

# Addison County Emergency Managers pre-REMC transition Discussion

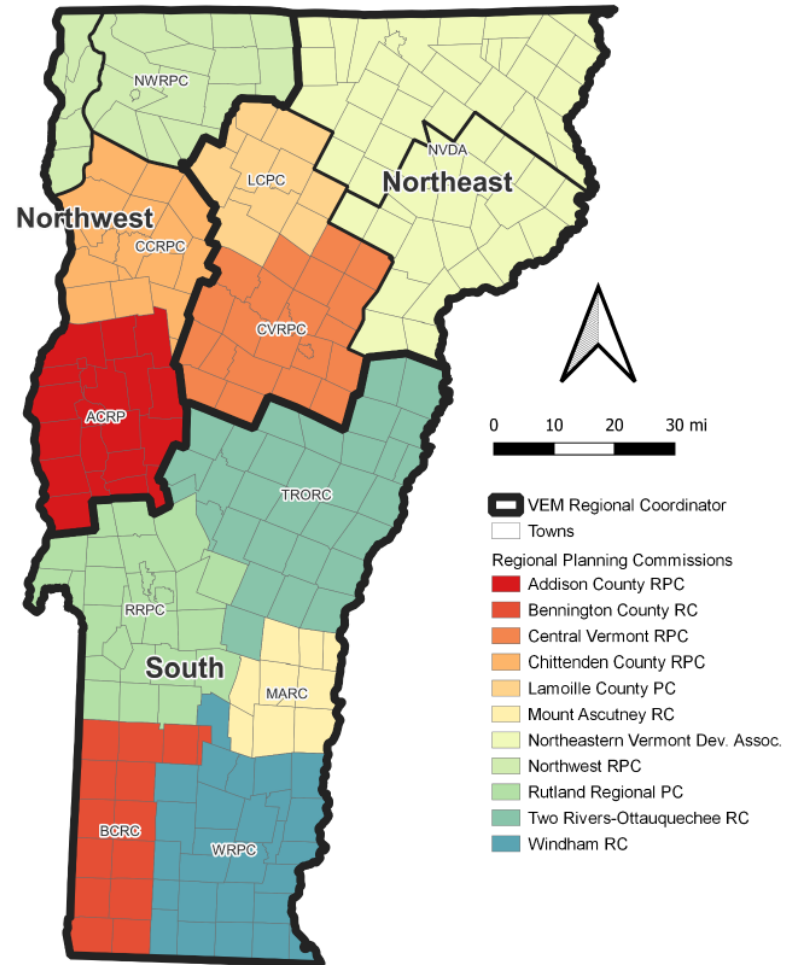
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# REMC Background

- In July 2021, regional Local Emergency Planning Committees were replaced with one statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- Regional Emergency Management Committees which “shall coordinate emergency planning and preparedness activities to improve their regions’ ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters.”
- (Sec. 12. 20 V.S.A. § 6)



# Membership

**Voting Members** from each town and city in the region:

- The Local Emergency Management Director and
- 1 emergency services representative

Proxies can be designated (e.g. an Emergency Management Coordinator)

Voting members may span multiple cities and towns

Quorum = a majority of voting members, including proxies, being present.

**Non-voting members:** representatives from other organizations serving within the region:

# REMC Positions

(Annually elected by Voting members)

**Chair** of the Committee

**Vice Chair** of the Committee

**Representatives** to 3 state committees/activities:

- the statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee;
- Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review;
- the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop.

Administrative services will be performed by the RPC (Andrew L'Roe) (funded by Vermont Emergency Management)

**Minutes taker**

# Transition Period

- September 2, 2021 through November 1, 2021 shall serve as a transition period.
- During this period, Regional Planning Commissions shall work with towns and cities to identify voting members and work with those voting members to create the Regional Implementation Plan.
- This regional implementation plan shall be submitted to Vermont Emergency Management by **November 1, 2021**

# Requirements

“Regional Plan” must be submitted to Vermont Emergency Management annually after town meeting day and before **June 1<sup>st</sup> each year.**

Draft regional implementation plan- by Nov 1, 2021

- Outreach: Create a plan to reach out to towns and cities to identify voting members and non-voting members
- Meeting Frequency: Decide on the meeting frequency (at least quarterly)
- Transition: Any tasks carried on from LEPC
- Prioritization: Identify and prioritize the initial work of REMC

Create Bylaws (modify from LEPC 8?)



# Next Meeting

Set first meeting (will meet Quarterly)- late October?

- (To meet Nov 1 plan submission deadline)

From online survey:

<b>Mornings</b>	<b>Mid-Day/Lunch</b>	<b>Afternoons</b>	<b>Evenings</b>
Wednesday (2)	Wednesday (4)	Wednesday (4)	Thursdays (4)
Monday (1)	Tuesday (2)	Tuesday (3)	Wednesday (4)
	Monday (1)	Monday (1)	Tuesday (4)
			Monday (2)
			Friday (1)

Proposed Quarterly meeting schedule:

**November- February- May - August**

(with Exec committee and RPC rep meeting the month prior)



# Next Meeting

- Critical Infrastructure presentation from VEM?  
“VEM has a presentation they can deliver which would provide a general overview of critical infrastructure (CI), an overview of threats/hazards associated with CI, and an overview of CI within Addison County.”
- Food!

# Topics of Interest

(from EMD survey)

- Updating and exercising Emergency Plans for all hazards
- Using VT-Alert for notifications,
- Funding emergency preparedness and resilience measures,
- Extreme Weather events- preparation and response,
- Identifying and Assisting Vulnerable Populations,
- Emergency Shelters
- Mutual Aid agreements between municipalities,
- Communicating with residents via (social) media
- Recruiting or training an additional or deputy EMC for your municipality
- Railroad/Amtrak Safety,

# Current Hazard Mitigation Funding Availability

**-A LOT!!!**

# Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF)

- established by the Vermont Legislature under Act 74 with the intent of improving landscape and community resilience and reducing the future public safety and water quality impacts of flood hazards in Vermont, focusing on buyouts of flood-vulnerable properties.
- This program will prioritize projects that are not eligible for FEMA funding. Available funding is **\$4.6 million** in fiscal year 2022.
- **Round one** of applications will be due **October 29, 2021** and round two **January 31, 2022**.
- **NOTE:** 100% funding will be available for buyout projects with no match requirement.

# Building Resilient Infrastructure and Committees (BRIC)

- grant program to states and local communities for mitigation activities.
- The funding available is **\$1,000,000** for federal share set-aside for Vermont with up to **\$500,000 available for planning activities.**
- Funding can be used for **Project Scoping** to project implementation.
- Up to **\$50 million** is available per sub-application for **nationally competitive mitigation projects.**
- The application period opens **September 30, 2021** with a state deadline of **Friday, December 17, 2021.**

# Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

- grant program funds states, local communities, tribes, and territories to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Up to **\$900,000** is available per State for **Project Scoping** to develop community flood mitigation projects that reduce future NFIP flood claims.
- Up to **\$70 million** can be applied for per sub-applicant for **Community Flood Mitigation Projects** to address community flood risk to reduce future NFIP flood claims.
- The application period **opens September 30, 2021** with a state deadline of **Friday, December 17, 2021**.

# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- funding is opening for the major disaster declared for the COVID-19 pandemic.
- President Biden has authorized FEMA to provide the State of Vermont funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) with a contribution of **\$13.4 million**.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with a likely deadline in the **summer of 2022**, more information coming soon.

# For funding assistance or info

- For help developing projects, contact Andrew L'Roe ([alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org))
- To find out more, visit: [vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation](http://vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation).
- Questions can be directed to: Stephanie A. Smith, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Vermont Emergency Management, [DPS.HazardMitigation@vermont.gov](mailto:DPS.HazardMitigation@vermont.gov)



# Upcoming Trainings

## **MGT 323 – Instructor Development Workshop – Virtual**

- October 4-8, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Must attend all sessions to receive credit.

## **Introduction to Operational Planning: Comprehensive Planning Guide (CPG)- Virtual**

- October 14, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **L0146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) - In Person**

- October 19 & 20, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day, Norwich Fire Department

## **Amtrak Passenger Train Emergency Response Training- In Person**

- Middlebury Volunteer Fire Department, November 3, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

## **ICS 400- Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff – Camp Johnson, Colchester**

- November 6-7, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

## **G0191 – ICS/EOC Interface – In Person St. Michaels College, Colchester**

- November 13, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.