

ACRPC *update*

October 2019

This Month's Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 9	7:00pm	Full Regional Planning Commission Meeting & Draft Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan Public Meeting
Wed. 16	6:30pm	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
Thurs 17	7:00pm	Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD)
Wed. 23	5:00pm	LEPC 8 Executive Committee meeting
Wed. 30	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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Welcome to AmeriCorps Service Member Benton Wright



The ACRPC team has gained another fantastic member through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's National Service program, ECO AmeriCorps!

Benton is a southwest Ohio native and recent graduate of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Benton will be serving our office and state this year as a Water Quality Planner. He is assisting with coordinating and implementing water quality planning functions across transportation, emergency management, municipal storm water and watershed planning projects for member towns in Addison County. Benton is excited to serve and collaborate on projects to bolster the health and quality of Vermont waters!

Events



When Governments Cooperate State Government Municipal Day

[https://anr.vermont.gov/about_us/
special-topics/municipal-day](https://anr.vermont.gov/about_us/special-topics/municipal-day)

When Governments Cooperate, sponsored by the VT Agency of Natural Resources, is an annual training offering a wide variety of workshops and giving you the opportunity to engage with State and municipal colleagues. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Register now for the 2019 workshops taking place in 5 locations around Vermont!

- **Wed, Oct 23- Springfield** single-track, full or 1/2 day.
- **Fri, Oct 25-** the full-day **Montpelier** event offers a variety of workshops from which to choose. Plenary session features State Climatologist Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux who will re-cap the most recent National Climate Assessment and climate change in Vermont .
- **Tues, Oct 29- St. Johnsbury** single-track, full or 1/2 day.
- **Thurs, Oct 31- Rutland** single-track, full or 1/2 day.
- **Thurs, Nov 7- Essex Junction** single-track 1/2 day, from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Full-day registration is \$25 and includes lunch. Half-day registration is \$15, includes snacks.

For questions , contact Penny Percival,
penny.percival@vermont.gov or (802) 828-1294

2019 Draft Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan Presentation

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/map/basin-planning/basin3>

Oct 9, 7-8pm– 14 Seminary St, Middlebury

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, hear a presentation, and offer comments and suggestions. The plan covers portions of Bennington, Rutland, and Addison counties and all surface waters within the Otter Creek, Little Otter Creek, and Lewis Creek watersheds. The plan provides an assessment of the health of the basin and identifies 55 water quality strategies across the following sectors: agriculture, developed lands—stormwater and roads, wastewater treatment facilities, and restoration of forest lands, lakes, rivers, and wetlands. The plan also includes information about how landowners, watershed organizations, and communities can access funding and technical assistance to help protect and restore water resources.

The Plan will be available for public comment
October 7 through November 8, 2019.

Additional presentations in Rutland (Oct 15) and
Brandon (Oct 22)



<https://www.vtemsconference.com/>

Oct 31-Nov 3, pre-conference workshops Oct 28-30
Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain, Burlington, VT
Public health preparedness professionals, emergency medical service providers and hospital and non-hospital based personnel from across New England are invited for this year's conference.

Grants & Funding

Lake Champlain Local Implementation Grants

<https://www.lcbp.org/about-us/grants-rfps/request-for-proposals-rfps/>

Grant Applications due October 31, 2019*

The Lake Champlain Basin Program, in cooperation with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, is pleased to announce the 2019 Local Implementation Grant programs, including the following groups of grants:

- **Pollution Prevention & Wildlife Habitat Conservation Grants** (*up to \$20,000 per award*)
- **Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention Grants** (*up to \$15,000 per award*)

(*Education and Outreach Grants and Organizational Support Grants in a separate announcement)

If interested in applying, contact ACRPC's Mike Winslow at 802-388-3141, mwinslow@acrpc.org



Transportation Alternatives Grant

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

Applications due by Friday, November 22, 2019

The Transportation Alternatives program provides funding for a number of eligible activities:

- Construction/planning/design of on- & off-road non-motorized trail facilities
- Construction/planning/design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers,
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas,
- Community improvement activities,
- Environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention,
- The Safe Routes to School Program.

Informational Skype Workshops (Links to join on website):

- Tuesday, October 8th from 10:00am to 11:30am
- Thursday, October 10th from 3:00pm to 4:30pm

For questions, contact Scott Robertson, P.E. VTrans Municipal Assistance Bureau, (802) 793-2395, scott.robertson@vermont.gov

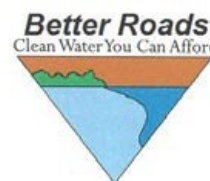
FY2020 Vermont Better Roads Grant Program

Info and application at <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>

Due 4:30pm Friday October 26th, 2018

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is pleased to announce the 22nd year of funding to support projects on municipal roads that improve water quality and result in maintenance cost savings. The grant funds are provided by the VT Agency of Transportation with partnership through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The Vermont Better Roads Program promotes the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality around the State. Municipalities may apply for more than one grant.

If interested in applying, contact ACRPC's Mike Winslow at 802-388-3141, mwinslow@acrpc.org



More Grants & Funding

Rural Community Development Initiative Grants

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants>

This program provides funding to help non-profit housing and community development organizations support housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Learning event on Tuesday, October 8 at 10am at Bundle, 51 Main Street, Middlebury

For questions and to RSVP: contact Rebecca Shrader, Community Programs Specialist,

Rebecca.schrader@usda.gov, 802-424-3151



Working Communities Challenge Grant

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

Nov1- letter of interest due

Dec 13- full planning grant application due

The Working Communities Challenge in Vermont is a three-year grant opportunity designed to strengthen Vermont's rural towns, regions, and small cities by encouraging cross-sector teams to work collaboratively to benefit all residents—particularly residents with lower-income. Six cross-sector teams that each represent a group of rural towns, a region, or a small city in Vermont will be awarded a 4-5-month grant of \$10,000-\$15,000 to participate in the Planning Phase. Three teams will be selected for three implementation grants of \$300K over a three-year period and supported with technical assistance.

Information Sessions:

- Oct 8- 9:00 -10:30 AM, Springfield, VT
- Oct 8- 2:00 -3:30 PM, Wilmington, VT
- Oct 15- 10:00 -11:30 AM, Albans, VT

For questions and application submission,

Stephen Michon at stephen.michon@bos.frb.org

Working Lands Grant Opportunities

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

Applications Due: November 17, 2019

The mission of the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative is to grow the economies, cultures, and communities of Vermont's working landscape. The WLEB makes investments in the Vermont farm and forest economy and facilitates policy development to optimize the agricultural and forest use of Vermont lands. For this funding cycle, the WLEB will award grant funds in the following category ranges:

- **Service Provider Grants:**
Award Range - \$5,000 to \$20,000
- **Business Grants:**
 - a. Standard award range - \$5,000 to \$25,000
 - b. Supply Chain Impact award range - \$25,000 to \$75,000
 - c. Market Level Impact award range - \$50,000 to \$150,000
- **Trade Show Assistance Grants:**
Award Range: \$2,000- \$5,000

For questions, contact Lynn Ellen Schimoler,

LynnEllen.Schimoler@vermont.gov

(802) 622-4477

Even More Grants & Funding!

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)

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

State application deadline, January 8, 2020

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program,

Applicants (e.g. the RPC or a municipality) can apply for:

- **Mitigation projects** (up to \$4 million)
- **Resilient infrastructure projects** (up to \$10 million, only one per State)

Resilient infrastructure includes:

- ⇒ Infrastructure protective measures
- ⇒ Water/wastewater protective measures
- ⇒ Floodwater storage/diversion
- ⇒ Floodplain/stream restoration
- ⇒ Stormwater management
- ⇒ Wetland restoration/creation
- ⇒ ...and a few more

- **Advance Assistance** funds (up to \$200,000) For engineering, design, study and project scoping– ideally used to phase projects successfully



To apply for PDM or FMA, a municipality must have a current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) in place.

If your town is interested in applying, contact ACRPC's Andrew L'Roe, at

alroe@acrpc.org or 802-388-3141

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

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

State application deadline, January 8, 2020

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

FMA funds must benefit an NFIP-participating community- ideally those with Repetitive Loss/ Severe Repetitive Loss properties

FMA is prioritizing “**community flood mitigation projects**”, selecting the highest eligible priority project by State (up to \$10 million). Eligible project activities include:

- Infrastructure protective measures
- Floodwater storage and diversion
- Utility protective measures
- Stormwater management
- Wetland restoration/creation
- Aquifer storage and recovery
- Localized flood control to protect critical facility
- Floodplain and stream restoration
- Water and sanitary sewer system protective measures

FMA also has allocated funding for **Advance Assistance** (up to \$200,000); these funds, similar to PDM, can be used for flood/water-related project scoping

Trainings



Computer Security Awareness Webinar

<https://www.vlct.org/cyber>

Tuesday, October 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Understand your role in preventing computer-based threats to your organization. Stay safe in an online world. Learn the basics about phishing, malware, ransomware, safe browsing and strong passwords, along with how cities and towns are being targeted by cyber criminals.

Registration Deadline: Mon, October 14

Event Coordinator Lisa Goodell

info@vlct.org , (802) 229-9111

AWR-213: Critical Infrastructure Security

October 29, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

DPS Headquarters, 45 State Dr, Waterbury, VT

This course will introduce participants to the key terms, policy, guidance, and preparedness efforts required to safeguard the Nation's critical infrastructure. Participants will review applicable policy and guidance, discuss the risk management framework, describe Federal critical infrastructure security and resilience and information sharing programs, and relate critical infrastructure programs to individual actions.

Register via the VT Learning Management System (<http://vem.vermont.gov/training/trainingprogram/lms>)

Fall Planning & Zoning Forum

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

Wed, October 23, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Comfort Inn (Sunset Ballroom) 1712 Shelburne Rd, South Burlington, VT

This workshop is for all local officials involved in the planning and development review process. Zoning administrators, planning commissioners, DRB/ZBA members, town administrators and managers, municipal planners, and regional planning commission staff are encouraged to attend.

Cost: \$60 PACIF; \$90 VLCT; Add \$10 after October 16 registration deadline

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Dam Safety Workshop

www.DamSafety.org

Nov 5 • Pavilion Auditorium, Montpelier, VT

The workshop is being put on by the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Dam Safety Program in conjunction with the Association of State Dam Safety Officials. The new draft dam safety rules will be presented and other dam safety topics will be discussed including dam operation, maintenance, Emergency Action Planning, owner responsibilities and liabilities, and examples of how dams fail and example case studies.

For more information about ASDSO, visit www.damsafety.org or call (859) 550-2788