



## Weekly News Roundup April 2, 2021

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### Upcoming Events

#### Introduction to the Vermont Vernal Pool Atlas

April 21, 2021 | 7:00 PM

Is your town or group interested in mapping vernal pools or looking for ways to engage your community with on-the-ground conservation? Join Vermont Center for Ecostudies for a live webinar demonstration of the Vermont Vernal Pool Atlas ([vpatlas.org](http://vpatlas.org)), an new interactive, community science mapping tool and database. We will introduce you to the features and capabilities of VPAtlas, demonstrate how to view vernal pools, add pool locations to the atlas, and enter data for both mapped and unmapped pools. There will also be time for discussion and questions. [Registration is required](#)



#### Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting (LEPC#5)

The next meeting of LEPC5 will be Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, held virtually via GoTo Meeting. Please email [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com) for meeting access information.

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### Community News

#### Future of Rural Transit - Feasibility Study Application

The Future of Rural Transit project is looking for a partner school Supervisory Union and community in Vermont to study the feasibility of introducing combined public transit and school transportation using electric buses. A brief [application](#), due April 16, is now available for completion by interested Supervisory Unions. The Application and background information can be seen on the [EAN website](#).



#### Municipal Grants in Aid

A fourth round of Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid funding was issued to RPCs and Vermont municipalities in fall of 2020. This year, eleven of CVRPC's member towns signed up to participate in construction of road best management practices (BMPs) to comply with the new drainage standards set forth in the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP). Eligible projects include stone armoring drainage ditches, installing check dams, installation/replacement of drainage culverts, hydroseeding, lowering of high road shoulders, and closed drainage system outlet stabilization, among other things. CVRPC staff will contact participating towns in the coming weeks to discuss site selection, schedule pre-construction site meetings, discuss project specific site requirements, and stakeout project limits. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

#### VCRD's new Community Response and Recovery Corps

Are you working to help your community respond to and recover from the pandemic? Want to come together regularly with other local leaders doing similar work? Consider joining the Vermont

### **Berlin granted funding through the SFY 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program**

Congratulations to Berlin, who recently received a grant award for a scoping study for a multi-use path connecting Chestnut Place and Fox Run to, Berlin Mall, Berlin Elementary School, day care facilities, and other planned civic, residential, commercial and medical facilities. Their project was awarded \$32,000 in federal funds through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP).

### **Marshfield Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey- Feedback Requested**

The Town and Village of Marshfield is looking for help identifying local safety hazards to assist in updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property damage by lessening the impact of disasters. Hazard mitigation plans identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural and other disasters and develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events. Hazard mitigation is most effective when implemented through a strategic, comprehensive, and long-term Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), which is reviewed and updated every 5 years. The Town and Village of Marshfield, in collaboration with CVRPC, has begun the LHMP update process and is looking for input from Marshfield residents to help identify hazards that impact the Town and Village. Please respond to the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MarshfieldLHMP> to help inform the LHMP. Please complete the survey within the next 2 weeks. Your input is greatly appreciated and will help reduce risks and damages from future hazards. Contact Grace Vinson at [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com) with any questions.

### **Share Your Thoughts on the Future of Vermont**

The challenges facing Vermont call on us to unite to build a better future. The Vermont Council on Rural Development, a neutral facilitator of public process, is excited to share the first draft of The Vermont Proposition: An effort to set non-partisan priorities for statewide action. The Proposition draft, based on input from thousands of Vermonters, shares a set of ideas to drive common action and advance a successful future for our communities, environment and economy. Now, VCRD is looking to you to help strengthen the Proposition. What's missing? What could be improved? What do we need to do to be successful for the next generation? To learn more about the initiative, see the current draft, and share your thoughts, visit [futureofvermont.org](http://futureofvermont.org).

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## **COVID 19 Updates**

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### **Updated Vaccination Schedule**

- o Now: Vermonters age 50+ are eligible to register
- o Now: parents and primary caregivers of children with certain high-risk conditions are eligible
- o Now: All Vermonters who identify as Black, Indigenous and people of color age 16 years of age and older — as well as their household members
- o 04/05: Vermonters age 40+ will be eligible to register
- o 04/12: Vermonters age 30+ will be eligible to register
- o 04/19: Vermonters age 16+ will be eligible to register

### **Appointments Now Open for all BIPOC Vermonters and their Households**

All Vermonters who identify as Black, Indigenous and people of color age 16 years of age and older — as well as their household members — can now make an appointment for vaccination. They can do so at [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](http://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine) or by calling 855-722-7878 and stating they identify as BIPOC. These Vermonters can also register through one of the community clinics developed with our partners around the state.

### **New Vermont Farmers to Families Dates and Locations**

New Vermont Farmers to Families dates and locations are now available for reservation through April. To register and see the dates and locations, please visit <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/food-help> or call 802-476-0316 for assistance.

- Wednesday, April 7: Barre

## 2021 Community Challenge Grant Program

AARP Vermont invites community organizations and local governments to apply for grants to fund quick-action projects. AARP's nationwide Livable Communities initiative supports the efforts of cities, towns, and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. Apply by April 14th.

<https://states.aarp.org/vermont/aarp-community-challenge-grant-program-now-accepting-2021-applications>



## Vermont Arts Council Artist Development Grants

Artist Development Grants support artists at all stages of their careers. Grants can fund activities that enhance mastery of an artist's craft or skills; activities that increase the viability of an artist's business; or for teaching artists, developing the skills necessary to provide instruction in K-12 schools remotely during the COVID-19 crisis. Applications due May 10th. [Read More »](#)

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## Upcoming Meetings

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

### APRIL

- Apr 5 4 pm Executive Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- Apr 13 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- Apr 13 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- Apr 14 2 pm Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- Apr 22 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- Apr 27 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- Apr 27 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

### MAY

- May 3 pm Executive Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- May 11 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- May 13 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- May 27 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- May 25 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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