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# ACRPC

March  
2021

## This Month's Calendar

Digital calendar located at <http://acrpc.org/calendar/>

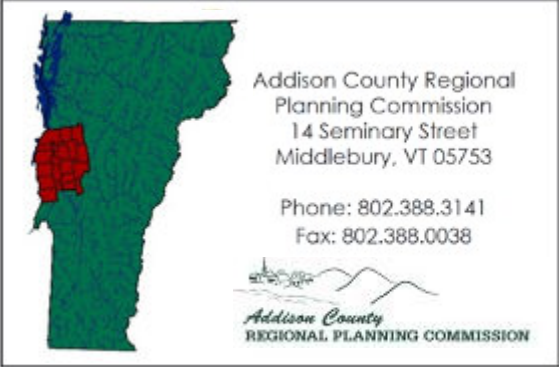
Date	Time	Event
Wed. 10	7:00pm	Full Commission Meeting (Zoom)
Wed. 17	6:30pm	TAC meeting
Thurs 18	6:00pm	ACSWMD meeting
Wed. 24	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board meeting
Wed. 31	5:00pm	Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Meetings held at 14 Seminary St, Middlebury, are currently postponed due to COVID-19. Virtual meetings are open to the public and call-in information is provided by invitation and request.

## ACRPC Welcomes our New Finance Specialist & Office Manager, April Clodgo!

April joins the ACRPC team from Monkton and Hinesburg, where she had previously worked as an Office Manager and then Controller. With more than two decades of experience she brings a multitude of skills including developing, sustaining, and streamlining financial and administrative functions. Over the past decade her career has been working with companies that are focused on the well being and sustainability of our natural environment and local communities.

In her free time April loves to fish, travel with her family, and learn new gardening skills.



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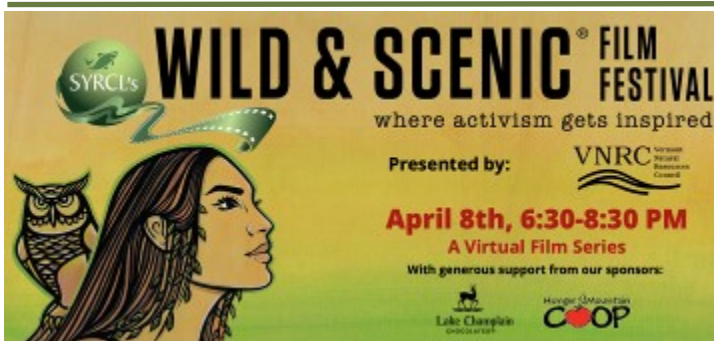
# Announcements

## 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

**Two seminars on creating and updating Local Emergency Management Plan Seminars will be held March 8 or March 11—see Tools & Trainings for more information**



## 2021 Wild & Scenic Film Festival

**April 8: 6:30-8:30pm**

[vnrc.org/13th-annual-wild-scenic-film-festival/](https://vnrc.org/13th-annual-wild-scenic-film-festival/)

Back for its 13th year, Vermont Natural Resources Council is hosting this national film festival here in Vermont. Join them for a night of inspiring short films, from the safety and comfort of your own home!

Tickets are by donation. A donation of \$10 or more enters you into their raffle for some wonderful prizes.

## New GMP Incentives



### Workplace Charging Program

<https://greenmountainpower.com/rebates-programs/business-innovation/electric-vehicles/workplace-charging/>

Designed to make it easy for commercial customers to install EV chargers for public use with no upfront costs. The turnkey package includes:

- Installation of one or more Level 2 charging stations, capable of providing up to 25 miles per hour of charging to all types of electric vehicles
- Software subscription for station access management, charging session reservation, mobile app payments, and bill support
- Ongoing station maintenance and 24/7 operational support

For questions or to set up a site visit, email the GMP Business Innovation Team at [business@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:business@greenmountainpower.com) or [sarah.peery@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:sarah.peery@greenmountainpower.com)

### Nissan LEAF or LEAF Plus!

<https://greenmountainpower.com/rebates-programs/electric-vehicles/nissan-leaf/>

Get up to \$6,000 off when you get a 2020 LEAF or LEAF Plus from a participating Nissan dealer. You can combine dealer cash back with GMP's EV rebate up to \$2,500, plus up to \$4,000 from the state of Vermont, and up to \$7,500 in federal tax credits.

**and Many More Rebates & Incentives on Residential & Commercial Products!:**

<https://greenmountainpower.com/rebates-programs/>

# Grants & Funding

## Grant Deadline Reminders

(more information in previous newsletters,  
<http://acrpc.org/resources/newsletters/>)

### Downtown Transportation Fund

& Additional Clean Water Initiative Funding

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

Grant applications due Monday, March 8

### Spark Connecting Community Vermont Community Foundation

<https://vermontcf.org/our-impact/programs-and-funds/spark-connecting-community/>

Applications due by 5pm Monday, March 29



### Vermont Arts Council Creation Grants

[www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/artists/creation](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/artists/creation)

\$4,000 awards, Application deadline: April 14

Creation Grants support the creation of new work by Vermont artists. Creation Grants can fund time, materials, some equipment costs, and space rental for artists and artist groups. An independent panel of practicing artists and arts professionals reviews the applications for this highly competitive program.

Creation Grantseeker Workshop- 3pm, March 4

Creation Grant Drop-in Q&A- 11am-1pm, Mar 29



### AARP 2021 Community Challenge

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>

Applications due by 8:00 pm April 14

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are accepted for projects to improve public spaces, housing, transportation, civic engagement, coronavirus recovery, diversity and inclusion, and more.

Applicants and others with questions can email [CommunityChallenge@AARP.org](mailto:CommunityChallenge@AARP.org)

### Conservation Tiny Grants

Association of Vermont

Conservation Commissions (AVCC)

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

Grant applications due May 1, 2021

Grants are range from \$250-\$500

Applicants must be Vermont Conservation Commissions or local committees/groups that are working towards becoming a Conservation Commission and are paid members of AVCC.

#### 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 and conservation, education and outreach, stewardship and management, and planning.



# Tools & Training

## Virtual Webinar:

### Main Street After COVID-19:

#### What Do Downtowns Need to Adapt?

<https://nne.planning.org/meetings/>

Thursday March 11, 2021 , 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

What will help Main Street survive, adapt, and thrive after the pandemic? Jeff Levine, AICP, will present the findings and recommendations of his recent study outlining strategies for the next 5 years and beyond, as identified by small business owners and downtown planning organizations in 6 small cities in the northeast.

## Emergency Management Seminars

### Updating your Municipality's Local

#### Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)

March 8, 6:30-7:30 pm or

March 11, 3-4 pm

Learn about the requirements, best practices, and support available for you to develop and maintain your Local Emergency Management Plan

### Local Emergency Management Director

March 16: 12:00-2:00 pm

This concise seminar will familiarize Emergency Management Directors and Emergency Management Coordinators with essential information on the position's roles and functions.

You can register for these courses via the VT Learning Management System

<http://vem.vermont.gov/training/trainingprogram/lms>

For more info or assistance registering, contact ACRPC's Emergency Management Planner Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org)

## Blue-Bin Recycling Workshops

<https://www.addisoncountyrecycles.org/recycling/blue-bin/workshops>

- Thursday, March 4: 2:00-3:00pm
- Thursday, March 11: 7:00-8:00pm
- Saturday, March 20 : 11:00am-Noon

Join ACSWMD for a free, live Zoom workshop to learn the in's and out's of blue-bin recycling. By recycling, you conserve valuable landfill space, contribute to a circular economy that re-uses waste streams and reduces our collective reliance on virgin feedstocks. Plus, it's a simple way to comply with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, which banned many blue-bin recyclables from the landfill beginning July 1, 2015. This free workshop covers the major categories of blue-bin recycling, common contaminants and questions, special recycling, and a framework for deciding if something can be recycled.



## VELCO First Responder Awareness Training

March 24– 5:30pm-6:30pm

[www.velco.com/our-work/safety/first-responder](http://www.velco.com/our-work/safety/first-responder)

VELCO supports first responders and other emergency personnel response to fires and other emergencies involving electric utility lines and facilities. Firefighters, police and EMTs are typically the first on the scene in an emergency, and therefore face the greatest risk when responding to emergencies where electric utility lines and facilities are involved. This training provides safety guidance and resources to emergency services personnel to mitigate those risks and ensure best practices are implemented during an emergency.

# Tools & Trainings

## Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) Unifying Stormwater Technical Assistance Program for Private Properties

[https://www.lcbp.org/about-us/grants-rfps/  
request-for-proposals-rfps/#uni](https://www.lcbp.org/about-us/grants-rfps/request-for-proposals-rfps/#uni)

**Proposals must be received by March 12, 2021**

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is to aggregate, share, and align existing non-regulatory stormwater education and outreach program's tools and messages to implement an intentional and coordinated non-regulatory stormwater property assessment and homeowner education initiative in the New York and Vermont portions of the Lake Champlain Basin. The successful applicant will propose a project that completes the outputs described in the RFP according to the required project timeline. Up to \$125,000 is available, and it is anticipated that one successful project will be chosen.

**Questions and proposals can be sent to [grants@lcbp.org](mailto:grants@lcbp.org)**

## Vermont Children's Trust Foundation Grants <https://vtchildrenstrust.org/vermont-childrens-trust-foundation-grants>

**Applications due Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

Grants are given to private non-profit organizations, schools, and public entities (town government, etc.) offering new or expanded programming for Vermont children and youth

**One Year Grants:** These grants are available to support planning and implementation of a new program in your community or to expand an existing program.

Maximum grant amount is \$10,000.

**Equipment Grants:** These grants are available to help grantees purchase equipment or supplies. Maximum grant amount is \$2,000.

**For questions about the grant applications please contact [theo@vtchildrenstrust.org](mailto:theo@vtchildrenstrust.org) or call 802-951-8604**

## ANR Community Wildlife Program Webinars

<https://anr.vermont.gov/content/trainings>

These webinars are intended for Vermonters serving on town boards and municipal staff.

### Starting your Town Conservation Fund

**March 11- 1:00pm-2:00pm**

Did you know that towns can establish dedicated funds to pay for conservation? Learn what it takes to start a Conservation Fund, where the money come from, and what to do with yours.

### Natural Resource Inventories

**March 19- 11:00am-12:00pm**

Whether you are interested in wildlife, wetlands, or forest blocks, a natural resources inventory can help you identify what matters most and where it occurs on the landscape.

### Starting a Conservation Commission

**March 23- 7:00pm-8:00pm**

More than half of Vermont towns already have a Conservation Commission and the activities that Conservation Commissions are engaged in range from land management of town owned forests to land use planning and even development review. Each commission looks a little different and can be incredibly helpful asset to your town!

### The River Corridor: Floodplains & Riparian Habitat

**April 8- 10:00am-11:00am**

The network of streams and rivers across Vermont is critically important for climate resilience. These are dynamic systems, constantly changing and home to incredible biological diversity and many other functions and values.

# Community Involvement

## Community Health Needs Assessment

**Your input makes a BIG impact!**

Link to survey: [surveymonkey.com/r/86PSH65](https://surveymonkey.com/r/86PSH65)

Together, UVMHN Porter Hospital, Five-Town Health Alliance, Addison County Home Health and Hospice, and several other organizations are working hard to deliver the best services possible to our community. Please help us better serve you by taking 15 minutes to complete this survey so we can learn more about the needs of you and your family. The goal of this survey is to improve services and promote a healthy community. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary and anonymous.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a paper copy of the survey, please contact **Sylvie Choiniere** 802-382-3406 or [schoiniere@portermedical.org](mailto:schoiniere@portermedical.org)

**Starting March 1, Vermonters age 65 and older will be able to make an appointment to get vaccinated. Visit [HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine)**

**to get scheduled**

# THIS IS OUR SHOT, VERMONT!

Stay up-to-date on the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in Vermont.

Who's eligible and how to sign up:

[HealthVermont.gov/OurShotVT](https://HealthVermont.gov/OurShotVT)



**More than 15% of Addison County has been Vaccinated!**

<http://acrpc.org/programs-services/emergency-management/coronavirus-covid-19/>

See webpage above for Addison County-specific information about COVID-19

or contact Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org)

## COVID-19 VACCINES IN VERMONT: ELIGIBILITY STATUS



### BY OCCUPATION/SETTING

PHASE 1	Long-term care residents and staff, health care workers, and first responders	All eligible
	K-12 teachers and onsite staff, child care, and expanded public safety	Est. March 8*

### BY AGE GROUPS

PHASES 2-4	Individuals aged 65+	All eligible
PHASE 5A	Individuals aged 55+ with certain high-risk health conditions	Starting Mar. 8
PHASE 5B	Individuals aged 16+ with certain high-risk health conditions	Starting Mar. 15
PHASES 6	Individuals aged 60+	Est. late March*

\*Projected time estimates are subject to change based on federal vaccine allocations.

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## Vermont Tree Stewards Awards

**Recognize Your Favorite Tree Heroes!**

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

Nomination deadline **Wed., March 31, 2021**

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 Wardens)
- Leader (Individuals showing leadership and dedication)
- Unsung Hero (individual and/or group who work(s) behind the scenes)
- Volunteer Group/Community (An organization, team or ad/hoc group, or community)