

The Community Wildlife Program at VT Fish & Wildlife is pleased to offer two training courses this spring on Vermont's ecology and town-focused natural resources planning. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we'll be offering both trainings online in April and May. These trainings are ideal for folks serving on town conservation commissions, planning commissions, as well as for other interested people. They are free courses, but attendees do need to attend all 3 sessions in order to receive a certificate of completion. You can sign up for NR 1, NR 2, or both.

Training descriptions and registration links are included below, and any questions can be directed to andrew.wood@vermont.gov

NR 1 - Vermont's Ecology and Environment:

An Introduction to Town Planning for Natural Resources

Participants will learn important context and scientific concepts involved in planning for natural resources. This course will expose participants to the full suite of issues at play for natural resources planning, from forests and wildlife to floodplains and climate change. Presentations on Context, Scale, and Whole Communities are interspersed with interactive hands-on activities that make this an intensive and exciting training.

Instructors:

Jens Hilke, Conservation Planner, VT Fish and Wildlife Department
Andy Wood, Conservation Planner, VT Fish and Wildlife Department

Note: This is a 3-session training course. You must sign up for all three sessions if you wish to take this class and receive the certificate.

Session 1: Monday, April 5, 2021, 7:00pm-9:00pm. [REGISTER](#)

Session 2: Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:00pm-9:00pm. [REGISTER](#)

Session 3: Monday, April 19, 2021, 7:00pm-9:00pm. [REGISTER](#)

NR 2 - Caring for Natural Resources:

Taking Action in Your Community

This workshop will help you choose locally appropriate land use planning strategies for conserving natural resources. It uses case studies and exercises to show how taking action can work in real life. The overall goal is to build understanding of what you can do, how to work with different people in your community, how to choose ways to protect natural resources, and how to make it happen. Completion of NR1 is not a pre-requisite but is recommended.

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Session 1: Monday, May 3, 2021, 7:00pm-9:00pm. [REGISTER](#)

Session 2: Monday, May 10, 2021, 7:00pm-9:00pm. [REGISTER](#)

Session 3: Monday, May 17, 2021, 7:00pm-9:00pm. [REGISTER](#)