

ACRPC

update

September 2018

ACRPC is Hiring!

We are looking for a Regional Transportation Planner to join our team. This position will be responsible for supporting municipalities in a broad range of transportation-related planning projects as well as energy, land-use and town planning related work. The ideal candidate enjoys working within the public sector and must have experience working on interdisciplinary projects. See link for full job description: <http://acrpc.org/about-acrpc/job-opportunities/>

Please send a cover letter, resume and three references to Adam Lougee, Executive Director, ACRPC, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT, 05753 or email pdfs to: alougee@acrpc.org
Position is open until filled. EOE.

Municipal Planning Grants -Did You Know?

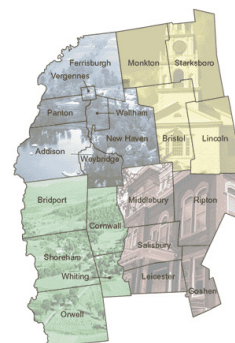
Every fall Vermont's Agency of Commerce and Community development offer Municipal Planning Grant Funds. Between 2013-17 ACCD has provided 2.5 million dollars in grant funds covering 215 project. A 2016 State wide survey showed 99% of participants viewed MPGs as important tool in reaching their municipal planning goals. This year six Addison County towns intend to apply for MPG funding. State-wide priorities for MPG funding, include:

- a. Housing.** Bylaws or infrastructure projects that increase housing options in compact, walkable and mixed-use neighborhoods. For example, this could be a project that prepares the community for a Neighborhood Development Area designation.
- b. Infrastructure.** Planning (master, capital, general) and design for public infrastructure in State designated areas.
- c. Vibrant Centers.** Specific-area master planning in State designated downtowns and villages.
- Work**
- d. Active Transportation/Recreation.** Planning for walk/bike connections linking State designated centers to regional networks and/or local recreation amenities.
- e. "Placemaking".** Planning or implementation for revitalizing and programming public places in State designated centers.
- f. Water-Related Bylaws.** Municipal bylaws that implement State basin plans, municipal plans, storm-water master plans, river corridor protection, and/or green stormwater infrastructure and promote improved water quality and flood resilience.

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Commission Calendar

September 2018	12	7:00pm	Full Commission Meeting
	19	6:30pm	TAC Meeting
	20	7:00pm	ACSWMD Meeting
	26	6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting



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Events & Trainings

g. Planning for Village Wastewater. Activities to support wastewater solutions in designated villages to supplement other funding programs, or if other funding is not available. Applicants must consult with MPG staff before applying for a wastewater project.

h. Potential to Serve as a Statewide Model. The project outcomes or products are likely to benefit other municipalities and can serve as an example or template for similar communities statewide.

Wishing our Addison County Towns the best of luck on their MPG applications!

Contact ACRPC's Claire Tebbs for more information: call: 802-388-3141 or email: ctebbs@acrpc.org

Capitol for a Day- Addison County September 11, 2018

Gov. Phil Scott and two dozen top administration officials will visit sites across Addison County as part of the governor's *Capitol for a Day* initiative to tour all 14 Vermont counties, visiting area businesses and attend meetings with academic, business and community groups or organizations. There will be a press event at the Marble Works, Electric Charging Station from 10:45-11(or in American Flatbread if inclement weather).

11th Annual Tour de Farms Sept. 16th, 2018

Vergennes High school 8:30am registration start

To register go to: www.acornvt.org or call: 802-382-0401 email: info@acornvt.org

Vergennes Truck Study- Public Meeting Wednesday, September 26, 7:00 PM Vergennes Opera House

Route 22A serves as one of the busiest truck routes in Vermont. As a result, the City of Vergennes has proportionally more large trucks travelling through its downtown than any other comparably sized municipality in Vermont. The Addison County Regional

Planning Commission and the Vermont Agency of Transportation have commissioned a study to assess options for reducing the impacts (Noise, vibration, pollution) of truck traffic in downtown Vergennes while also considering impacts on neighboring towns. Please come to a public meeting to help us create a project that improves conditions in Vergennes, is sensitive to the concerns of neighboring communities and that the State will commit to implementing. For more information, please contact facilitator Cindy Cook, 802-272-2829

Middlebury Rail Platform- Public Meeting September 27, 7pm in the Middlebury Municipal Offices Conference Room.

This public meeting is being held to solicit input on the siting of the rail platform for a final report that will be presented to the Selectboard for approval in October. The final report will identify a locally-preferred alternative and cost estimate for the platform location, with design work to be performed at a later time. A community survey with several options and the trade-offs involved with each will be sent and posted for the community in the next few weeks, the results of which will help the Planning Commission develop their final recommendation to the Selectboard. The hearings are being coordinated by the Town of Middlebury Planning Commission and Addison County Regional Planning Commission.

ACRPC Training Opportunity: Essentials of Local Land Use Planning & Regulation

Thursday, September 27th from 5:30-7:00 PM,
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ACRPC will be hosting a presentation and discussion for municipal officials titled "Essentials of Land Use Planning & Regulation." Brush up on your town planning know-how and meet others in Addison County working on planning projects.

The training will provide an overview of municipal roles and responsibilities and the fundamentals of local planning and permitting in Vermont. Specifically, the presentation will include the following topics:

- general background/history of planning in Vermont

Funding Opportunities

- roles and responsibilities of municipal officers
- implementing the municipal plan
- meetings, hearings and due process as it relates to municipal planning

Please RSVP by emailing Andrew L'Roe at alroe@acrpc.org or call 388-3141 for more information. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please do not hesitate to contact ACRPC with any questions or additional topics you would like to be included and we hope to see you there!

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)- Grant Writing Program

<https://vhcb.org/redi>

The Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), a program of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, helps rural communities access the funding they need for critical community and business development projects. The REDI program is available to organizations, municipalities, and businesses in rural communities that need additional expertise or capacity in order to be able to access grants. REDI funds can be used to hire a grant writer, complete a necessary step to make a grant application more competitive (such as a business plan or engineering), and in some cases to help make a fundraising plan for a project. Funding is targeted to small communities, so projects should be located in or serving communities under 5,000 in population. Priority areas of the REDI program include: working lands projects (such as dairy processing, value-added food enterprises, phosphorus removal technology, and composting facilities), outdoor recreation projects, community-based economic development (such as historic preservation projects).

For more information and to request an application, contact: Liz Gleason, liz@vhcb.org or 802-828-3370

Solicitation of Towns

Town Energy Planning Element Pilot

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) has received a third, and potentially final, round of funding to assist at least three towns within the Region with the development of town plan energy elements that are consistent with the provisions of

Act 174 (see links to background information below). This is a great opportunity for towns that are interested in comprehensive energy planning at the town level in Vermont!

Thus far, we have worked with six towns. In order to allow ACRPC's Energy Committee to make a fair choice of three again, we are asking interested towns to send us a letter of interest briefly outlining why they would be a good candidate. Please go to the following link for full description of project and commitment: <http://acrpc.org/programs-services/energy/>

We want to remind everyone that developing a town plan energy element that is consistent with the provisions of Act 174 is not mandatory; it is a town's choice to do so.

Letters of Interest should be submitted by Monday, October 1st, 2018 to Adam Lougee to the address above or via email: alougee@acrpc.org. Please call Adam with any questions at 802-388-3141

Transportation Alternatives Program - GRANTS

VTrans is now accepting applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program. This year, Transportation Alternatives Program funding (roughly \$2.2 million) is reserved for environmental mitigation (water quality improvement) projects relating to stormwater and highways, including salt/sand sheds. The Transportation Alternatives Program Guide and Application may be found on the website.

At this time, informational sessions have already taken place. If interested in this program, it is highly recommended to contact Scott Robertson by phone at (802) 793-2395 or by email at scott.robertson@vermont.gov regarding questions and qualifications.

Applications due in-hand or by e-mail by October 17, 2018 <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt>