



Weekly News Roundup May 11, 2020 - May 15, 2020

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Upcoming Events

Clean Water Board Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2020, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

- The Clean Water Board will make its Clean Water Fund budget recommendation for the first quarter of State Fiscal Year 2021, in light of anticipated COVID-19 impacts on State Fiscal Year 2021 revenue.
- Please RSVP by completing this [online form](#) by Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Your RSVP will help us better plan to host the public meeting remotely.
- The meeting will be held remotely. [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) for full meeting audio and visual. If you require a call-in option to participate (e.g., computer does not have a microphone), RSVP using the above-linked form and call-in details will be sent to you directly.
- Agenda and Materials will be posted on the [Clean Water Board Meetings webpage](#) in advance.

Contact ANR.CleanWaterVT@vermont.gov with questions about the upcoming Board meeting.

Know Your Trees Virtual Event

May 19, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Vermont Woodlands Association presents "Know Your Trees" with Michael Wojtech, author of *Bark: A Field Guide to Trees of the Northeast*. Michael will discuss his book and share information on how to identify the trees around us.

He writes and teaches about the structure, growth processes, and ecology of trees-including their bark, buds, leaves, roots, and wood-for audiences at all levels of experience, and explores how knowing the natural history of the places we live and love fosters connection and the feeling of home.

Register [HERE](#)

Community News

Hunger Free Vermont - Food Access for Children

Hunger Free Vermont has created a how-to style video about filling out a school meal application. Even though all children are currently receiving FREE school meals, submitting school meal

applications ensures that schools are able to *continue* to provide nutritious meals to all children.

Follow [this link](#) to view the video, and PLEASE share out widely! This is a super easy and effective way to support your local school district/supervisory union and food access for children.

Rethink Runoff

As we move into spring and summer and the yard work that entails, consider some ways you can keep Lake Champlain, our rivers, and smaller lakes clean by making small changes around our homes and yards. [Learn More >>](#)

CVRPC Seeks Summer Planning Technician

CVRPC is seeking to fill a Planning Technician position for the summer of 2020. Position open until filled.

Application review begins on Friday, May 22, 2020. [READ MORE>>](#)

Clean Water State Revolving Fund & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

The Water Investment Division is distributing the following documents for public review and comment:

- The [FFY2020 CWSRF IUP](#), which includes the SFY2021 Water Pollution Control Project Priority List (PPL). The IUP details the manner in which the program intends to utilize the CWSRF fund and the PPL contains a list of municipalities and private entities that have submitted applications for potential funding in the upcoming year.
- The [FFY2020 DWSRF IUP](#), which includes the SFY2020 Drinking Water PPL. The IUP details the manner in which the program intends to utilize the DWSRF fund and the PPL contains a list of municipalities and private entities that have submitted applications for potential funding in the upcoming year.
- There will be a public hearing for these draft IUPs on June 18, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. that is being held remotel. This hearing will be recorded and made available for public use following the event. To access the public hearing you must use: The [Microsoft Teams Live Event link](#) or the teleconference line: (802) 828-7667 Conference ID: 296 002 253# .

Public comments regarding these documents will be allowed until July 2, 2020. The final IUPs will be released July 16, 2020.

Announcing the 2020 Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits

Vermont's downtown and village center tax credit program has helped rehabilitate hundreds of existing buildings to support new and expanded businesses, create housing and jobs and spark community vitality. This year, \$2.6 million is available to support general rehabilitation, building code compliance, and façade improvements. Applications are [online](#) and are due July 1, 2020. For questions, contact [Caitlin Corkins](#).

COVID 19 Updates

Vermonters Without COVID-19 Symptoms Can Get Tested at Pop-Up Sites

Eleven sites are currently scheduled to collect specimens from asymptomatic Vermonters, health care workers, first responders (EMS, fire, and law enforcement), child care providers currently serving essential workers, and people returning to Vermont – such as college students, people who winter out of state and second home owners. The sites are led by Health Department teams, with support from EMS units and members of the Vermont National Guard.

Make an appointment online for the site near you (all clinics operate from 9am to 3pm) humanresources.vermont.gov/popups

Washington County:

- Tuesday, May 19: Barre Memorial Auditorium, 16 Auditorium Hill

Vermonters with symptoms – no matter how mild – should contact their health care provider to get referred to a nearby testing site.

People who do not have a health care provider can call 2-1-1 to be connected with a local community or hospital-connected clinic for referral to a test site.

For up-to-date information and guidance for staying healthy and preventing the spread of COVID-19 go to: healthvermont.gov/covid19.

Mask Info for COVID

Health officials and our Governor are asking us all to wear masks while out in public. Here are the reasons why:

- Masks can prevent transmission. Even if you don't think you are sick, you could be carrying the virus. Wearing a mask protects others from your germs.
- You are wearing a mask for the greater good of society. The more of us that stay healthy, the faster we can get our economy up and running again. Also, fewer of us will need the hospital, leaving it available for those who need it for both COVID-19 non-COVID-19 reasons.
- Masks can help remind you to keep your hands away from your face while you are out and about.
- When others see you wearing a mask, it reminds them to wear theirs, creating a social norm that will keep us all safer.

Remember, a mask doesn't make you immune: [READ MORE](#)

News from CVRPC

[CVRPC Municipal Updates](#) are available on our website with COVID-19 resources. Check back often as they are updated every few days.

If your community has a need, we can assist you with, please contact us at CVRPC@cvregion.com - Stay Safe!

VCRD Information Tracking

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) and partners are working to support and track the efforts of the local *informal* organizations that have emerged to respond to COVID-19 to develop a fuller picture of who is doing what locally and throughout the state. This process might also identify community need gaps.

The state's 11 regional planning commissions have agreed to help VCRD spread the word about the linked form designed to gather information about local efforts. <https://forms.gle/d5MWa9REJbZ4Q1cQA> If you or others in your town have initiated local or multi-town efforts to support people during this time, please take a few moments to complete this simple form.

Find out more about the Mutual Aid and Community Response Network that VCRD is helping to coordinate here - <https://www.vtrural.org/covid19>.

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

Cultural Facilities Grants

Cultural Facilities Grants help Vermont nonprofit organizations and municipalities enhance, create, or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural activities for the public. Previous grant recipients in our region include: Kellogg Hubbard Library-Montpelier, Phantom Theater-Warren, Friends of Capital City Grange Hall-Northfield Falls. To find out more about these grants visit the Vermont Council on the Arts [website](#).

Municipal Planning Grants News from ACCD

Municipal Planning Grants for Recovery - Vermont's communities will face tough challenges recovering from COVID-19, and DHCD is committed to keeping the [Municipal Planning Grant program](#) on its regular cycle: June announcement, October application deadline, with grant awards in December. If funding is maintained for FY21, these flexible grants are ready to support projects for long-term recovery. Now is a great time to consider proposals that boost resilience in your community.

Upcoming Meetings

Please note that CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings

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May 18 3 pm Executive Committee Special Meeting, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

May 19 8 am VEM Emergency Management Director Course, via technology

May 21 7 pm Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee, via technology

May 25 Memorial Day Holiday – CVRPC Closed

May 26 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee - TBD

May 28 4 pm Project Review Committee - TBD

JUNE

June 1 3 pm Executive Committee Meeting, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

June 2 9 am VEM Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop, via technology

June 9 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners Meeting, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

June 11 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

June 15 3 pm Executive Committee Special Meeting, Via Technology (see agenda for details)

June 18 7 pm Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee, via technology

June 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee - TBD

June 25 4 pm Project Review Committee - TBD

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