



Weekly News Roundup October 15, 2021

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Upcoming Events



Act 171: Selecting Forest Blocks & Habitat Connectors for Your Town Plan

October 18, 2021 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Act 171 requires towns to identify and protect forest blocks and habitat connectors. But what exactly does that mean? And how do you figure out which blocks and connectors are most valuable to wildlife and your community? Join the Community Wildlife Program at

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department to learn a step-by-step selection process. We'll explain the background science and help towns select areas to prioritize that meet Act 171 requirements and make sense for their community. [REGISTER](#)

Community News

Welcome to Gavin Bodnar

CVRPC welcomed AmeriCorps VISTA member Gavin Bodnar in September. Gavin is a graduate of Michigan Technological University with a BS in Civil Engineering. Prior to coming to CVRPC he served as a Sustainable Agricultural Extension Agent for the Peace Corps in Senegal, West Africa. Gavin will serve 20 hours per week for CVRPC and 20 hours for THRIVE, with supervision provided by CVRPC. He will complete activities in multiple program areas to help achieve the goals of both organizations. CVRPC leverages the power of people

working together to assist our member municipalities in providing effective local government and working cooperatively to address regional issues. THRIVE is the region's [Accountable Community for Health](#). It supports the integration of high-quality medical care, mental health and substance use treatment services, and social services for those in need of care to improve population health outcomes. CVRPC is a THRIVE Partner, supporting transportation initiatives, providing facilitation services, and linking THRIVE efforts to municipal strategies and actions. We welcome Gavin to Vermont and enjoy having him as part of our team.



Community Development Grants Awarded

In September, [over \\$13 million in Community Development Block Grants \(CDBG\) were made to 25 communities throughout Vermont.](#)

In our region, the following grants have been awarded. Congratulations to the municipalities and organizations who received these funds.

Community Development Block Grant Awards: City of Barre – Barre Recovery Residence (\$500,000); Town of Berlin – Fox Run Housing (\$1,000,000); Town of Calais – East Calais

Community Store & Apartments (\$383,000); City of Montpelier – Washington County Mental Health Services (\$50,000)

Community Development Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Awards: City of Barre – Barre Recovery Residence (\$500,000)

Community Development CARES Act Housing Stabilization Program Awards: Downstreet Housing (\$379,109 - Lamoille, Orange and Washington Counties)

Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits: Town of Berlin – 3795 Crosstown Road (\$26,000)

Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) Appointments

H.122, passed in 2021, created Regional Emergency Management Committees (REMCs) to coordinate and support regional all-hazards emergency planning and preparedness activities.

As directed by the Legislature, the REMC will consist of two voting members from each town and city as follows:

- The local Emergency Management Director (EMD) or designee, and
- A representative the local emergency services (EMS) community to be appointed by your executive or legislative branch

Your EMD is automatically a member of the REMC. We are asking your executive or legislative branch to identify the second member, which must be a representative of the local EMS community. **Please email vinson@cvregion.com by October 29th with your municipality's second appointee's name, address, phone number, and email and by whom they were appointed (Mayor, Manager, Selectboard, etc.)** CVRPC is also available to attend upcoming October Selectboard meetings to provide information on the REMC. Please contact vinson@cvregion.com with questions

106 Ways to Protect and Restore Water Quality in the Lake Champlain Basin

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in collaboration with local nonprofits, town officials, scientists, and regional planners, has completed two tactical basin plans that will be available for public comment from October 13 to November 12, 2021. The two plans outline more than 100 combined strategies to restore and protect rivers, lakes, and wetlands across the northwestern part of the state, from Newport and Greensboro to Swanton and Milton. [Read More>>](#)



CVRPC Search Reopened for Bookkeeper or Finance Manager

CVRPC seeks an adaptable, self-motivated Bookkeeper or Financial Manager. Apply to join our team if you enjoy leveraging the power of people working together to help others achieve their goals! Permanent position at 30-40 hours per week performing professional level accounting work in the maintenance, review, and reconciliation of financial records to ensure compliance with accepted accounting principles and standards.

More info on our [website](#).

ARPA News From VLCT

[ANR's 10/7 Public Meeting](#): Did you miss the public meeting that discussed the \$100M in ARPA funds available for infrastructure and water quality? Don't worry! You can get all the details by watching the [public meeting](#) and visiting ANR's [ARPA webpage](#), which contains a PowerPoint presentation featured during the meeting.

[COVID-19 Local Action Tracker](#): Visit the National League of Cities' COVID-19 Local Action Tracker webpage to learn how other municipalities throughout the country are using their ARPA funds.

[ARPA Reporting Info and Tips](#): The U.S. Department of the Treasury revised the deadline for submitting the first Project and Expenditure Report for non-entitlement units of government to **April 30, 2022**.

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

New State Brownfields Cleanup Grants Announced

Applications are now being accepted for the [Brownfield Revitalization Fund – State Program](#). The program will grant up to 90% of the total brownfield cleanup cost for projects enrolled in

Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act (BRELLA) with an approved Correction Action Plan (CAP). Projects will be prioritized based on several factors; such as but not limited to: need, population served, proposed impacts, budget and secured match funding. Click below for full details of the program, including the Notice of Funding Opportunity, and the online application form. [Learn More>>](#)

Working Lands Enterprise Board Releases New Request for Applications

The Working Lands Enterprise Board (WLEB) is releasing 3 request for applications that allow Vermont working lands businesses and producer associations to invest in projects focused on infrastructure, marketing and sales development, meat slaughter and processing, and building workforce development skills.

1. Standard Business Grants - Award amounts \$10,000 - \$25,000

To review the Standard Business Grant application, click here: [FY22 WLEF Standard Business Grant Application](#)

2. Producer Association Grants - Award amounts \$10,000 - \$20,000

Vermont-based nonprofit producer association groups that represent and promote Vermont agriculture, food, beverage, forest, or fiber products are welcome to apply.

To review the Producer Association Development Grant application click here: [FY22 WLEF Producer Association Grants](#)

3. Meat Slaughter and Processing Development Grants - Award amounts \$50,000 - \$100,000

To review the Meat Slaughter and Processing Development Grant application, click here: [FY22 WLEF Meat Slaughter and Processing Development Grant](#)

MORE INFO HERE <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/agency-agriculture-food-markets-news/working-lands-enterprise-board-releases-new-request>

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program is an annual FEMA funding program for hazard mitigation. BRIC will support states, local communities, and territories, as they undertake hazard mitigation projects to reduce the risk from natural hazards. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that will replace the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program.

Program Details:

- Application Period: opens September 30, 2021, **State deadline: December 17, 2021.**
- Eligible Applicants: State agencies, Regional Planning Commissions and municipalities. Non-profit organizations will need to team you up with a governmental “sponsor” who can be the sub-applicant. Municipalities much have an approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time of application submittal and award approval.

More info @ <https://vem.vermont.gov/non-disaster-based-funding>

Upcoming Meetings

Please note that in addition to a physical location; CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for most meetings (see agendas on our [website](#) for details)

OCTOBER

Oct 26 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

Oct 28 4 pm Project Review Committee

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 4 pm Executive Committee

Nov 9 11 am Bylaws Work Group

Nov 9 6:30 Board of Commissioners

Nov 11 Office closed - Holiday

Nov 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

Nov 24 10:30 am Bylaws Work Group

Nov 25 & 26 Office closed - Holiday

