



This Month's Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 11	7:00pm	Full Commission meeting
Wed. 18	2:00pm	Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) meeting
Wed. 18	5:00pm	LEPC 8 Exec meeting
Wed. 18	6:30pm	Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
Wed. 25	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board meeting

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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Congratulations Addison!

In June, the Town of Addison received **Village Center Designation** from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development for the Addison Four Corners area at the crossroads of route 22A and Route 17. This status will help Addison realize a long-term goal of revitalizing this modest town center focused on the iconic Town Hall, the Baptist Church and the Four Corners Store.

In recent years, the town has developed designs for a municipal waste water system and completed architectural renovation documents for the Town Hall. Addison will now be eligible for a variety of state building tax credits and receive priority consideration for state planning and construction grants, whose benefits will support ongoing projects and future work in this community.



Baptist Church and Addison Town Hall

Events

Middlebury Planning Commission Kick-off of Planning Process to Create a Downtown Master Plan

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 4

Large Conference Room, Town Offices- 77 Main St.
The Middlebury Planning Commission invites you to join them as they kickoff an exciting planning process to create a Downtown Master Plan for the next 20 years and beyond.

They'll explain the planning process unfolding this Fall, and include plenty of conversation and activities to get your feedback about what issues you'd like to see them focus on in the coming months. Brian Wright of Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative (TPUDC) will be leading the discussions and assisting the community during this process.

This kickoff is just the first of several outreach activities culminating in a week-long Planapalooza occurring from November 7th to November 11th, so please stay tuned for more details!

For more info, or to join the town email list - please contact Jennifer Murray, Town Planner at (802) 458-8010 or jmurray@townofmiddlebury.org



Transportation and Climate Initiative Stakeholder Meeting

<https://anr.vermont.gov/content/transportation-and-climate-initiative>

2 p.m. Wednesday, September 18th

ACRPC offices at 14 Seminary St, Middlebury

The Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) is a regional collaboration among state environmental, energy and transportation agencies working to develop a regional policy proposal to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.

TCI jurisdictions are working to develop a “cap and invest” system and would like YOU to participate in a conversation about how Vermont can move forward with this effort. Please join us!

Submit your questions and comments to TCI at

<https://www.transportationandclimate.org/main-menu/tci-regional-policy-design-stakeholder-input-form>



The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation is conducting online surveys to gather input from all Vermonters regarding outdoor recreation, and we want to hear from you! The purpose of the survey is to help develop Vermont's next Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Vermonters can take the survey at <https://fpr.vermont.gov/SCORP>. The survey will be available online from **August 12th until September 9th**.

Contact Amy Kelsey at UVM's Center for Rural Studies, amy.kelsey@uvm.edu or 802-598-4551, or Jessica Savage, Recreation Program Manager at Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Jessica.savage@vermont.gov or 802-249-1230 with questions about the SCORP or this research

Conferences and Workshops

Association of Vermont Conservation Commission 2019 Conservation Summit

Investing in Vermont's Conservation Future: Vermont Conservation Design

http://vtconservation.com/conservation_summit/

Saturday, Sept. 28th, 2019. 8:30 am– 3:30 pm (Optional Field Trip 3:30-5pm)

Breadloaf Campus of Middlebury College, 4265 VT Route 125, Ripton

Carpool: We encourage carpooling! Please use our Group Carpool if you're a driver or passenger.

Cost: Early Bird (Until September 1st) – \$30 for AVCC members and \$45 for non-members Regular Registration (9/1 through 9/29) – \$40 for AVCC members and \$55 for non-members.



Emergency Preparedness Conversations

If you are involved in emergency planning or preparedness for your town, please join Regional Emergency Management Planner Andrew L'Roe at one of these upcoming conversations about preparedness and hazard mitigation, and how ACRPC and VEM can be of assistance to you.

- **Sept 10**, Tuesday 10am- Halfway House in Shoreham
- **Sept 16**, Monday 2pm- Bristol Cliffs Cafe in Bristol
- **Sept 20**, Friday 12:30pm- Waybury Inn, East Middlebury
- **Sept 26**, Thursday 1pm- Good Day Café in Vergennes



STATE GOVERNMENT MUNICIPAL DAYS

Workshops for Vermont's Local Officials

See schedules and register at: http://anr.vermont.gov/about_us/special-topics/municipal-day

Join for a full or half-day of workshops, technical assistance, & networking opportunities brought to you by the Agency of Natural Resources in cooperation with State Agency partners:

- **Wed, October 23** in SPRINGFIELD (½- or full-day, single-track format)
- **Fri, October 25** in MONTPELIER (full-day, multi-track format)
- **Tues, October 29** in ST. JOHNSBURY (½-day or full-day, single-track format)
- **Thurs, October 31** in RUTLAND (½- or full-day, single-track format)
- **Thurs, Nov 7** in ESSEX JUNCTION (½-day, single-track format)

All events include coffee and snacks. Full-day events include lunch.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required!

If you have questions about this event, contact penny.percival@vermont.gov or call (802) 828-1294.

Grants & Funding

Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Update

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has set aside \$2.9 million to support Best Management Practices implementation under Year 3 of the Grants-In-Aid program. In addition, DEC has allocated money for purchase of equipment for communities that have the majority of their land base in the Southern Lake Champlain watershed which includes Orwell. Every municipality in the ACRPC region has submitted their participation letters making \$218,260 in grant funding available for our region! ACRPC needs to schedule site visits for Year 3 projects by the end of October. **Please contact Mike Winslow (mwinslow@acrpc.org) with any questions.**



FY20 VTrans Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Grant Program

<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program>

Applications due on or before **October 4, 2019**

Potentially eligible project types:

- Planning Studies
- Salt/Sand Sheds
- Bank Stabilization
- Culvert Replacement/ Re-sizing
- Stream Bank Stabilization
- Detention Ponds
- Check Dams
- Swirl Separators
- Permeable Pavers
- Infiltration Basins
- Gravel Wetlands
- Subsurface Detention Systems
- Bio Filters
- Bio Retention Systems

Municipalities are eligible for this grant program. There is no program cap on the amount of funding granted to a specific project. However, there is a 20% local match requirement. All projects must be developed in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.

Recommended informational Skype Workshop **Wednesday, September 18th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

For more information or for questions, please contact: Joel Perrigo, Agency of Transportation
(802) 595-4933, joel.perrigo@vermont.gov

Best Management Practices for Pollution Reduction:

Implementation and Planning Grants
<https://www.lcbp.org/about-us/grants-rfps/request-for-proposals-rfps/#prbmp>

Applications due **October 3, 2019**

The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) has announced the availability of funding for projects that will improve and protect water quality. Funding can be used to address runoff and erosion issues from roads, parking lots, rooftops, or CSOs. Funding is available for construction projects (between \$50,000 and \$125,000) or planning projects (up to \$50,000). No match is required, but addition of match will be considered favorably during budget review. Successful applicants will be notified by Feb. 2020 for project initiation by May, 2020.

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission is available to assist in the development of grant applications and for the management of awards for successful applications.

If you have a project that fits the LCBP criteria and would like assistance in developing it, please contact ACRPC's Mike Winslow at 802-388-3141 or mwinslow@acrpc.org

Trainings



Backyard Woods Course

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/program/education/backyard-woods-course>

September 30th- November 8th

Field Walks around the state, Oct 5 –Nov 2

The Vermont Backyard Woods Course is for homeowners with less than 25 acres who want to learn more about the woods in their backyard: what's in it, who (wildlife) uses it, and how they can become better caretakers of it.

This online course is self-paced and all activities are to be completed on your own schedule during the course, with the exception of the live webinar & walks.

The course schedule is intended to keep you on track to complete the course in 6 weeks. This flexibility allows you to complete all activities and watch videos when you have time each week. You can expect to spend 1.5-3 hours each week on the course.

The course explores the following themes:

- Introduction to Your Backyard and Beyond;
- Getting to Know Your Woods;
- Backyard Woods Projects;
- Developing a Backyard Woods Action Plan.

The course costs \$30 per family, before Sept 22.

For questions contact Gwen Kozlowski,

802-651-8343 x506, gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu

Municipal Budget Workshop

www.vlct.org/event/municipal-budget-workshop

Wednesday, September 18, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Capitol Plaza, 100 State St, Montpelier, VT

Cost: \$60 PACIF Members; \$90 VLCT Members



In this essential training, you will learn about the legal requirements and best practices for effectively managing municipal budgets, how you can address conflicts of interest, and find cost saving opportunities through state procurement contracts. Presenters will introduce updated model policies and guidance beneficial to both small and large municipalities.

If you're involved in municipal budgeting and financial planning, this training is for you! Select Board members, town managers, town administrators, treasurers and finance directors will all benefit from reviewing fundamentals and discussing updated policies and programs. You are invited to come learn what your town can do to ensure a sufficient return on taxpayer dollars.

Event Coordinator- Lisa Goodell

802-229-9111, info@vlct.org

Community Events



Saturday September 21, 2019

Starts and Ends in Vergennes, VT

<http://www.acornvt.org/tourdefarms/>

This year's biking farm tour will feature two distances—a 30-mile route and a more relaxed, family-friendly 10-mile distance. You'll pass through the beautiful pastoral landscape of the Champlain Valley and visit four to eight farms depending on your distance. Each farm stop will host additional food and beverage producers so there'll be plenty of sustenance along the way, sampling everything from maple iced coffee and farm fresh salads to maple glazed ham and Vermont's famous cheeses!

and afterwards,

Eat On The Green!

starting at 3pm

(on September 21)

Enjoy local food, music, craft beverages and fun with your friends and neighbors on the Vergennes City Green.

[www.vergennes](http://www.vergennesdowntown.org/eatongreen/)

[downtown.org/](http://downtown.org/eatongreen/)

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BRISTOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 28, 10 am to 4 pm

Bristol Town Green

Leaves are ablaze with fiery colors and a crispness floats in the air, as families, neighbors and visitors gather on the green for food, art and craft vendors, music and fun activities for the kids. A full day of live music on the bandstand, activities for kids, pony rides, live demonstrations, crafters, vendors, and area non-profit organizations.

Information: 802-388-7951 or 802-453-5885

<http://discoverbristolvt.com/harvest-festival/>

16th Annual TAM Trek

A benefit for the Middlebury Area Land Trust



September 15, 2019

19-mile, 10K, 2-mile fun run

All proceeds support the TAM

Early-bird pricing through July 1



Register by check
or online www.maltvt.org/tam-trek