



October 2025 Newsletter



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Full Commission
meeting 10/8

Minutes & Agendas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Act 181 Housing Targets & Future Land Use Planning



ACRPC staff members have been out talking with residents in Addison County communities about regional planning in the context of Act 181.

We have visited libraries, attended planning commission meetings, hosted information booths at Addison County Field Days and farmers' markets around the region, and met with municipal representatives individually.



As ACRPC wraps up its Act 181 Outreach this month, staff will be hosting two Open House style sessions presenting the Regional Future Land Use Map, Housing Targets, Tier 1B, and Regional Plan Sections.

For more information, visit our [ACT 181 website](#) or reach out to [Katie Raycroft-Meyer](#) or [Danelle Birong](#) to schedule time to meet if you are not able to attend these events.

Act 181 Open House Outreach Meetings

October 8 | 10AM – 12PM

October 14 | 4PM – 6PM

Location:
ACRPC Office
14 Seminary Street
Middlebury



Special Meeting for Selectboard and City Council Members October 16 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm

On Thursday evening, October 16, select board members and city councilors from across Addison County are invited to meet each other, network, and share successes and challenges in their municipalities.

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission and Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) are hosting this informal gathering at the ACRPC Office located at 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury. Complimentary pizza and soft drinks will be served starting at 5:30 pm.



Adam Lougee along with VLCT Municipal Assistance Director Abby Friedman and will be on hand to facilitate discussion, answer questions, and provide updates.

Adam will discuss **Act 181 Future Land Use Mapping** along with **next steps for municipalities if considering Tier 1A or 1B to lessen the permitting restrictions posed by Act 250.**

This event is free, but registration is necessary to plan for space and refreshments.

Online registration requires members to login to our system. If you do not have a log-in, please email or call **Abby** at afriedman@vlct.org or 802-262-1926.

Register for 10/16

Regional Economic Development Strategy

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) and the Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) are currently rewriting the Economic Development portion of the Addison County Regional Plan, which shall also serve as the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) for both organizations.

A draft of the plan will be completed later this week and posted on both organizations' website or available at their respective offices.

Additionally, an interactive version of the plan will be made available for comment linking from both websites by the end of next week.



ACRPC and ACEDC will conduct the following outreach activities:

They will hold two joint open houses:

October 16 from 10 am – 12 pm hosted by ACEDC (Please review the [ACEDC website](#) for its location).

October 21 from 3:30– 5:30 hosted by ACRPC at its office at 14 Seminary Street.

The Executive Directors of both organizations will host open office hours to take individual comments on the plan.

Adam's office hours: Mondays in October from 3 – 5 pm or by appointment alougee@acrpc.org

Alex's office hours: Fridays in October (please set an appointment first via email aarmani-munn@addisoncountyedc.org) or at other times by appointment.

2026 Regional Project Priority (RPP) list

Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC)

The Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) is currently compiling its **2026 Regional Project Priority (RPP)** list. The RPP plays an important role in guiding federal, state, and regional funding awards for projects in Addison County.

The RPP reflects the **top ten highest priority projects in Addison County** and will be included in a consolidated statewide list submitted to the Agency of Commerce who will share it with other State and Federal funders to use in making funding decisions throughout 2026.

Submitted projects will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Project Purpose and Benefits to the Region
- Project Timeline, Milestones, and Status
- Project Principal Experience
- Project Support and Regional Need
- Project Cost, Identified and Committed Funding/Financing, and a Funding Gap
- Job Creation and Retention

To submit a project for consideration and scoring, please complete a **Project Information Form** and submit via email to Alex Armani-Munn at aarmani-munn@addisoncountyedc.org no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 31st.

Project Information Form



Welcome Kerry!

Kerry Dashnaw joined the ACRPC staff in June as Administrative Assistant in our Finance department. She brings experience in bookkeeping and financial systems. Kerry is also the Treasurer for the Town of Salisbury and serves as the Addison County Treasurer.

She resides in Salisbury with her husband and two children, ages 10 and 13. Many of you may recognize Kerry from her long tenure at the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op. When she isn't crunching numbers, Kerry enjoys creating art with fabric and embroidery.

GRANT & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Lake Champlain Basin Program Seeks Proposals for Habitat and Native Species Conservation Projects

LCBP seeks proposals for projects that preserve, restore, or improve native species habitat in the Lake Champlain Basin.

This funding opportunity is intended to:

- Improve wetland, riparian, or aquatic habitat;
- Restore and maintain a healthy, diverse fish and aquatic life community;
- Implement flood resilience practices;
- Enhance understanding of native species and their habitats

Examples of projects include, but are not limited to, riparian plantings, native species surveys, or identification and prioritization of habitat for conservation.

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded in the small grants category, and grants between \$50,001-\$175,000 will be awarded in the large grants category. Eligible organizations may submit one proposal per grant category.

The awarded projects will advance the goals of the long-term Lake Champlain management plan Opportunities for Action (plan.lcbp.org). This grant opportunity is supported by funds awarded to NEIWPC by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the Lake Champlain Basin Program, and in partnership with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Proposals are due at 5:00 pm EST on October 30, 2025.

Better Roads Grants

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is pleased to announce the 29th year of funding to support projects on municipal roads that improve water quality and result in maintenance cost savings. The grant funds are provided by the VT Agency of Transportation with partnership through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

The Vermont Better Roads Program promotes the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality around the State.

Questions? Contact:

Dan Judkins | Better Roads Coordinator
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Ross Gouin | Grants in Aid Manager (802) 595-2381
Ross.Gouin@vermont.gov

Project Categories:

- A. Road Erosion Inventory
- B. Correction of a Road Related Erosion Problem and/or Stormwater Mitigation/Retrofit for both gravel and paved roads (Max. Grant Amount \$20,000)
- C. Correction of a Stream Bank, Lake shore or Slope Related Problem (Max. Grant Amount \$40,000)
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Applications for Category B,C,D projects due
Friday, October 31, 2025

New Category A – Road Erosion Inventory Grants

(LOI's accepted, first come, first served UNTIL FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED.)

Better Roads
website

Educational Opportunities

Vermont Local Roads 2025 Municipal Complete Streets Training

The Vermont Agency of Transportation in partnership with the Regional Planning Commissions are hosting seven complete streets trainings. This training will introduce complete streets principles with an emphasis on creating a common understanding of complete street elements and the importance of context and incremental improvements.

This training includes a walk audit that is foundational to the rest of the training, a presentation of relevant material to create a common understanding of Complete Streets principles followed by a group activity to apply concepts discussed and share ideas.

A 30- minute lunch (provided by the host RPC) is incorporated into the scheduled time.

For additional information, contact
the hosting RPC

Register for one of the seven training courses:

October 7, 10 am - 2:30 pm - Danville Town Clerk Office, 36 US-2 West, Danville; Hosted by Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA)

October 14, 2025, 9:30 am - 2 pm: Hotel Coolidge, 39 S Main St, White River Junction; Hosted by Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) & Mount Ascutney Regional Planning Commission (MARC)

October 23, 2025, 10 am - 2:30 pm: West Rutland Town Hall Auditorium, 35 Marble St, West Rutland; Hosted by Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC)

October 28, 2025, 10 am - 2:30 pm: Northfield Community Room: 75 S Main St, Northfield; Hosted by Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC)

October 30, 2025, 10 am - 2:30 pm: Swanton Village Municipal Complex – Auditorium, 120 First Street, Swanton; Hosted by Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC)

November 6, 2025, 10 am - 2:30 pm: United Church of Underhill, 7 Park St, Underhill; Hosted by

2025 State Government Municipal Day

A day of Workshops for Vermont's Officials and Volunteers

The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), in cooperation with Vermont Emergency Management (VEM), Land Use Review Board Board (LURB), Agency of Commerce & Community Development (ACCD), and the Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets (AAFM), is hosting a day-long event that will include workshops, a plenary session with the Executive Director of the Northern Border Regional Commission, Sarah Waring, and networking opportunities with colleagues from across Vermont. 30 different workshops will be offered!

October 17, 2025 17:45 am - 3:45 pm
National Life, Montpelier

\$35 registration fee, payable by credit card, includes morning coffee/tea, pastries, and a buffet lunch.

Questions?

Emma Ramirez-Richer I (802) 828-0316
emma.ramirez-riche@vermont.gov

Registration

Municipal Day Website

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