

## Weekly News Roundup June 10, 2021

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### Upcoming Events

#### Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

June 14, 2021 | 6:30 pm

The next meeting of LEPC5 will be Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, held virtually via Zoom. Please email [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com) for meeting access information .

#### Clean Water Lecture - Introduction to Wetland Screening Tool

June 17, 2021 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Join Shannon Morrison, VTDEC Wetland Ecologist to learn about the new Wetland Screening Tool. This tool was developed to help navigate mapping layers available to indicate the potential presence of wetlands on a property. This tool is recommended for realtors, potential buyers, town administrators, conservation commissions, and landowners to identify wetland features and how to best protect wetlands and comply with wetland regulations. The Wetlands Screening Tool is the best means to gain a comprehensive view of potential wetlands on a property, short of a site visit by a wetland professional. To join, please register [here](#).

#### Reimagining Our Public Spaces: VCDA Spring Conference

June 17, 2021 | 9:00 - 12:00

A virtual event to bring together community leaders and experts who are working to reimagine and redevelop our buildings and outdoor spaces. Find more information and register [here](#).

#### West Central Vermont CEDS Virtual Workshop

June 24, 2021 | 6:00 pm

CVRPC and CVEDC invite you to join us to help shape future economic development efforts in Central Vermont and across the State! We will host a workshop for local business leaders, regional stakeholders, municipal representatives and residents. The intent of the workshop is two-fold:

1. CVRPC and CVEDC seek to inform local leaders of our collaboration with partner regional planning commissions and regional development corporations in Addison, Chittenden, and Rutland Counties to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for West Central Vermont.
2. CVRPC and CVEDC seek to gather information from the regional stakeholders, local business leaders, municipalities and residents about regional economic strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and, most importantly, desired results (SOAR). This information will be used to help guide the development of a CEDS over the next year.

The workshop on June 24th will be held from 6-7 PM via zoom. More details

at: <https://centralvtplanning.org/invitation-to-a-virtual-workshop-for-the-west-central-vt-ceds/?fbclid=IwAR0AIT-kFPOcmDLAfG3WiAVXRcpAL2nWEzhoIKj5nvMh7w3N8Bv-0k3vdSo>



## Central Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan Regional Forum

June 28, 2021 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

The Department of Public Service (PSD) has started the process of reviewing and updating the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) and Electric Plan. PSD is convening four regional forums to get input regarding regionally and locally important energy planning issues and challenges, and to hear recommended strategies for addressing these issues and challenges in the 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan. The Central Vermont Regional forum will be held on June 28, including presentations by CVRPC and CCRPC. Please consider attending the forum if you are involved in energy planning efforts at the local level, and would like to provide input on the key energy issues, elements, challenges, and considerations unique to your area.

- Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6050832511>
- To join by phone, dial 929-205-6099. Webinar ID: 605 083 2511#. No participant ID/passcode is required.

More information on the 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan update process can be found here: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/2022-plan>

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Training

VLCT and the National League of Cities are offering free online-virtual diversity, equity and inclusion training to VLCT members. The three-part training provides members with the basics of NLC's Race, Equity, and Leadership (R.E.A.L.) training program aimed at eliminating racial disparities, healing racial divisions, and building more equitable communities. Online trainings are scheduled for June 21st and June 28th from 3:00 to 5:30, and July 14th from 3:00 to 4:30.

Members who participate should plan to attend all three trainings.

### Virtual Vermont Emergency Director Course

July 20 to July 21, 2021 | 12:30 - 4:30 (each day)

Vermont Local Emergency Management is offering a virtual EMD Director Course that will familiarize Local Emergency Management Directors (EMD) and Coordinators (EMC) with major roles, responsibilities, and "how to do it" guidance, across all four phases of Emergency Management. Topics covered will include, but are not limited to:

- Desired Attributes of an Emergency Management Director
- Local Emergency Operations Planning
- Animal Response
- EMD-Responder Relationship
- Models for Mobilizing Community
- Designing an Emergency Operation Center
- Public Information and Communications
- The Disaster "Process"
- State Resources
- Interaction with FEMA

Register in the LMS system (<https://vermont.csod.com/client/vermont/default.aspx>)

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## Community News

### Public Places Awards

The Public Places awards co-sponsored by the Vermont Planners Association were presented on June 8th. Congratulations to the following Central Vermont Communities for their awards:

- The Union Elementary School Playground Project, developed by the Montpelier Roxbury School District from plans developed by the SE Group with help from the students, parents and faculty of the school. The playground project not only created a newer and more inviting and interesting play space, but also corrected stormwater problems in the area and remediated unknown brownfield hazards.
- Dog River Park, owned by the Town of Northfield, based on design work and plans prepared by SLR in conjunction with GPI, and assistance from the Friends of the Winooski River, Norwich University Art & Architecture students, the Northfield High School Class of



1957, and the entire community. The Town created Dog River Park on floodplain land purchased by FEMA after the floods of Irene. The park not only provides a community resource, but once again serves as a natural floodplain for the Dog River.

### Community Kitchen Academy Training Opportunities

The Vermont Foodbank's Community Kitchen Academy (CKA) is currently accepting applications for student enrollment in its successful workforce training program for a 7-week course. The Vermont Foodbank's Community Kitchen Academy (CKA) is currently accepting applications for student enrollment in its successful culinary job training program. CKA is a 7-week program that involves hands-on learning in a commercial kitchen, certifications and job placement support. Students learn culinary skills from industry professionals, while transforming rescued food into delicious meals that help people facing hunger at local food shelves and meal sites. The program has a deep and lasting impact for participants and the community, with graduates reporting increased skills and confidence to get the jobs they want, as well as a sense of connection to their communities. We provide a COVID-safe environment with strict organization protocols for employees and students. More information will be provided to applicants. **APPLY ONLINE:** [www.vtfoodbank.org/cka](http://www.vtfoodbank.org/cka)

### Green Mountain United Way Volunteers Needed!

Green Mountain United Way has a great volunteer opportunity for folks in Central VT (Orange and Washington County communities). The Washington County Hunger Council is looking for help collecting information about what types of groceries food retailers are selling. Our partners at [Hunger Free Vermont](#) will connect you to the retailers in your community from whom they have not yet collected this information! This is like mystery shopping, without the mystery! Sign up on their Volunteer Connection! [https://gmunitedway.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=592683&fbclid=IwAR3ujN91J-NeUAp\\_-Mhr7V2\\_cyUAdQcrZnWjK3d-yOjeEL-QnoBbKaZcltc](https://gmunitedway.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=592683&fbclid=IwAR3ujN91J-NeUAp_-Mhr7V2_cyUAdQcrZnWjK3d-yOjeEL-QnoBbKaZcltc)



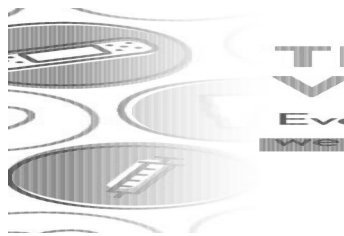
### FHWA Training on ADA Transition Plan Implementation

the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is presenting a free four-part webinar series focused on transition plan implementation at the local level. See the [attached flyer](#) for more detailed information, including links to register

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## COVID 19 Updates

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### Walk-In Vaccine Clinics

In Vermont, it's never been easier to get vaccinated—and walk-in clinics are conveniently located around the state. Do your part and get your shot today! Central Vermont Clinics can be found in Berlin, Cabot, Waitsfield and Waterbury between June 10th and June 24th. Follow the link for more information - [HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine](http://HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine)

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## RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

### Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Program

AOT invites municipalities to participate in the Municipal Roads, Grants-in-Aid Program, which provides funding for municipalities to implement best management practices (BMPs), including culvert replacements, ditching, stabilization, and more.

These Grants-in-Aid awards will total approximately \$3.1 million dollars in this grant cycle. Municipalities must return a signed letter by June 25, 2021 to be eligible.

For more about the program, eligible BMPs, and how to apply, visit:

## FY22 Building Communities Grants

The following grant programs are funded for FY22 and applications will be open until July 31:

- \$300,000.00 – Recreational Facilities Grant Program
- \$300,000.00 – Regional Economic Development Grant Program
- \$150,000.00 – Human Services Facilities Grant Program
- \$150,000.00 – Educational Facilities Grant Program

Find more information [here](#).



## Economic Recovery Bridge Program

The [application portal](#) for the Economic Recovery Bridge Program is live on the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) [website](#). The program is expected to deliver \$30 million in financial relief to 1) businesses who have not received state and federal funding due to eligibility constraints and 2) businesses who have continued to lose revenue due to COVID-19. The portal opened on **Monday, June 7th with applications reviewed first-come, first-serve**. Also available are the [slides and recording](#) from an informational webinar ACCD hosted on Friday, June 4th, where ACCD gave a program overview, discussed the application process, and answered questions.

The Economic Recovery Bridge Program is funded by \$10 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated in H.315 (Act 9), the mini COVID relief bill, and \$20 million from the FY2022 budget. Thank you to the Vermont legislature and the Scott Administration for recognizing the need that still exists for many Vermont businesses! If your business has suffered a loss due to COVID-19, we encourage you to visit the ACCD website to learn more about the Economic Recovery Bridge Program and other supports available ability and resilience of local or regional food economies. **The deadline to apply is July 6th.**

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## Upcoming Meetings

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

### JUNE

- June 18 9 am VTrans Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities Summit
- June 22 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- June 23 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- June 24 4 pm Project Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- June 24 6 pm CEDS Central Vermont Region Public Meeting, Via Technology
- June 28 6 pm State Comprehensive Energy Plan Public Input Meeting

### JULY

- July 5 Independence Day Holiday - Office Closed*
- July 6 4 pm Executive Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- July 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- July 13 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners Annual Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- July 27 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)
- July 28 10:30 am Bylaw Review Work Group, Via Technology (See Agenda)

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