

# ACRPC

## update

June 2021

### This Month's Calendar

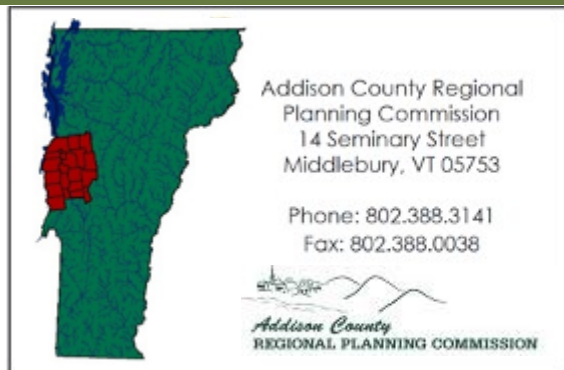
Digital calendar located at

<http://acrpc.org/calendar/>

Date	Time	Event
Wed. 11	7:00pm	Full Commission Meeting (Zoom)
Tues. 15	4:30 pm	VLCT Virtual Listening Tour
Wed. 16	6:30pm	TAC meeting
Thurs 17	5:30pm	Training: Community-Based Mapping
Wed. 23	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board
Thurs.24	5:30pm	Training: Essentials of Local Government

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.



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### Upcoming Economic Workshop and Energy Forum

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission invites you to join us to help shape future energy and economic development efforts in Addison County and Vermont!

ACRPC and Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) are working together to develop a **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for West Central Vermont.**

On **June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, the ACRPC and ACEDC will host a workshop for local business leaders, regional stakeholders, municipal representatives and residents.

Additionally, the Vermont Department of Public Service has organized several upcoming "regional forums," for stakeholder engagement in the **Vermont 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan.**

On **Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm**, ACRPC will be participating in the Southwestern VT Energy Planning Forum, along with Rutland and Bennington RPCs.

More information about both events can be found on the next page.

# Announcements

## Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for West Central Vermont

On **June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**, the ACRPC and ACEDC will host a workshop for local business leaders, regional stakeholders, municipal representatives and residents. The intent of the workshop is two-fold:

1. The ACRPC and ACEDC seek to inform local leaders of our collaboration with partner regional planning commissions and regional development corporations in Addison, Chittenden, Orange, Rutland, and Washington counties to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for West Central Vermont.
2. The ACRPC and ACEDC seek to gather information from the regional stakeholders, local business leaders, municipalities and residents about regional economic strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and, most importantly, desired results (SOAR). This information will be used to help guide the development of a CEDS over the next year and will inform our local economic development plan.

### PLEASE RSVP

The workshop on June 10<sup>th</sup> will be held from 6:00-7:30PM via Zoom. Please RSVP using this form:

<https://forms.gle/d5zqWwLQ4XPTkLvX8>

## Energy Planning Forum for Southwestern Vermont

In June 2021, the Vermont Public Service Department kicks off development of the next Comprehensive Energy Plan with the first round of public involvement activities. The Department will host four virtual regional forums focused on energy planning efforts by Regional Planning Commissions and municipalities. ACRPC (along with Rutland and Bennington RPCs) will be part of the forum on **June 8, 4-6 p.m.**

Please attend the forum if you are:

- A local or regional official and would like to provide input on the key energy issues, elements, challenges, and considerations unique to this area of Vermont
- Interested in the development of the 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan
- Interested in learning more about regional and municipal enhanced energy plans

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6050832511>

To join by phone call: 929-205-6099

For more info and details on participating, see:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/2022-plan>



# Grants & Funding

## COVID Funding for Municipalities

<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp/cdbg-cv>

**Through June 10 or until all funding awarded**

Community Development Block Grant CARES Act funding through the Municipal Public Facility and Service Program is available for municipalities and non-profits that have unmet needs due to COVID-19. Funding will be awarded through a competitive application process. Grants are from \$5,000 to \$200,000. For more information contact Nathan Cleveland at [nathan.cleveland@vermont.gov](mailto:nathan.cleveland@vermont.gov)

## Spark Connecting Community Grant-Round 2

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

Round two: Applications will be accepted between June 7 - August 9, 2021. Applications must be received by 5PM on Monday, August 9 in order to be considered.

**2021 Phase 1 and 2 Stream Geomorphic Assessments and River Corridor Planning**  
<http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=55409>

**Proposals Due:** June 11, 2021,

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is pleased to announce the 2021 Phase 1 and 2 Stream Geomorphic Assessments and River Corridor Planning Request for Proposals (RFP). The goal of this funding initiative is to advance development of Stream Geomorphic Assessments (SGA) and River Corridor Plans in high priority regions of the State. The RFP requests qualifications from eligible entities to provide SGA and River Corridor Planning services.

- **Release Date:** May 14, 2021
- **Questions Due:** May 26, 2021, 12:00 pm
- **Proposals Due:** June 11, 2021, 4:00 pm

## Building Communities Grants Program

<http://www.bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants>

**Applications Due:** July 31, 2021

This Buildings and General Services administered program provides grants for construction and capital improvements to support and strengthen VT Towns and Regions in 4 areas:

- 1) Recreational Facilities (\$300,000)
- 2) Regional Economic Development (\$300,000)
- 3) Human Services Facilities (\$150,000)
- 4) Educational Facilities (\$150,000)

Descriptions and application criteria are available on the website. Applicants including municipalities, nonprofit agencies, and regional economic development organizations, are all encouraged to apply to fund construction, infrastructure support, and needed projects.

## Grant Deadline Reminders

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

### VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>

**Applications due by 1:00 pm, June 4**

### Walter Cerf Community Fund

<https://vermontcf.org/our-impact/programs-and-funds/walter-cerf-community-fund/>

**Applications due by 5pm Wednesday, June 23**

### Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit

<https://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>

**Applications due Thursday, July 1, 2021**



# Tools & Training

## **A Citizen's Guide to Community-Based Mapping**

**Thursday, June 17 at 5:30pm**

ACRPC's John Van Hoesen will host this training for all community stakeholders, including members of local government, to business owners, to conservation groups, and even individuals just curious about new ways to explore their communities. John will provide a brief overview of the importance of community mapping, highlight relevant state resources, and demonstrate a few free tools that allow anyone to explore and create maps.

Please join John using this link:

<https://meet.google.com/rdq-wpqt-rbp?hs=122&authuser=0>

## **Essentials of Local Government**

**Thursday, June 24 at 5:30 pm**

ACRPC's John Van Hoesen will host this training for new members of local government, for example Planning Commissions, Selectboards, Zoning Boards, or Development Review Boards. Topics will range from an overview of Vermont's open meeting law, to running efficient meetings, and fostering collaboration within local government. Please join John using this link:

<https://meet.google.com/qpx-qkck-tph?authuser=0&hs=122>

## **Vermont Municipal Day**

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/53fd61b0d1f14c4b9a825bdaacb8ebab>

Check out Vermont Municipal Day, sponsored by the VT Agency of Natural Resources. This annual training offers a wide variety of online workshops for town officials and interested members of the public. You'll have the opportunity to learn all about natural resource topics from the Agency's scientists, ecologists, regulators and engineers.

## **TED Listens:**

### **A Vermont League of Cities and Towns Virtual Listening Tour**

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

**Tuesday, June 15, 4:30 p.m.**

**What:** Join VLCT Executive Director Ted Brady and members of the VLCT Leadership Team for a discussion about the future of the VLCT. This is a unique opportunity to influence the work-plan for the League's future. How can the League help you govern? What services do you wish the League would offer?

**Who:** VLCT Members, including, Selectboard Members, Town Clerks, Town Managers and Administrators, Town Board Elected and Appointed Members, Regional Planning Commission Staff, Municipal Department Heads, and other municipal staff.

Members will be asked to answer the following questions:

- What are the largest issues facing municipalities?
- What are the fastest growing cost centers facing your municipality?
- Is your membership in VLCT a good value?
- Do you use VLCT services?
- What do you believe the role of municipal government is in addressing diversity and equity issues?
- What role do you believe communities have in economic development?

**Visit the webpage and click on the Addison County region to access the event page to register.**

# Community

## Trail TLC day in Middlebury

**Saturday, June 5, 8:30-11 a.m.**

Join MALT for a National Trails Day and help spruce up Otter View Park: Removing poison parsnip and putting linseed oil on the boardwalk. Bring long pants, closed-toed shoes, a spade or small shovel and water and a snack. Come at any point during the maintenance period. RSVP to [info@maltvt.org](mailto:info@maltvt.org) or just show up.

Otter View Park, corner of Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. and Weybridge St.

## EcoAmericorps Applications for the 2021-2022 service year!

<https://dec.vermont.gov/administration-innovation/eco/prospective/positions>

The deadline to apply is Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>. They aim to have each host site matched with an outstanding applicant for the upcoming service year beginning September 14<sup>th</sup> at Knoll Farm in Waitsfield.



## More than 78% of Addison County has been Vaccinated!

<https://acrpc.org/covid-19/>

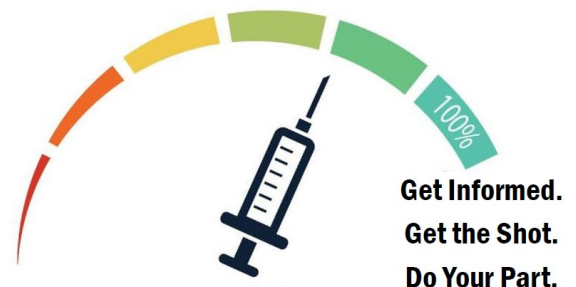
See webpage above for Addison County-specific information about COVID-19 or contact Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org)

**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)**

## YOU CAN MOVE THE NEEDLE



Anyone age 12 and older is eligible to be vaccinated, regardless of residency!