

ACRPC Monthly Newsletter August 2025



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No August Regional Planning Commission Meeting

The next ACRPC Full Commission meeting is
Wednesday, September 10th, 7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Act 181 & Future Land Use Planning - Upcoming Events



After meeting with every municipality in our region regarding Act 181 and the Regional Future Land Use (FLU) Map the [DRAFT Interactive FLU Map](#) is accessible for review and public comment. In addition, the Addison County Municipal Housing Targets are now available.



If you missed our team at Field Days last week, members of the ACRPC will be onsite at upcoming Farmers Markets to share information and to discuss the Addison County Draft Future Land Use Map and Housing Targets for our county and individual municipalities.



Visit the [ACT 181 Website](#) including the **Interactive DRAFT**

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Act 181
Website

FLU map, Addison County Municipal Housing Targets, and where to find the ACRPC team throughout the county on the [Event Calendar](#).

If you represent a group or contingency interested in future land use planning and more information, reach out to Danelle at dbirong@acrpc.org and we will schedule a time to meet with you.

Great Opportunity to Provide Feedback on Rural Technical Assistance to the State of Vermont!

Vermont's rural communities face growing challenges, including aging infrastructure, complex regulations, limited municipal capacity, and economic decline. While technical assistance (TA) providers exist, rural towns struggle to access the support they need.

In alignment with Act 181, this project is **evaluating Vermont's current municipal technical assistance system and developing recommendations to improve its effectiveness and accessibility.**

ACRPC will be hosting a second focus group, this time virtually, with members from municipalities that are knowledgeable about and experienced with the technical assistance for community and economic development. This broad term is inclusive of assistance (funding, human, and knowledge resources) for such items as public infrastructure (wastewater, sidewalks, roads, etc.), housing development, climate resilience and disaster preparedness, historic preservation, disaster recovery, workforce and economic development, and more.

If you are interested in joining the upcoming Virtual Focus Group, date TBD, to share your ideas, please reach out to Danelle at dbirong@acrpc.org.

Your voice is essential to ensuring the recommendations reflect real Addison County community needs!

VERTA Website

Addison County Regional Energy Fair - September 6th

We are pleased to announce that **Addison County Regional Energy Fair** is just over the horizon! Are you interested in meeting local energy businesses, non-profit groups, and municipal energy committees from our region? Would you like to learn more about the work that they do in our communities to deliver energy solutions?

If so, then please join the Vergennes, Bristol, and Ferrisburgh Energy Committees and the **ACRPC at Vergennes City Park—179 Main Street—from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 6th.**

You'll have a chance to meet with dozens of vendors at the fair who specialize in

energy technologies like heat pumps, solar panels, and EVs, who have expertise in home weatherization and energy efficiency, and who are spearheading energy retrofits of municipal buildings and updates to their towns' energy plans. There will also be food vendors, a raffle, and musical entertainment to keep us energized as well.

Have questions about the event? Want to participate as a vendor yourself? Questions and vendor requests can be submitted to Jolyon at jlanson@acrpc.org.

GRANT & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Workplace & Multi-family EV Chargers



Do you own a business or a multi-unit residence in Addison County? Are you interested in installing a Level 1 or Level 2 EV charger at that business or dwelling? If the answers to those questions are yes, then the ACRPC would like to encourage you to apply for the Charge Vermont grant.

The Charge Vermont grant provides up to 90% (for-profit businesses), 95% (non-profits and governmental entities), and even 100% (women and minority owned businesses) of the funding for the installation of Level 1 or Level 2 EV chargers up to their project funding cap. The deadline to apply is August 1st, 2026, but funds are limited so do not wait to apply if you think that you may be interested. If you have additional questions about the grant, then please reach out to the Charge Vermont grant managers at info@chargevermont.com or (802) 655-8722.

Multi-Unit Residences
Information

Workplace EV Charger
Information

Transportation Planning Grants

Do you have a transportation or traffic-related problem affecting your community? The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of ACRPC is requesting a list of transportation planning studies to fund in Addison County. (*Note: these funds cannot be used for construction projects.*) The TAC will evaluate all requests at their regularly scheduled August meeting. Projects will be funded through the Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI).

The TPI is designed to foster greater involvement in the transportation planning process by local citizens and officials. Each year, the ACRPC sets aside a portion of the annual TPI funding received to hire consultants to perform various transportation studies in the county on behalf of our member municipalities, a consortium of municipalities, or a regional organization. Grant awards are contingent on ACRPC receiving funding from VTrans. **Submit requests for funding to your TAC delegate or to ACRPC by Tuesday August 12, 2025**

Examples of transportation planning studies include:

- Intersection studies
- Road realignment studies
- Feasibility assessment for sidewalks and bicycle infrastructure
- Conceptual design for new infrastructure
- Asset management plans
- Infrastructure siting assessments

If you have questions about whether your project would be eligible, please reach out to Mike Winslow (mwinslow@acrpc.org; 802-578-9999) to discuss.

Educational Opportunities

Floodplain Administration in Vermont: What You Need to Know



Wednesday, August 6, 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Adopting and administering flood hazard regulations is one of the most critical actions your community can take to promote flood resilience. Join us on August 6 to learn the ins and outs of floodplain administration. You'll hear from the DEC River Corridor and Floodplain Management team. You'll also get first-hand perspectives from a panel of local floodplain administrators.

Whether your community is a long-time participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, or you are just joining, this session is for you! Floodplain administrators, planning commissioners, development review boards, selectboard members, and other local officials are welcome to attend and learn about what's needed to successfully administer floodplain regulations.

This virtual session (on Zoom) is jointly sponsored and hosted by Northeastern Vermont Development Association, and the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

[Register Here](#)

Clean Water Project Verification Field Days

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Clean Water Initiative Program (CWIP) and Lake Champlain Sea Grant (LCSG) are **hosting three optional field training days to review the Verification process for Clean Water Projects**. DEC has developed tools, guidance, and training for clean water partners to perform Clean Water Project Verification, with an emphasis on verification of projects funded through the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) network. Verification is part of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of Clean Water Project under the [Clean Water Service Delivery Act of 2019](#).

Audience: The intended audience are those who are planning to conduct verification and O&M service for CWSP-funded clean water projects. However, anyone interested in learning more about O&M and different project types are encouraged to attend!

The Trainings will Cover:

- Overview of the project site, implementation, and maintenance to date.
- Walkthrough of the Survey123 Verification Checklist(s) and User Guides.
- Process of conducting a verification site visit

Eligibility to Attend Field Day(s):

Prior to attending a field day, it is highly recommended but not required to have complete the following online trainings and fill out the post-training evaluations.

- Tier 1 Part 1: O&M of Clean Water Projects
- Tier 2 Part 1: Verification Tools
- Tier 2 Part 2: Verification Process and Survey123

To access previously recorded trainings, view details about the upcoming field day trainings, and register to

attend, visit the [DEC Verification and Operation & Maintenance webpage.](#)

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