

# ACRPC

June 2019

## update

### June Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 12	6:00pm	Natural Resources Committee meeting
Wed. 12	7:00pm	ACRPC Full Commission Meeting
Wed. 19	6:30pm	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
Thur. 20	7:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD) meeting
Wed. 26	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board meeting

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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### Middlebury Receives Grant for Rail Platform and Parking Amenities



The town of Middlebury received a \$100,000 grant from the Vermont Downtown Development Board to support parking amenities to serve a new rail platform at the Amtrak station in downtown Middlebury. The Vermont Downtown Development Board allocated grants to improve eight downtown areas across the state.

There are two upcoming public presentations in Middlebury about the rail and bridge construction:

- **Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm** at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society on Charles Avenue. VTrans and Kubricky, ECI, and Maine Drilling & Blasting (the team returning this summer that built the new drainage system) will present the 2019-21 construction plan to the community.
- **Friday, June 7 at 3 pm** at The Residence at Otter Creek, 350 Lodge Road. Jim Gish, the Community Liaison for the Downtown Bridges Replacement Project, will offer residents and community members an update on Middlebury's multi-year project. Free, open to the public, and fully accessible, but space is limited. Refreshments provided. RSVP to Suzanne Bennett at 802-377-3393 or [sbennett@residenceottercreek.com](mailto:sbennett@residenceottercreek.com)



# Events and Announcements

## Pocock Rocks Music Festival & Street Fair

The Gateway to the Green Mountains will be alive with music, food and fun as the 10th annual Pocock Rocks Music Festival and Street Fair takes over downtown Bristol on **Saturday, June 15, from 3–8 p.m.**



Main Street will be hopping with performances by six regional bands, food and beverage service from local eateries, brewers, and distillers, plus a street full of vendors, and family activities. The town's restaurants and shops will also be open for business for the official kickoff of summer in Addison County's Five Towns.

In addition to back-to-back musical performances on two stages, visitors to this free, rain-or-shine community event can enjoy SunCommon's bouncy house and Vermont National Guard activities. Bites and beverages provided by more than 25 Vermont specialty food and drink purveyors will fuel the day. For more information visit [facebook.com/pocockrocks](https://facebook.com/pocockrocks)



## **Foodaroo in Middlebury** **Sunday, June 23, 4-9 pm,** **Marble Works, Middlebury**

It's Foodaroo's 5th year! Sample food and drink from the state's most talented culinary artisans and beverage makers, with an emphasis on Addison County and Chittenden County vendors and farms. Attendees taste their way through a huge diversity of vendors while musicians, street performers, cooking competitions, dancers and more showcase the best of Vermont's thriving maker movement. Tickets \$5, kids 12 and under free.

## **Neighborhood Designation Supports New Housing**

The Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) program is helping downtown Winooski and small villages like Westford build housing in walkable places by offering valuable benefits—including reduced permit fees and an exemption from Act 250 for qualified mixed-income housing. Designation is easy if your community already has a designated downtown or village center and allows for compact, walkable housing development.

To learn more, contact **Jacob Hemmerick** at [Jacob.Hemmerick@vermont.gov](mailto:Jacob.Hemmerick@vermont.gov)

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## **VT-22A Announced as Vermont Highway Safety Corridor for 2019 Summer Season**

The State Highway Safety Office of the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) announced the 2019 Operation Safety Corridor would include VT Route 22A in Addison County. The route will be the focus of a public awareness campaign through the end of August. VT 22A was chosen because it is a high speed roadway, with a high percentage of tractor trailers, and high numbers of vehicles.

AOT, Vermont State Police, and DMV Enforcement created the Operation Safety Corridor program in 2017 after noticing that certain sections of roadways were providing safety challenges for law enforcement and maintenance crews due to high traffic volumes, high vehicle speeds, and/or high crash numbers. Each year, Operation Safety Corridor identifies several stretches of road throughout the state to increase police presence, provide additional signage, make roadways safer, and educate drivers.



# Trainings

## ACRPC Housing Training

**June 17- 6:00-7:30pm** Large Conference room, Addison County Regional Planning office, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission will be offering a training session discussing the current housing situation in the region and exploring potential solutions for change. Please join us for the conversation on this important topic. For more information, contact ACRPC's **Katie Raycroft-Meyer**, at [kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org](mailto:kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org) or 802-388-3141



## Spring Planning & Zoning Forum

<https://www.vlct.org/event/spring-planning-zoning-forum>

**Tuesday, June 18, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**Lake Morey Resort , 1 Club House Rd, Fairlee**

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 11, 2019

This workshop is designed for all municipal officials involved in the local planning and development review process. Zoning administrators, planning commissioners, DRB/ZBA members, town administrators and managers, municipal planners, and regional planning commission staff are all encouraged to attend. The training will focus on a broad array of common topics including how to work with the Environmental Division of the Vermont Judiciary and how to use the Municipal Planning Grant program to jump-start community-driven change. You'll also learn what legislative changes may affect marijuana regulation at the local level. There will be plenty of time to hear and learn from your peers' experiences throughout the forum. For info, contact event Coordinator, Lisa Goodell at (802) 229-9111, [info@vlct.org](mailto:info@vlct.org)

## ICS 402 - Incident Command System

### Overview for Executives/Senior Officials

**Thursday, June 20, 1—4pm** at VSP Barracks, 2490 Ethan Allen Hwy/Rte. 7 New Haven.

ICS 402 is an overview of the Incident Command System (ICS) and how it can be utilized in your community. This course defines roles and responsibilities during an emergency, explains terminology and organizational structure, discusses multi-agency coordination, provides information on administrative and reporting needs, as well as logistics. All municipal officials that may be involved in incident management should attend this training, either for the first time or as a refresher.

Please make sure to sign up for the course through the Learning Management System (LMS) (<https://vermont.csod.com/client/vermont/default.aspx>). If you have not used LMS before visit the VEM training page for information on how to sign up (<https://vem.vermont.gov/training>) or contact ACRPC Emergency Management Planner Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org)



# Grants & Funding

## Municipal Planning Grants

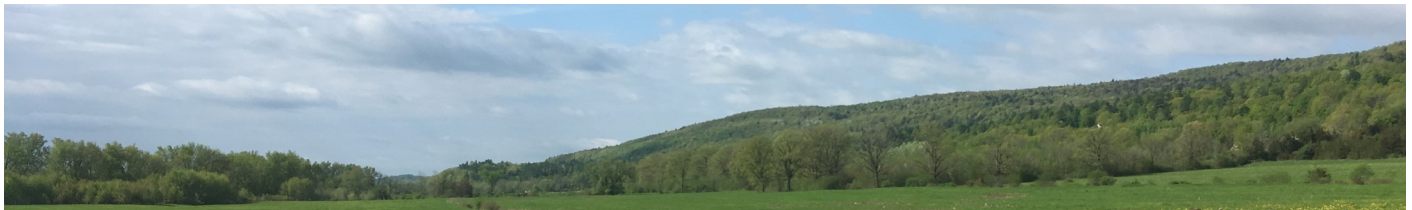
<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant>

Applications due **September 30, 2019**

*Need help to make your community more vital, improve community infrastructure, or build a more resilient and diversified local economy?*

Vermont's Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) program could help!

A wide range of municipal planning and implementation activities are eligible for funding. Competitive applications must demonstrate strong community engagement and buy-in; **so start organizing your project now!** The 2019 program guide will be available in early June.



## 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Grants

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>

Applications due **1:00 pm, June 28, 2019**

The **Bicycle and Pedestrian Program** goal is to provide safe and convenient facilities for those Vermonters who desire alternative transportation opportunities.

The Bike/Ped Program provides funding for three types of projects:

- 1) Scoping study for a project that has not yet been evaluated (Scoping)
- 2) Design and Construction of a project using Federal funds (Design/Construction or Additional Funding)
- 3) Small-scale construction of a project using State fund (Small-scale)

## Building Communities Grants

<https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants>

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 31**

Funding in the following Grants 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:

- Recreational Facilities Grants \$200,000
- Human Services Facilities Grants \$100,000
- Educational Facilities Grants \$100,000

Regional Economic Development Grants  
\$200,000

Descriptions and applications for these grants are available on the Department of Buildings and General Services website.

If you have any questions, please contact **Judy Bruneau** at (802) 828-3519 or by email at:



# Grants and Funding

## Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program

<https://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>

Applications for the next round of tax credits are due **Monday July 1, 2019**

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. The program has kick-started hundreds of building rehabs to support new and expanded businesses, create housing and jobs, and breathe new life into communities. This year the administration and legislators are working to make a good program even better by increasing the annual program funding to \$2.6 million and providing additional credits for elevators. The 2019 tax credit application is available online with applications due July 1. The Vermont Downtown Board will make its allocation decisions when it meets July 29, 2019.

To learn more about the tax credits, legislative changes, or to schedule a site visit, contact **Caitlin Corkins** at [caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov](mailto:caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov). To find out more about Downtown and Village Center designation, contact **Richard Amore** at [richard.amore@vermont.gov](mailto:richard.amore@vermont.gov) or 802-828-5229.



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## Vermont Community Action Teams (Ben & Jerrys Foundation)

<https://benandjerrysfoundation.org/vermont-community-action-teams.html>

The Vermont Community Action Teams (CATs) offer general or project support within the broad guidelines and funding provided by the Ben & Jerry's Foundation. Every month, the CATs make small grants, generally under \$2,000, to various local, community-based Vermont non-profit programs and community celebrations. In addition to making small grants, the CATs plan community service projects for all employees at their sites.

CATs fund an array of community programs located within the state of Vermont: They include: social services organizations, cultural, recreational, arts programs and community celebrations.

Grant requests must be from local, community-based, Vermont non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations, or organizations that have a fiscal agent with 501(c)(3) status, schools or municipalities located in Vermont. Applications may be submitted online through the grants management system at any time, and are reviewed on a monthly basis.

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## Groundwork USA Program Funding ([www.groundworkusa.org](http://www.groundworkusa.org))

**Letters of Interest must be received by Groundwork USA by July 31, 2019.**

Groundwork USA, in partnership with National Park Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is now accepting Letters of Interest from communities wishing to begin the process of applying for Groundwork USA program funding and technical assistance and to join the Groundwork Network. The selected community will be eligible for up to \$200,000 in funding and technical assistance from the National Park Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, and Groundwork USA to plan, establish, and build the capacity of a Groundwork Trust organization in their community. For complete details on the application and selection process, including eligibility requirements, submission details, and evaluation criteria, please visit the website.



## Other



### Photographs of Northern Two-lined and Northern Dusky Salamanders!

The Vermont Herp Atlas ([www.vtherpatlas.org](http://www.vtherpatlas.org)) needs photographs of two salamander species from a couple towns in Addison County:



**Northern Two-lined Salamanders-**  
in Vergennes or Whiting



**Northern Dusky Salamanders-**  
in Orwell, Panton, Shoreham or Vergennes

Searching for stream salamanders can be done at almost any time of the year. Simply turning rocks, logs, and bark along the edges of small streams for an hour or two should reveal one or two of these species. Streams don't need to be any more than two or three feet across as long as they don't dry out during the summer. The small, mucky, seepage areas off to the sides of the streams are great places to find Northern Dusky Salamanders. Grab a small plastic container to help catch them, put on your muck boots, and see what you can find. Remember to send a couple photos of your discoveries to Jim Andrews at [jandrews@vtherpatlas.org](mailto:jandrews@vtherpatlas.org)



**Addison County**  
**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

### Birding for Beginners

**MALT and Otter Creek Audubon host family-friendly bird program**

Saturday, June 22nd from 8:30 – 10:30 am  
Wright Park, Middlebury at parking area at northernmost end of Seymour Street Extension

Grab your binoculars and take a hike though Wright Park with MALT and Otter Creek Audubon Society. Whether you're an expert birder or have never been birding in your life, this event will be suited to you. Groups with higher birding experience will venture into Wright Park, identifying and searching for the park's signature species such as: Wood Thrush, Catbird, Red-eyed Vireo, and Veery. For families and beginning birders, MALT educators and OCAS expert birders will help you build your basic birding skills through activities and good ol' birding. People of all ages and experience are welcome! Binoculars, watermelon, and trail mix served!!

