

# ACRPC *update*

March 2020

## This Month's Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 10	7:30pm	Local Govt & Energy Committees-Weybridge
Wed. 11	7:00pm	Full Commission Mtg
Thurs 19	2:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management Dist.
Wed. 18	5:00pm	LEPC 8 Exec meeting
Wed. 18	6:30pm	TAC meeting
Sat. 21	9:00am	River Watch Collaborative Training & Fieldtrip
Wed. 25	6:30pm	ACRPC Exec. Board
Tues 31	4:30pm	Energy Implementation 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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## Triangle Bike Loop Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held at the New Haven Town Offices on **Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** to engage residents from around the area in planning a designated bike route. The route would connect Addison County's three largest civic hubs of Middlebury, Bristol and Vergennes. When completed, the route will provide a safe and enjoyable rider experience and establish a sustainable and valued recreation resource. The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Provide information about the proposed bike loop that would pass through parts of New Haven, Middlebury, Bristol, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, and Ferrisburgh,
- Gather ideas for improvement priorities along the route, and
- Create a name for the route.

For more information about the route visit:

**[acrpc.org/triangle-bike-loop](http://acrpc.org/triangle-bike-loop)**



# Events

## **The Four-Leaf Clover of Individual Giving Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Seminar**

**Tuesday, March 10, 8:00-10:00am**

**Eastview at Middlebury, 100 Eastview Ter.**

Join the Addison County Chamber of Commerce on March 10th for their next non-profit seminar on fundraising and financial stability. Participants will learn how to find new donors, retain the ones you already have, keep your donors engaged all year long, and bring lapsed donors back into the fold. Everyone will leave with the tools to begin building a goal-driven fundraising plan for their own organization.

Register at <https://www.addisoncounty.com/events/details/recruit-engage-retain-reflect-the-four-leaf-clover-of-individual-giving-5930>

Contact Rob Carter, ACCOC President at (802) 388-7951 or [rob@addisoncounty.com](mailto:rob@addisoncounty.com)

## **Weybridge Town and Energy Plan Review Public Hearing**

**7:30PM on March 10, 2020**

**Town Clerks' Office, 1727 Quaker Village Rd**

The Town of Weybridge has requested that ACRPC grant regional approval of their Town Plan pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b).

Weybridge has also requested that ACRPC review its Enhanced Energy Plan, which is included in its town plan.

## **Addison County River Watch Collaborative Training & Farm Visit**

**Saturday, March 21, 9-11:30am, 12-1:30pm**

**ACRPC Office, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury**

Contact Matthew Witten, [mwitten@gmavt.net](mailto:mwitten@gmavt.net)

## **Create Places People Love AARP VT Placemaking Workshop**

**Thursday, April 9, 2020, 9:30am to 4:30pm**

**Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St, Middlebury**

Join AARP and partners to learn about Creative Placemaking, a hands-on approach to improving public spaces and making them more livable.

They hope to inspire those who have a vision for their community by providing ways to begin to realize those positive changes. This workshop is designed to provide those new to placemaking with ideas and tools to get started as well as for placemakers who want to build upon their existing skill set and network with others.

The workshop is free -bring your ideas and an open mind for collaboration! *Lunch is provided*

**Registration is Required & Capacity is Limited**

The full agenda can be accessed at

<https://custom.cvent.com/04AC5E977FEB4D45AE4B31ABE2A1C6E5/files/88be3298d47d4afb88814510dcb0b754.pdf>

For more information, contact Kelly

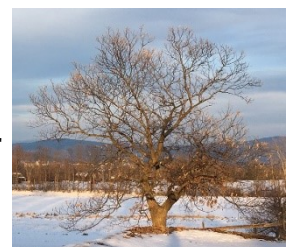
[kstoddardpoor@aarp.org](mailto:kstoddardpoor@aarp.org)

## **75<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Officers Education Conference**

**<https://www.uvm.edu/extension/toec>**

- **Wednesday, April 8, Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee**
- **Wednesday, April 15, Hilton, Burlington**

Each year, TOEC provides training for more than 300 municipal officials and citizen volunteers in two Vermont locations. The conferences are organized by UVM Extension in partnership with participating organizations. They are designed to help town clerks, planners, listers, select board members and other officials do their jobs more effectively by providing updates on tax laws and regulations, municipal recordkeeping and effective strategies for handling planning, zoning and other town issues.





# Information Requests

## Agency of Commerce & Community Development Regional Priority Project list

Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) is seeking help from organizations to compile the Regional Priority Project list for Addison County. If you have a project such as **Infrastructure**, or **Workforce, Business, General Development** seeking funding or support, please complete a project form here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdl\\_gfwYRdq8RmwE9Ntq345B1q4DBMO\\_fhdHNjluVo9FpOxvw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdl_gfwYRdq8RmwE9Ntq345B1q4DBMO_fhdHNjluVo9FpOxvw/viewform)

Please complete the form to the best of your ability by **4:00 p.m., Friday May 1, 2020.**

Projects will not be included on the list if a form is not completed.

The lists will be used to inform policy-makers and funders regarding project and funding priorities for each region. When regional partners or the state are asked to make funding decisions, make recommendations to state or federal funders, or write letters of support, they will have the list and project information to better inform their decisions and recommendations. While the list will not determine which projects get funding, it will provide funders and policy-makers a sense of the priorities for each region.

Fred Kenney, Executive Director of ACEDC, will attend the March 11 Addison County Regional Planning Commission meeting to discuss this project and answer questions. He can be reached at [fkenney@addisoncountyedc.org](mailto:fkenney@addisoncountyedc.org)



## Local Emergency Management Plans

<https://vem.vermont.gov/plans/lemp>

Municipalities should review and update their emergency plans annually and readopt them **between Town Meeting and May 1** every year. Having a current LEMP is one of the requirements to receive post-disaster Emergency Relief Assistance Funding (ERAF) from the state.

ACRPC will be sending reminders and pre-drafted forms to town clerks and EMDs.

For more, contact ACRPC Emergency Planner Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org), 802-388-3141

## Women Owning Woodlands (WOW):

**A survey of women in Vermont**

[https://middlebury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_23NmIIA9IMaRI33](https://middlebury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_23NmIIA9IMaRI33)

The purpose of this survey is to understand what women in Vermont want to know about woodlands and how they learn best. The results will help the partnering organizations develop a formal WOW network here in Vermont. The aim of this network is to engage and empower women landowners and enthusiasts in the stewardship of Vermont's woodlands.

## US Census 2020

The 2020 Decennial Census begins in March! For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than \$675 billion will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. For more information on the Census, view a video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74ixu0AslPU>

# Grants & Funding

## 2020 Tiny Grant- Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions

<https://vtconservation.com/tiny-grants/>

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

**Grant application due:** April 10, 2020

### Tiny Grant 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 10, 2020**. Grantees will be notified of funding approval by **mid-May 2020**. Projects must be completed and a final report submitted by **May 7, 2020**. Extensions considered.

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

For questions, contact [vtconservation@gmail.com](mailto:vtconservation@gmail.com)

### Reminder:

## Downtown Transportation Fund Grants

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

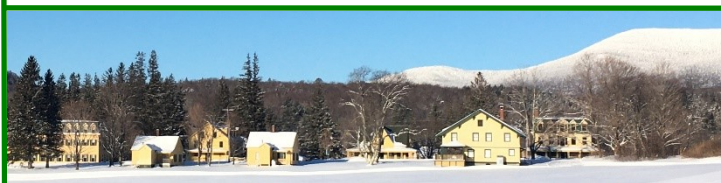
**Applications due March 9, 2020, 4:30pm**

## AARP "Quick-Action" Grants to Make Communities More Livable for People of All Ages

**Applications due by April 1, 2020, 11:59 pm**

AARP invites you to submit applications for quick-action projects that can help your community become more livable. Applications are now being accepted for grants to improve housing, transportation, public space, smart cities, civic engagement and more. Projects must be completed by November 9, 2020.

Applications must be submitted through [www.aarp.org/communitychallenge](http://www.aarp.org/communitychallenge)



## Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant

From the Northern Border Regional Commission

<http://www.nbrc.gov/articles/88>

**March 31:** Deadline for letters of interest.

**May 15 (5pm):** Application deadline.

Eligible applicants are municipalities, public and not-for-profit entities. Approximately \$4.5 million will be awarded to support economic development in the following areas:

- Transportation infrastructure
- Critical infrastructure / Construction
- Telecommunications infrastructure
- Workforce, businesses, entrepreneurial and technology development
- Resources and open space conservation, tourism and recreation
- Renewable and alternative energy

Contact the Program Manager Kristie Farnham (802) 398-5268 , [kristie.farnham@vermont.gov](mailto:kristie.farnham@vermont.gov)

# Trainings & Tools

## Incident Command System for Executives

These courses provide Senior Officials (including Elected Officials, City/County Managers, Agency Administrators, Corporate Executives, etc.) an orientation to the Incident Command System (ICS). VEM and ACRPC are offering two opportunities for this course:

- Cornwall—Thursday, April 9, 1:30-4:30pm  
Cornwall Town Hall, 2629 VT Rte 30, Cornwall
- Vergennes- Friday, April 24, 1:30-4:30pm  
Vergennes Police Station, 8 Main St, Vergennes

You can register for the courses via the Vermont Learning Management System (<http://vem.vermont.gov/training/trainingprogram/lms>)

contact ACRPC Emergency Planner, Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org), (802)388-3141

## FREE CPR and AED CLASS

### March 28, Ilsley Library, Middlebury

Offered by Josh and Meghan Dishaw, RESTART, LLC medical education.

This will be a Heartsaver, CPR (adult, child and infant) and AED (automated external defibrillator) course that can be taken for general information or certification. During the course you'll be instructed on proper technique to administer high-quality chest compressions on someone in cardiac arrest, the Heimlich maneuver, choking relief for both responsive and unresponsive individuals, AED operation and First Aid. If you would like a certification card, the American Heart Association charges \$20.

Registration is required for this class. There will be a second class held on March 28. To register go to link at <http://www.minibury.com/learning-cpr-a-family-affair/>



The Agency of Natural Resources is pleased to announce the updated the BioFinder website:

<http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/BioFinder/>

BioFinder 3.0 includes the newest Vermont Conservation Design species and community scale elements as well as other updates for Riparian Wildlife Connectivity and Physical Landscape Diversity components. This tool is especially useful for municipal planning and conservation commissions, conservation groups, and others working to improve habitat connectivity for wildlife and incorporate information in their forest fragmentation plans.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department Community Wildlife Program staff are available to do presentations or hands-on workshops about how to use BioFinder and Vermont Conservation Design for municipal commissions, conservation groups, and others. If you're interested in learning more, contact Jens Hilke at (802) 461-6791 or [jens.hilke@vermont.gov](mailto:jens.hilke@vermont.gov)

## Addison County Fire Association Regional Fire School

### April 25 and 26, Mt Abe Union HS, Bristol

Half and whole-day classes in topics including,

- Firefighting
- Health & Wellness
- Heavy Rescue
- Leadership
- Tech Rescue
- Threats and Safety of First Responders

View the courses and register online at

[addisoncountyregionalfireschool.coursestorm.com](http://addisoncountyregionalfireschool.coursestorm.com)

# Awards & Nominations

## CARING FOR CANOPY

2020 Grant Recipients

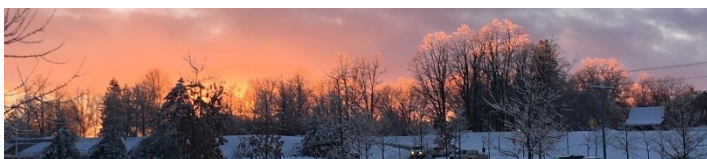
### Caring for Canopy Grant Recipients

Vermont Urban and Community Forest is pleased to announce two Addison County municipalities will receive funding to enhance, manage and care for their community trees:

**Town of Bristol** will conduct a public ash tree inventory and create emerald ash borer strategic management plan.

**Town of Middlebury** will assess pruning needs of city trees & establish a regular pruning cycle.

Caring for Canopy Grants 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. 2021 program details will be released in October.



### Class I classification of Beaver Meadows Wetland Complex

The Beaver Meadows Wetland Complex was recently classified as a Class I wetland with a 400' buffer. This resulted from a Wetland Classification Petition filed by the Ripton Conservation Commission.

The 66-acre Beaver Meadow wetland complex is located within the towns of Ripton and Bristol with a small section in Middlebury, and is wholly within the Green Mountain National Forest.

<https://vtconservation.com/success-stories/beaver-meadows-wetland-complex-class-i-classification/>

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

Nomination deadline is **Friday, March 27, 2020**

VNRC is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership. 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.

You can find the nomination packet at:

<https://vnrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Art-Gibb-Nomination-Form-2020.pdf>

For questions, please contact Kelsey Gibb, Operations Coordinator (802) 223-2328, x 126 [kgibb@vnrc.org](mailto:kgibb@vnrc.org)

### Vermont Tree Stewards Awards

**Recognize Your Favorite Tree Heroes!**

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/programs/awards/tree-steward-awards>

Nomination deadline **Sunday, March 29, 2020**

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 in these categories:

- Hamilton (tree warden award)
- Leader
- Unsung Hero
- Volunteer Group/Community

Submit your application here:

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