

## In Remembrance of Karl Neuse



Friends:

I write to you again, too soon, to honor one of our own, “a local boy done good”, Karl Neuse. Karl was born and raised in Middlebury. He left briefly for his education (Northfield Mount Herman, Williams College, Georgetown Law School), but returned to Middlebury shortly afterward. He married his college sweetheart Diane, and settled in Middlebury to practice law, raise his family and participate in the public life of his hometown.

A big part of Karl’s public life was his service to ACRPC. Karl joined the regional planning commission in 1984 as an alternate and 1987 as a delegate. He served as our attorney and as chair when ACRPC wrote its first regional plan. He served on numerous committees, most recently the Act 250 Committee. In 2006, ACRPC honored Karl with our Bertha Hanson Distinguished Service award for his years of service to ACRPC and the Town of Middlebury. Karl served as a delegate from Middlebury to ACRPC for nearly 30 years, with brief interludes, only retiring in 2020 as COVID-19 and Diane convinced him to spend more time with his family and in their beautiful gardens.

About three weeks prior to his passing Karl stopped in to ACRPC’s office to say hello and pick up some information on electric vehicles. Karl was lively and in good spirits. We started speaking and Karl took our conversation on some wonderful tangents. His long-term memory was as sharp as ever. Each tangent lead him to another story about his life. He told me stories about his track career in high school and at Williams College (He was a super-fast miler!). He told me about courting his wife, Diane. He spoke about his law practice and of his children and grand-children and of their cross-country running. He spoke of his public service for Middlebury and at ACRPC. Several times, he stopped and choked back tears of joy and then continued to a new story. The last line of Karl’s Obituary notes, “You would find the biggest sparkle in his eyes when talking, talking, talking with whoever would listen about his grandchildren AJ, Max and Sam Hano and Mia, Elena, Thomas and Lucas Politano, or any story about his full life that he lived with no regrets.” (The full obituary is at <https://addisonindependent.com/obituaries/karl-w-neuse-80-middlebury>).

Karl valued the work that we do here at ACRPC and valued all of you as colleagues. I hope he blessed each of you with the sparkling gift of conversation about a full life lived well.

Best wishes to all,

-Adam Lougee

ACRPC Executive Director



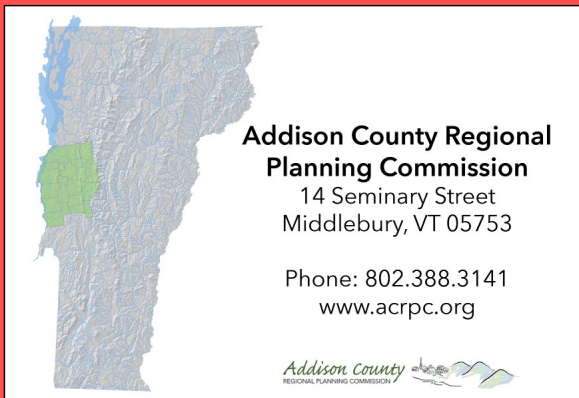
## This Month's Calendar

Digital calendar located at  
<http://acrpc.org/calendar/>

Date	Time	Meeting
Wed. 8	8:15pm	ACTR/Tri-Valley Transit Board
Wed. 13	7:00pm	RPC Full Commission
Wed. 20	6:30pm	TAC
Thurs.21	7:00pm	ACSWMD
Wed. 27	12:00pm	Regional Emergency Management Committee
Wed. 27	6:30pm	ACRPC Exec Board

All meetings are offered in hybrid form and open to the public. Unless otherwise noted the physical location for all meetings is the ACRPC Office at

**14 Seminary St, Middlebury, VT**



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**Welcome AmeriCorps Service Member,  
Emma Sandman!**



Emma is from Kentucky and a recent graduate of Bard college with a degree in Political Science. Emma will be serving our office and state this year as a Water Quality Planner. She will assist with coordinating and implementing water quality planning functions across watershed planning projects, including municipal stormwater and transportation, for member towns in Addison County. ACRPC's past ECO members have assisted in the MRGP Road Erosion Inventory, sought funding for water quality project permitting and design and supported a community effort to reclassify significant wetlands. Emma is eager to serve the Region by advocating for the health of Vermont's waters today and into the future.

# Announcements

## Addison County Chamber of Commerce 2021 Annual Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/2ejv2tm4>

**Thursday, October 28, at the Middlebury Inn, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

Nominees are to be elected at the Annual Meeting. For the list of nominees to serve as Chamber Officers and Chamber Directors see the full announcement linked above.

According to Article IV, Section D of the Bylaws, Addison County Regional Planning Commission will designate a representative who shall serve for a one (1) year term: the ACRPC representative is Bill Sayre of the A. Johnson Lumber Company.

**Notice:** According to Article VI, Section B, 3, c, of the Bylaws, additional nominations may be made by petition bearing the signatures of 10 or more qualified members. The Executive Director, Phil Summers ([phil@addisoncounty.com](mailto:phil@addisoncounty.com)), must receive such petitions by **5pm October 8, 2021**. Please register to attend by October 21 at <https://www.addisoncounty.com/events/details/accoc-annual-meeting-2021-6054>

### Salisbury Village Center Designated

<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs/village-centers>

On September 27, the Vermont Downtown Development Board found that the Salisbury Village Center application met the statutory requirements for Village Center Designation.

Congratulations to Salisbury!

### Vergennes Project Receives Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Award

<https://accd.vermont.gov/press-releases/governor-phil-scott-announces-winners-over-36-million-downtown-and-village-center-tax>

A sensitive historic rehabilitation of a 200-year-old residence at 34 Green Street, Vergennes, will provide 22 units of senior housing as part of a larger redevelopment/construction project to provide 55 total housing units in the heart of downtown Vergennes. Tax credits will support a new elevator, fire safety and sprinkler upgrades, and façade repairs to restore many of the obscured historic elements of the building.

Total Project Cost: \$20,077,279; Tax Credits Awarded: \$121,377 Contact: Dan Hassan, 508-813-6601, [dhassan@granseniorliving.com](mailto:dhassan@granseniorliving.com)

### Feedback Needed to Shape Future Economic Development Efforts

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission and Addison County Economic Development Corporation invite you to help shape future economic development efforts in Addison County and Vermont.

As you may know, we held a workshop on June 10th to solicit input and feedback from the Addison County community on a Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results (SOAR) analysis of our region. The primary goal of this workshop was to inform the development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for **West Central Vermont**. It will also inform the next iteration of the Economic Development section of the **Addison County Regional Plan**.

**To further both of these goals, we are asking for your continued engagement and guidance.**

Please review **this updated draft SOAR document** (<https://tinyurl.com/6krtjtpd>), which was generated after our last workshop. If you have any feedback or suggestions, you can use this **short survey**: <https://forms.gle/rWmgSY4Bi8u4un5Z8> to share your thoughts on specific sections of the SOAR.



# Events



## Addison County Regional Button Up Webinar

- **October 26th 5:30 - 7pm**

For details contact ACRPC's Energy Planner, Maddison Shropshire, [mshropshire@acrpc.org](mailto:mshropshire@acrpc.org)

**Weatherization Wednesday** is where you can get all the tips and energy expertise you need to weatherize your home. Each Wednesday in October at 12:00pm, they will host a LIVE Q&A session.

<https://buttonupvermont.org/events>

- **Oct 6-** It's time to Button Up.  
Where Do You Start?
- **Oct 13-** Weatherization + Heat Pumps =  
The Perfect Combination!
- **Oct 20-** Weatherization and Making  
Your Home Healthy & Safe
- **Oct 27-** Outsmart Winter – The  
Weatherization Game Show

For more information or to host an event, let them know at [buttonup@efficiencyvermont.com](mailto:buttonup@efficiencyvermont.com)

## Get Your Energy Saving Kit!

<https://efficiencyvermontfreekit.com/>

For a limited time, Vermonters can get a free kit of products like LEDs and water-saving devices, and start saving money on energy bills.



## REV2021 Annual Conference and Expo REV it Up: Climate Action, Equity & Resilience

<http://www.revconference.org/>

join REV **online October 18, 19 and 26** for in-depth conversations about what it will take to grow our clean energy economy and advance renewable energy through policy innovation, increased equity, and strategic electrification.

## Previously Noted Events:

### Northern New England Planning Conference



<https://nne.planning.org/meetings/conference/>

**Wednesday October 13 - Friday October 15**

Burlington, Vermont

The theme for this year's conference is:

*Envisioning a New Normal*

How we see the world and our communities:  
in reality, as we imagine them, and ultimately  
in how the two views intersect.

Questions to: **David White, Conference Chair,**  
[dewhite@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:dewhite@burlingtonvt.gov)

## 2021 Conservation Summit:

### Caring for Vermont's Land

[https://vtconservation.com/conservation\\_summit/](https://vtconservation.com/conservation_summit/)



A fall webinar series exploring stewardship, recreation management, forest carbon, equity and access, and indigenous perspectives.

- **Wednesday Oct 13, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.**  
**On the Trail of Wildlife with a Vermont Master Naturalist- Alicia Daniel**
- **Wednesday Oct 20, 7- 9 pm- KEYNOTE**  
**Going Through the Narrows– Judy Dow**

# Grants & Funding

## American Recovery Program Act Funding

Detailed information and links on ACRPC site:

<https://acrpc.org/regional-programs/arpa/>

## **Public Meeting: ANR plan to invest \$100 million in water infrastructure projects**

<https://anr.vermont.gov/content/agency-secretary-will-host-public-meeting-provide-details-100-million-available>

**Thursday, October 7 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm**

Agency of Natural Resources, Secretary Moore and her staff will outline ANR's plan to invest approximately \$100M of ARPA funds in a variety of water infrastructure projects. Speakers will discuss the types of funding available to towns, businesses, and individuals and provide information about regulatory requirements.

ARPA funding administered by ANR will primarily support water quality projects in five priority areas:

1. **Pretreatment:** The removal of harmful pollutants in wastewater before discharge to a municipal sewer system.
2. **Village Water & Sewer Infrastructure:**  
Community sewer and drinking water systems in villages that currently lack such systems.
1. **Eliminating Sewer Overflows:** Helping eligible municipalities implement their plan to eliminate sewer overflows within their community.
2. **Treat Stormwater Runoff:** Help property owners of 3 or more acres of impervious surface (e.g. gravel, pavement, roofs) treat stormwater runoff
3. **Healthy Homes:** Help eligible mobile home parks and low-income homeowners repair or replace failed water and sewer infrastructure

## **VLCT WEBINAR: ARPA Funds: Take Your Time and Think Big**

<https://www.vlct.org/event/arpa-funds-take-your-time-and-think-big>

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

## Transportation Alternatives Program Grants

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

**Applications due November 24**

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding for projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhancing mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation, trails that serve a transportation purpose, and safe routes to school projects.

For information, contact Scott Robertson, P.E., VTrans Municipal Assistance Bureau, (802) 793-2395, [scott.robertson@vermont.gov](mailto:scott.robertson@vermont.gov)

## Working Lands Enterprise Grants

<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/agency-agriculture-food-markets-news/working-lands-enterprise-board-releases-new-request>

**Applications due by 11:59pm, on November 1**

The Working Lands Enterprise Board (WLEB) is releasing 3 request for applications that allow Vermont working lands businesses and producer associations to invest in projects focused on infrastructure, marketing and sales development, meat slaughter and processing, and building workforce development skills.

1. **Standard Business Grants** - Award amounts \$10,000 - \$25,000
2. **Producer Association Grants** - Award amounts \$10,000 - \$20,000
3. **Meat Slaughter and Processing Development Grants** - Award amounts \$50,000 - \$100,000

For questions: **Lynn Ellen Schimoler**, VAAFM Senior Agricultural Business Development, [LynnEllenSchimoler@vermont.gov](mailto:LynnEllenSchimoler@vermont.gov), 802-622-4477

# Grant Deadline Reminders

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

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## Growing Urban Forests in the Face of Emerald Ash Borer Grants

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/programs/financial-assistance/2022-growing-urban-forests-face-emerald-ash-borer-grants>

Applications due Friday, October 29th

For application questions, contact Elise Schaler, (802) 522-6015, [elise.schadler@vermont.gov](mailto:elise.schadler@vermont.gov)

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## Municipal Planning Grants

<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant>

Applications due Monday, November 1st, by 6pm

Please contact ACRPC's Katie Raycroft-Meyer at (802) 388-3141, [kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org](mailto:kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org)

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## Special FY2022 Funding for Bylaw Modernization

<https://accd.vermont.gov/content/bylaw-modernization-grants>

Application deadline, November 15, by 6 p.m.

Please contact ACRPC's Katie Raycroft-Meyer at (802) 388-3141, [kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org](mailto:kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org)

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## VHCB Housing Funding

<https://www.vhcb.org/our-programs/housing/arpa-sfr>

Application Due Dates:

- November 10, 2021 for Jan 26 consideration
- February 25, 2022 for May 13 consideration

Contact Jenny Hyslop, VHCB Housing Director, (802) 828-5539, [jenny@vhcb.org](mailto:jenny@vhcb.org)

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## Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grant Programs

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

If interested, please contact ACRPC's Andrew L'Roe at (802) 388-3141, [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org)

**Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC)**- state deadline of Friday, Dec 17

**Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**- state deadline of Friday, Dec 17

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**- on a rolling basis





# Tools & Training

VT Agency of Natural Resources  
Community Wildlife Program  
[https://anr.vermont.gov/content/  
trainings](https://anr.vermont.gov/content/trainings)



## Webinars

### **Starting Your Town Conservation Fund**

Thursday, October 7, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Thursday, December 2, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

### **Natural Resources Inventories**

Friday, October 15, 11:00am - 12:00pm

### **The River Corridor, Floodplains, & Riparian Habitat**

Friday, November 5, 10:00am - 11:00am

### **Act 171: Selecting Forest Blocks & Habitat Connectors for Your Town Plan**

Monday, October 18, 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Wednesday, November 17, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

### **Reviewing your Town Plan & Regulations: Les- sons Learned from our Comprehensive Review**

Tuesday, October 26, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Wednesday, December 8, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

## Environmental Leadership Training

### **Unit 1: From Science to Planning** *(3-session course)*

Session 1: Monday, November 1, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Session 2: Monday, November 8, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Session 3: Monday, November 15, 7:00pm-9:00pm

### **Unit 2: From Planning to Action** *(3-session course)*

Session 1: Monday, November 29, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Session 2: Monday, December 6, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Session 3: Monday, December 13, 7:00pm-9:00pm

To register for these Trainings, email Andrew  
Wood at [andrew.wood@vermont.gov](mailto:andrew.wood@vermont.gov)

## **Amtrak Passenger Emergency Training** November 3, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Middlebury Fire Department, 5 Seymour St

Amtrak passenger rail service is coming to Addison County sometime in 2022 and Amtrak is offering a 3-hour classroom training. We are hoping to get **3-5 representatives from each fire department** that serves part of the Amtrak line (Ferrisburgh, Vergennes, New Haven, Middlebury, Cornwall, Whiting, Salisbury, as well as Bristol and Brandon) and representatives from as law enforcement and EMS agencies.

There will also be training sessions held at:

- **Thu, Nov 4, 2021, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM** at the West Rutland Town Hall (35 Marble St)
- **Fri, Nov 5, 2021, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility

People planning to attend should register through the Vermont Learning Management System (<https://vermont.csod.com/>) OR contact Andrew L'Roe at [alroe@acrpc.org](mailto:alroe@acrpc.org), 802-388-3141

## Previously Noted:

### **Vermont Tier 2 & Tier 3**

### **Rivers & Roads Training Program**

[https://dec.vermont.gov/content/vermont-  
rivers-roads-tier-2-training](https://dec.vermont.gov/content/vermont-rivers-roads-tier-2-training)

### **Tier 2 River and Roads workshops:**

**October 12th & 13th**

### **Tier 3 River & Roads- Advanced Flood Recovery & River Management Training Modules:**

- **November 3-** Sediment & Wood Removal;
- **December 1-** Bridge & Culvert Replacement;
- **January 20-** Floodplain Restoration;
- **February 17-** Channel Stabilization;

Contact Staci Pomeroy (802-490-6191, [staci.pomeroy@vermont.gov](mailto:staci.pomeroy@vermont.gov)), or Todd Menees, [todd.menees@vermont.gov](mailto:todd.menees@vermont.gov), 802-345-3510).