

# ACRPC

March 2019

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission

## update

### March Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 13	6:00pm	Natural Resources Committee meeting
	7:00pm	Full Commission meeting
Sat. 16	9:00am	Riverwatch Training
Wed. 20	6:30pm	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
Thur. 21	7:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD) meeting
Wed. 27	6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting
Tues. 2 (Apr)	4:30pm 6:00pm	Energy Committee Act 250 Committee

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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### Welcome to our New Community Planner

**Katie  
Raycroft-  
Meyer**

The  
Addison County  
Regional Planning  
Commission is  
pleased to welcome  
Katie Raycroft-  
Meyer as our new  
Community  
Planner!



Katie has been a practicing landscape architect in Vermont, upstate New York, and New England for the past twenty-seven years, managing projects at all stages of the design process, from initial site inventory to implementation. As a planner and facilitator, she has worked on the staff of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, collaborated with many municipalities and community groups. Katie has taught courses in Landscape Architecture History and Theory at Burlington College and Site Construction and Management at Vermont Technical College. She has coordinated community art projects with local elementary schools and volunteered on planning and design review boards. In her free time she loves to garden and spend time with her family.

# Events

## Legislative Breakfasts

<https://www.action-circles.com/legislative-breakfasts/>

### March 11<sup>th</sup>- Legislative Breakfast in Shoreham

7:00–8:45am, Platt Memorial Lib., 279 Main St.

Talk with local legislators over breakfast. Purchase of breakfast not required to attend but helps defray the cost of opening the hall.

### March 18- Governor's Breakfast- Middlebury

7:00–8:45am at American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd.

Talk with Gov. Scott over breakfast. Purchase of breakfast not required to attend but helps defray the cost of opening the hall.

### March 25- Ag Lunch in Bridport

12:00-1:45pm at Bridport Grange Hall, Rte 22A and 125.

The annual ag lunch, where you can talk with local legislators about pressing ag issues. Purchase of lunch not required to attend but helps defray the cost of opening the hall.

### April 1<sup>st</sup>- Legislative Breakfast in Salisbury

7:00–8:45 am at Congregational Church of Salisbury, 853 Maple St.

### April 8<sup>th</sup>- Legislative Breakfast in Weybridge

7:00-8:45 am at Weybridge Congregational Church, 2790 Weybridge Rd.

Talk with local legislators over breakfast. Purchase of breakfast not required to attend but helps defray the cost of opening the hall.



## Community Values Mapping In Middlebury

*What places do YOU most love in Middlebury?*

Middlebury has a new Conservation Commission, formed to provide guidance for the town's future conservation work. They want to hear from YOU, through an interactive process involving maps, markers, and small conversations among neighbors. Monica Przyperhart, of the Community Wildlife Program at Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, will facilitate a process designed to recognize what it is, exactly, that makes Middlebury special.

This event will be held TWICE:

**Thursday March 14**

**5:00-7:00pm**

**Middlebury**

**Town Hall**

**Sunday March 24**

**3:00-5:00pm**

**East Middlebury**

**Sarah Partridge**

**Community House**

## VLCT Economic Development Forum

**Wednesday, March 27, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Burke Mountain Resort, 223 Sherburne Lodge Rd, East Burke, VT

<https://www.vlct.org/event/strengthening-communities-future-community-and-economic-development-forum>

This forum offers attendees the opportunity to learn about community and economic development tools and strategies, and hear town officials describe how they successfully reached their goals and overcame challenges. Attendees will also meet technical assistance and resource providers and be able to network with their colleagues around the state. For more info, contact Lisa Goodell, 802- 229-9111, [info@vlct.org](mailto:info@vlct.org)

# Events

## State Designated Areas Workshops

On **March 13<sup>th</sup>**, the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (“ACRPC”) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (“DHCD”) will be hosting two presentations on some of the benefits associated with State designated areas, like village centers, designated downtowns and new neighborhood development areas.

First, at **4:00 p.m.** ACRPC and DHCD will conduct a more intensive workshop on Neighborhood Development Designation Areas, how to form them and the benefits associated with them. ACRPC encourages representatives of communities with water and/or wastewater infrastructure to attend this workshop since those communities already have most or all the resources to meet the designation requirements. Permitting benefits for new housing and mixed used development projects are available within the Neighborhood Development Area.

Second, as part of ACRPC’s March Full Commission meeting at **7:00 p.m.** ACRPC and DHCD will conduct a more generalized workshop on the state designation programs and the benefits of each.

Both programs are open to the public and will take place at the office of ACRPC at 14 seminary Street in Middlebury. We hope that representatives of your communities will be able to join us for one or both of the workshops.

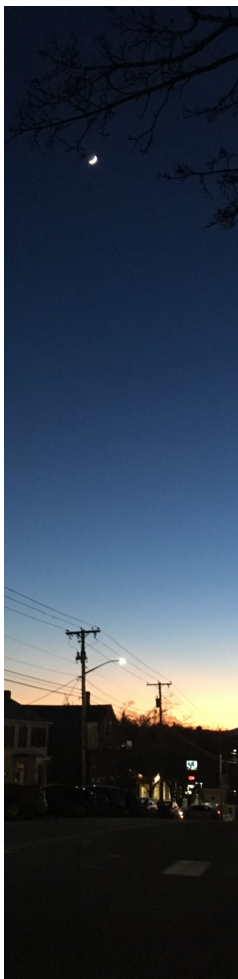
## Vergennes Truck Study Results Release

There will be a public meeting on **Tuesday April 2** at the Vergennes Opera House to review and discuss the draft final report on strategies to minimize the damage from truck traffic to downtown Vergennes. The meeting will start at **6:00 p.m.** with an informal opportunity to talk with the consultants, review the three options, and have personal questions addressed. A formal presentation will begin at **7:00 p.m.** followed by public comments.

The study considers three alternatives for alleviating the impacts of truck traffic: in-line changes to the existing 22A, construction of a by-pass around Vergennes, and use of Rte. 17 as an alternative truck route. The study considers benefits and costs of each alternative.

The report is being prepared by the consulting firm Stantec with funding provided by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) and the Vermont Department of Transportation. The April 2 meeting follows a preliminary scoping meeting that took place in Vergennes on September 26, 2018.

The draft report will be available in mid-March on the ACRPC website (<http://acrpc.org/programs-services/transportation/transportation-projects/>)





# Grants & Funding

## 2019 Tiny Grant- Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions

**Grant range:** \$250 - \$600

**Grant application due:** April 12, 2019

**Grant award announcement:** Mid-May, 2019

**Mailing address:** AVCC, 89 Main Street, Ste 4,  
Montpelier VT 05602

### AVCC Goals:

- To assist local committees/groups to become Conservation Commissions
- To increase the functioning capacity of existing Conservation Commissions, and
- To provide seed money and/or matching funds for specific projects in the broad categories of land conservation, education and outreach, stewardship and management, and planning.

**Eligibility for funding:** To be eligible for an AVCC Tiny Grant, groups *must be* Vermont Conservation Commissions or local committees/groups that are working towards becoming a Conservation Commission and are paid members of AVCC

**Timetable:** Applications must be submitted (or postmarked if sent by postal service) on or before **April 12, 2019**. Grantees will be notified of funding approval by **Mid May , 2019**. Projects must be completed and a final report submitted by **May 4, 2020**. Extensions may be considered.

**Grant Closeout:** Grantees will be required to submit online a Conservation Success Story using the AVCC website ([vtconservation.com/add-your-story/](http://vtconservation.com/add-your-story/)) presenting evidence of grant completion with photographs, and text detailing outcomes and challenges.

**For questions,** email the AVCC Board at:  
[vtconservation@gmail.com](mailto:vtconservation@gmail.com)

## Downtown Transportation Fund Grants

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

**Applications due March 11, 2019** and awards will be made in late April.

The Downtown Transportation Fund (DTF) supports revitalization efforts in designated downtowns each year. In Addison County these include Bristol, Middlebury, and Vergennes. The DTF has available approximately \$525,000 to help municipalities make a variety of transportation-related capital improvements (within or serving the downtown district and supporting economic development). The maximum annual grant is \$100,000, and a 50% match is required. Projects may include, but are not limited to, streetscape improvements, parking facilities, bike and pedestrian paths, rail or bus facilities, utility relocation, way-finding signage, street lighting, and ADA access improvements. Funds may not be used for costs incurred prior to the grant award or general operating and maintenance costs .



## Electric Vehicle Charging Grants

<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/electric-vehicle-supply-equipment-evse-grant-program>

The state will offer a second round of grants next month with grant applications due **Apr 30**

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

# Trainings

## Addison County River Watch Collaborative Volunteer Training

The Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC) has been monitoring the quality of Addison County rivers, streams, and creeks for over two decades. If you are interested in being involved in ACRWC efforts by assisting with sampling one morning per month during the Spring and Summer, come out to the ACRWC Volunteer Training on **March 16th, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:30 am** hosted by ACRPC.

To learn more about ACRWC, visit <http://54.172.27.91/naturalresources/acrwc/Training%20Flyer%20March%202019.pdf>

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## ICS 402 - Incident Command System Overview for Executives/Senior Officials

**Wednesday, March 27, 9:00am-12:00pm**

State Police Barracks, 2490 Ethan Allen Hwy, /  
Rte 7 New Haven, VT 05472

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>). Visit the VEM training page for information on how to sign up if you have not used LMS before (<https://vem.vermont.gov/training>) or contact emergency management planner Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org)

## Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife Cooperator Training Workshop

Visit [www.vtcoverts.org](http://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

The Coverts Training is for anyone who loves woodlands, and provides an opportunity for those who care about woodlands and wildlife to learn about the resources available to help them define and reach their land management goals. The intensive two-and-a-half-day session features presentations by state and local experts in wildlife and forest management and Coverts alumni from past sessions. In lectures, demonstrations and field tours, participants learn about topics such as wildlife and forest ecology, habitat management, invasive control, and land conservation.

All materials, lodging, food and other expenses related to the training are covered through donations by past participants. There is a \$100 registration fee, refundable upon completion.

For more information, contact Lisa Sausville at [info@vtcoverts.org](mailto:info@vtcoverts.org) or call 802-877-2777.

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## Amphibian Ecology & Road Rescue Training

**Thursday, March 21, 6:30-8:00pm**

Cornwall Town Hall, 2629 Route 30

Join North Branch Nature Center biologists for an evening program featuring local amphibian ecology. Then learn how you, your family, or your students can participate in the Amphibian Road Crossing citizen science project this spring. Questions? Contact Mary Dodge (802-462-2899), Cornwall Conservation Commission

# Award Applications



## Vermont Tree Stewards Awards

### *Recognize Your Favorite Tree Heroes!*

Each year the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program and Council sponsors the Vermont Tree Stewards Awards as a way to recognize our state's urban and community forestry champions.

Nominations are due **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019** in these categories:

- Leader
- Unsung Hero
- Volunteer Group/Community
- Youth/Student

Submit your application here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHRC9H8>

## Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership in Conservation & Smart Growth

VNRC is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership. Every year, VNRC honors the legacy of the late Arthur Gibb for his commitment to safeguarding Vermont's values and unique landscape, as well as for his leadership, vision and dedication to building consensus.

VNRC solicits nominations each year in order to honor the people working on the challenge of integrating growth and conservation, and then celebrate that person's work with an award presented at the annual meeting. Last year's awardee, was Paul Costello of the Vermont Council on Rural Development.

Nomination requirements are:

- One page nomination form
- Nomination letter
- Two short letters of recommendation

You can find the three page nomination packet online here: <http://vnrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Art-Gibb-Nomination-Fillable-Form-2019.pdf>

The nomination deadline is **Friday, March 29**

If you have any questions, please contact Kate McCarthy, sustainable communities program director: [kmccarthy@vnrc.org](mailto:kmccarthy@vnrc.org).



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