

Visit here for weekly updates: <http://countonitinc.com/category/middlebury-starksboro-vt-116/>.

Additional project information is available here: <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/FactSheet/default.aspx?pin=14V227>.

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Approaching Deadlines

Events & Announcements