



Addison County

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<https://acrpc.org/acrpc-remc/>
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
 Wednesday, 13 August 2025, 12:00pm
 In Person at ACRPC Office, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury VT

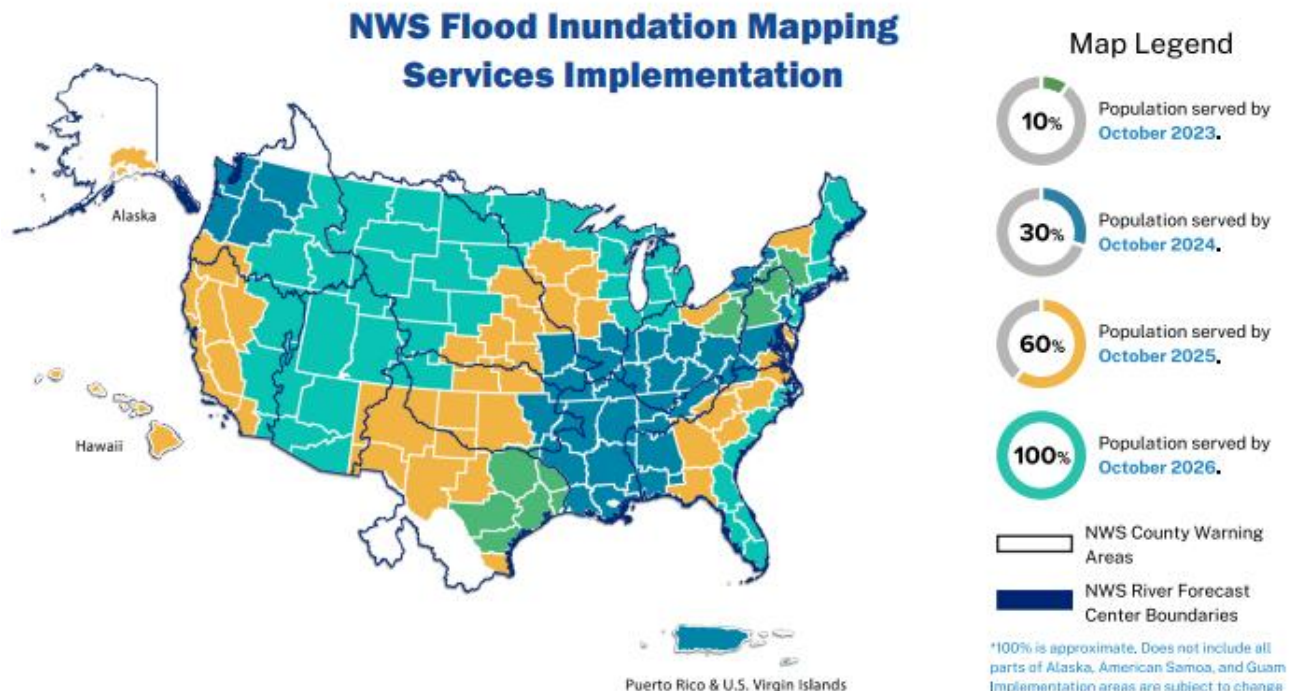
12:00 Call to Order

Brief Introductions and Roll Call

12:03 Approval of May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes- motion to approve by Barb Rainville, second by Jason Covey, Unanimously approved by voice vote.

12:05 **John Goff, Senior Service Hydrologist at Burlington NWS** presented new flood inundation mapping (FIM) services coming to Addison County, Vermont on the National Weather Service's NWPS platform this September

The new visualization services put water inundation extent on a map- A flood inundation map depicts the areal extent of water that has overtopped the banks of a river, creek or stream. Experimental FIM services are now available for 30% of the U.S. population including [Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands](#). These services will be [expanded](#) to nearly 100% of the U.S. population by 2026.



Available at [NWS GIS Viewer](#) and online [NWPS Flood Map](#)

Both static and dynamic FIM

the inundation forecast models incorporates observed discharge or flow rates measured at stream gages, particularly gages maintained by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and computes Synthetic Rating Curves along each river segment, computed using the size and shape of the river or stream channel derived from a Digital Elevation Model (DEM).

The only forecast point river gauge in Addison County is in Middlebury on Otter Creek

- <https://water.noaa.gov> - National Water Prediction Service
- <https://viewer.weather.noaa.gov/water> - National GIS Viewer
- <https://maps.water.noaa.gov/server/rest/services> - for REST/API services
- <https://maps.water.noaa.gov/image/rest/services> - for REST/API services
- <https://www.weather.gov/gis/cloudgiswebservices> - for Cloud GIS services
- <https://www.weather.gov/owp/operations> - go to FIM Section for reference info

12:35 Craig Zondag, Lemon Fair Insect Control District- Field coordinator/Biologist presented the ongoing work of the ICD

Zondag emphasized that prevention of disease-carrying mosquitoes is the best strategy

He recommended reaching out to Private Property owners with the message to Tip and drain when it rains!” and encouraging using “Dunks” on Culverts under driveways, standing water in gutters and flowerpots, and even vernal pool depressions in the forests next to your homes.

What towns can do:

Identify other breeding habitats in town; roof tops and use storm drains, treat with long lasting larvicide.

Education: Put out a bulletin, newspaper editorial

Be in touch with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAA-FM), receive weekly reports:

Pay particular attention during floods.

Discussion of options for an emergency plan and preventative measures to reduce mosquitoes and mosquito-borne illness outbreaks-

12:45 Updates and Reminders

- Vermont Emergency Management Update- Harry Schoppmann, regional coordinator
 - The VEM Emergency Management Preparedness Conference is down to less than 20 registration spots for maximum capacity. There will be a virtual track available.
- Statewide LEPC- last meeting on July 15, 2025 (REMC representative Dan Kuzio)
- RPC updates (A. L’Roe)
 - EMPG funding application
 - September Dinner- details to come
 - Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (list on following page)

Review of Addison County Fair & Field Days Exhibitor booth

1:00pm Adjourn

Next REMC Meeting- Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Zoom and ACRPC Office

8/13/2025 REMC Meeting Attendees:

Municipal Voting Members

(* = voting member, ** = voting member & proxy)

** Martin Haitz, Addison EMC

** Mike Leyden, Bristol EMD

** George Gardner, Ferrisburgh Emergency Services Rep

** Barb Rainville, Lincoln EMC

** Jason Covey, Middlebury EMD and Police Chief

** Sandy Korda, Orwell EMD

** Charlene Phelps, Starksboro EMD

** David DiBiase, Vergennes Fire Chief/Waltham Emergency Services Rep

* Paul McMahon, Waltham EMC

(9 voting members all holding additional proxies, representing 9 communities)

Also attending,

(by Zoom)

Beate Ankjaer-Jensen, VT Department of Health

Peter Brown, Middlebury College

Harry Schoppmann, Vermont Emergency Management Regional Coordinator

(in person)

Andrew L'Roe, ACRPC Emergency Management Planner

Craig Zondag, Lemon Fair Insect Control District

Bill Cunningham, TriValley Transit