



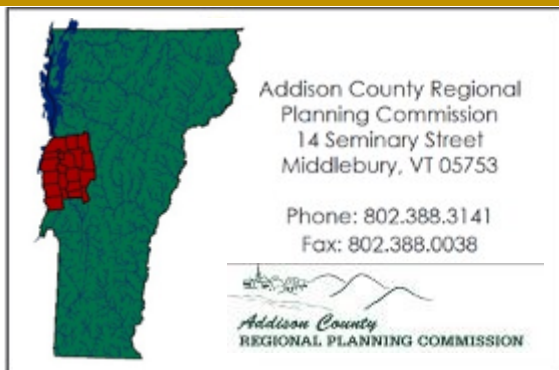
November 2019

ACRPC update

This Month's Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Tues. 12	6:00pm	Energy Comm. hearing– Leicester Energy Plan
Wed. 13	6:00pm	Natural Resources Comm.
Wed. 13	7:00pm	Full Regional Planning Commission Meeting
Wed. 20	6:30pm	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
Thurs 21	5:30pm	Housing Committee
Thurs 21	7:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD)
Wed. (Dec 4)	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board meeting

Meetings held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary St,
Middlebury, and are open to the public.
Digital calendar located at



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Town of Orwell

Receives Village Center Designation

The town of Orwell is the most recent community in Addison County to receive Village Center Designation from the Vermont Downtown Development Board. Orwell is an excellent example of a typical village green-centered community with many examples of 19th century architecture including the Victorian Gothic First National Bank. Buxton's Store, the hub of the community, is currently owned and operated by the original owner's grandson. The new proprietors are enthusiastic and active in reinventing the store to serve not only the older clientele but newer generations.

Designation benefits, including financial support for local businesses' renovation and restoration projects, will help keep this unique & historic village vibrant!



Events and Announcements

Middlebury Downtown Master Plan Planapalooza



WHAT'S A PLANAPALOOZA?

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A Planapalooza™ is an intense, participatory design and public input process where YOU are invited to work directly with your neighbors, business owners and a multi-disciplinary consulting team. The entire process is open to the public. So please join them as they work together to prepare a Downtown Master Plan that will protect and enhance Middlebury and set a clear vision for the future.

Public input meetings:

- Thursday, Nov 7, 6 pm, Municipal Offices
- Saturday, Nov 9, 5:30 pm, Middlebury Congregational Church
- Mon., Nov 11, 6 pm, Town Hall Theater

Focus group meetings on specific topics at Bundle, 51 Main Street:

- **Stormwater:** Fri. Nov. 8th (9:00-10:00am)
- **Multi-Modal Transportation:** Fri. Nov. 8th (10:30-11:30am)
- **Sustainability/Resiliency:** Sat. Nov. 9th (10:00-11:00am)

Open Studio hours, at Bundle, 51 Main Street:

- Friday, Nov. 8, 12:30 – 7:30 pm
- Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 am – 7:30 pm
- Monday, November 11, 9 am – 12:30 pm

For more, see http://www.townofmiddlebury.org/town_departments_services_staff/planning_and_zoning_office/middlebury_downtown_master_planning_project/index.php

Capital For A Day– Addison County

<https://labor.vermont.gov/event/capitol-day-addison-county-tentative>

Monday, November 18, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

On November 18, Vermont Governor Phil Scott and his Cabinet will make Addison County Vermont's "Capital for the Day." The Governor will have a full schedule in the region including a business leader roundtable. Members of the Cabinet will attend various events and meetings in the region related to agency priorities. A schedule of events and meetings will be released closer to the event date.



“Natural Climate Solutions for All “

Regional Conservation Partnership (RCP) Network Gathering

Wednesday, Nov 13 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Campus Center, UMASS, Amherst, MA

<https://www.wildlandsandwoodlands.org/2019-rcp-network-gathering>

The annual RCP Network Gathering brings together conservation practitioners, planning professionals, land-use managers, researchers, funders, and more in a workshop-based event to build the capacity of RCPs, land trusts, and partners to protect and use land and nature in support of more resilient communities and regions. The “whole landscape” approach to this year’s event will rely on story exchange and cross-sector networking hand-in-hand with sharing new tools and collaborative approaches to integrating natural resource protection into local and regional planning.

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Climate Solutions Forum in Middlebury

Thursday, Nov. 7, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society.

The Vermont Legislature's Climate Solutions Caucus is hosting a series of forums around the state to outline its priorities for the 2020 legislative session and seek input from Vermonters on the solutions they'd like to see advanced. Local legislators Robin Scheu and Amy Sheldon will be at the CVUUS fellowship hall on Thursday evening to meet with the public. Free and open to all.



Bristol

Energy Cost Savings in Brief

<https://buttonupvermont.org/event/energy-cost-savings-brief-matt-sharpe>

Thursday, November 14- 6:30pm

Holley Hall, 1 South Street, Bristol

Matt Sharpe will give a 20-minute, non-technical presentation on the current steps and incentives for increasing comfort and air quality in your home, using less energy and saving money. This year residents will be signing up to have Efficiency Vermont staff visit their homes to make recommendations (instead of contractors). Stay to ask questions and learn more. Refreshments will be provided.

For More Information Contact: Sally Burrell,
sallybinvt@gmail.com 802-453-7397

Middlebury

Step Up to Button Up

<https://buttonupvermont.org/event/step-up-button-up-middlebury>

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 - 6:30pm

Congregational Church of Middlebury, Unity Hall, 2 Main St., Middlebury

Ready to stop burning money? Weatherizing your home is often one of the best financial investments you can make. This workshop will help get you started!

For more information contact Howard Widelitz
at howard.widelitz@outlook.com, 802-349-3354



2019 Northern New England Planning conference: "Live, Work, Play & Plan"

"Exploring communities where having fun is part of the culture and the economy."



American Planning Association
Northern New England Chapter

November 13-15 - Omni Mount Washington Resort

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

The conference agenda that celebrates living, working, playing and planning in Northern New England. Beginning with Wednesday evening's reception featuring author and journalist Dan Szczeny to the closing lunch session Explore Moose Mountains, we will delve into the unique identity of our shared region. We have also made room for plenty of networking opportunities.

Contact Nancy Kilbride, Event Planner @ eventsyourway@comcast.net or (603) 714-1343

Grants & Funding

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG)

<https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>

The next FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) application period is expected to open in December. In preparation, FEMA's grant specialists will be hosting workshops in Vermont and online webinars this fall. Each workshop is approximately 2 ½ hours long and provides information on the AFG programs, what is new for 2019, and tips to develop and submit a successful application.

In-person Workshop:

Thursday, November 7th, 6:00 p.m.

Vermont Division of Fire Safety

(Vermont Fire Academy)

93 Davison Drive, Pittsford

Online Webinars

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4th, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 5th, 10:00 a.m.

Audio: 800-320-4330; PIN: 174852#

Vermont Better Roads Grants

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>

Applications accepted until Dec. 13 (extended)

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is pleased to announce the 23rd year of funding to support the Vermont Better Roads Program. The goal of this grant program is to promote the use of Best Management Practices for erosion control and maintenance techniques along municipal roads that save money while protecting and enhancing Vermont's lakes and streams. To prioritize funding for projects that are providing significant water quality improvements this year applicants must indicate whether or not the projects that they intend to construct will be in full compliance with the MRGP. See application and scoring sheet for more information. If you have questions, **please contact Joel Perrigo, VTrans Municipal Assistance Bureau (802)595-4933, Joel.perrigo@vermont.gov**



Preservation Trust of Vermont

Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants

<https://ptvermont.org/help/grants/paul-bruhn-historic-revitalization-grants/>

Deadline for Letter of Interest: November 18,
Projects will be notified of funding by Dec. 9

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has \$625,000 available for roof repair or replacement, structural repairs, window and door restoration, and fire safety improvements. Grants will be made in increments of \$50,000-\$100,000.

Applications will be evaluated by Preservation Trust of Vermont staff. Selection will be made based on regional distribution, variety of project type, community and economic development potential and the capacity of the active, local working group. For questions, **contact Lisa Ryan, lisa@ptvermont.org**

Grants & Funding!

Small Grants For Smart Growth

<https://vnrc.org/small-grants-for-small-growth/>

Is your community seeking money for smart growth work? If you're ready to...

- undertake creative, inclusive outreach about your future land use,
- pilot a wastewater solution,
- intervene in a development proposal in a sprawl location,
- organize local residents in favor of smart growth housing,
- hold a community meeting about whether and how to undertake interim zoning,
- develop a planning process for a public park or reuse of a historic building,
- develop a guide to help residents successfully implement your smart growth zoning,
- craft programs to help avoid the fragmentation of farm and forest land,
- or other smart growth project that works for *your* community,

...you should apply! Grants are typically between \$500 and \$1,500. There is no deadline; grants are awarded on a rolling basis.

For more info contact Kate McCarthy,

kmccarthy@vnrc.org, (802) 223-2328, x. 114



Caring for Canopy Grants

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/programs-0/financial-assistance/caring-canopy-grants>

Proposals due Friday, January 17th, 2020

These 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. A variety of project types are eligible for funding. Funding range is \$1,000-\$5,000

For application questions, contact Elise Schadler,

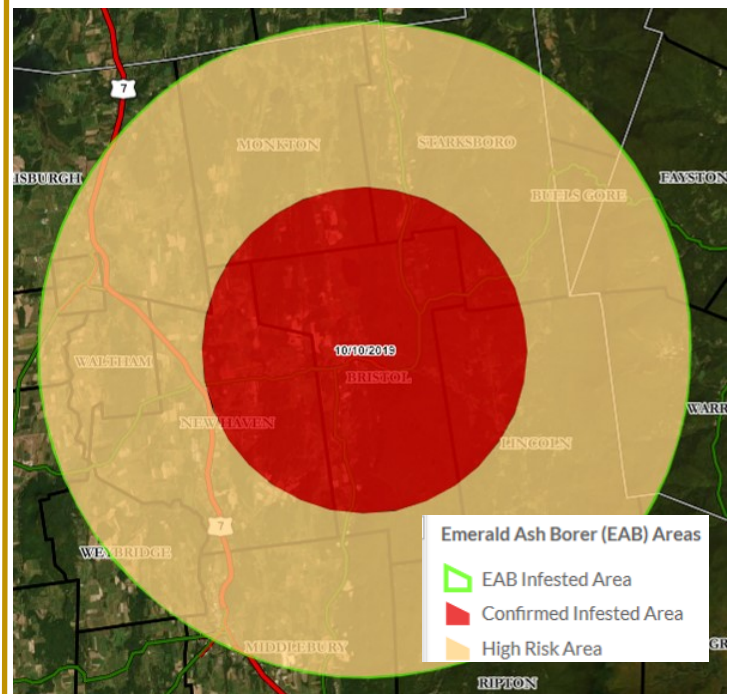
(802) 522-6015 elise.schadler@vermont.gov

Emerald Ash Borer Management Grants

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/programs-0/financial-assistance/eab-management-grants>

Grant applications due Friday, Jan 17, 2020

Vermont Urban and Community Forestry is currently seeking applicants for an Emerald Ash Borer Management grants program to support ash tree removals and tree replacements in municipalities impacted by an emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation.



VT UCF will award \$15,000 cost-share grants to three municipalities. This funding is intended for municipalities that are prepared to remove public ash trees threatened by EAB and to plant new trees of different species to offset the loss of the ash trees. Municipalities that are included within the EAB Infested Area (both Confirmed and High Risk Areas) as of Dec. 31st, 2019 may apply.

For application questions, contact Elise Schadler, (802) 522-6015 elise.schadler@vermont.gov

Comment and Grant Deadlines

Comments Deadline for the 2019 Draft Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan

The OC TBP was presented at the October RPC meeting and is available for public comment. Comments should be submitted by **4:30pm November 8** to be addressed in a responsiveness summary.

Comments should be directed by email:

ANR.Basin3Comments@vermont.gov or by mail to Angie Allen, Basin 3 Comments, 430 Asa Bloomer State Office Bldg., 88 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT, 05701-5903. The draft plan may be obtained at:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/watershed-planning/tactical-basin-planning/basin3>

or by requesting a copy from Angie Allen at

Angie.Allen@vermont.gov or (802) 490-9081.



Public input on the TCI framework document at <https://www.transportationandclimate.org/main-menu/tci-regional-policy-design-stakeholder-input-form>

Since the beginning of this year, TCI jurisdictions have conducted public workshops and webinars regionally and in individual jurisdictions, including at ACRPC on September 18th. More than 1,000 people have participated in the public workshops and webinars, and more than 100 separate entries have been submitted through the TCI online public input portal, and people are encouraged to continue to submit input and ideas through early November.

A draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) building on the framework is anticipated in Dec. 2019. After considering further public input, a final MOU is expected in the Spring of 2020, at which point each jurisdiction will decide whether to sign the final MOU and participate in the regional program.

Grant Deadline Reminders from Prior Newsletters

Transportation Alternatives Grant

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt>

Applications due by Friday, Nov. 22, 2019

Working Communities Challenge Grant

<https://commongoodvt.org/funding-2/working-communities-challenge-grant-program-announcement/>

Full planning grant application due Dec 13

Working Lands Grant Opportunities

<https://workinglands.vermont.gov/grant-opportunities>

Applications due November 17, 2019

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

<https://vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation>

State application deadline, January 8, 2020

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)

<https://vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation>

State application deadline, January 8, 2020

