

Weekly News Roundup November 19, 2021

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Upcoming Events



Webinar Series on Water Quality Funding

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is hosting a series of six different webinars, with each focused on a specific funding priority area. The webinars are designed for communities, individuals and businesses interested in using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to invest in water infrastructure projects.

To learn more about the webinar series dates and times: [ARPA Webinar Series](#)

Emergency Management Director Course (8 hour)

December 13 & 14, 2021 - 12:30pm to 4:30pm each day

The 8- hour Emergency Management Director Course 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. It will be broken up into 2 four hour sessions. Please register through the Learning Management System (LMS).

If you already have a LMS account, log in here:

<https://vermont.csod.com/client/vermont/default.aspx>

If you need to register for an account: <https://vermont.csod.com/selfreg/register.aspx?c=%255e%255e%255eQGm2wxcSUvINsXvXjRYs1A%253d%253d>

Community News

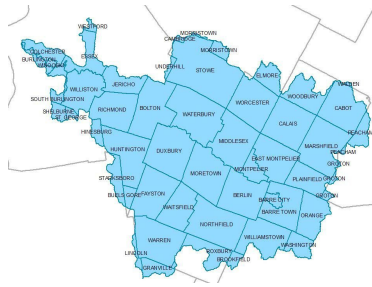
Cross Vermont Trail Completes Historic Construction Season

The Bridge is Built! A ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the bridge and the first section of new trail to public use is planned for May 2022.

[Read the full season summary here.](#)

Managing Ash Trees in Waitsfield

Waitsfield is home to over 2,000 ash trees which are vulnerable to the emerald ash borer (EAB). Ashley Andrews of CVRPC recently completed an Ash Tree Inventory along roadsides in the Town of Waitsfield and subsequently met with their Select Board along with Jeff Cueto of East Montpelier to discuss management strategies moving forward. Read the full story as published by the Valley Reporter [here](#).



CVRPC Seeks Municipal Candidates for Winooski Basin Water Quality Council

CVRPC, the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) for the Winooski basin, is conducting outreach efforts to municipalities. We are seeking candidates who wish to represent municipalities on the Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC). There are 49 municipalities in the Winooski Basin. Two (2) candidates will be selected to represent municipalities.

Please complete the [application](https://centralvtplanning.org/) available on our website (<https://centralvtplanning.org/>) and submit to CVRPC via email (vinson@cvregion.com) or mail (29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier VT 05602) no later than **December 17, 2021**. Contact Grace Vinson (vinson@cvregion.com) if you would like additional application forms or would like more information. CVRPC will be hosting an informational session for watershed stakeholders in the coming weeks to provide additional information on the BWQC and CWSP start up process

ARPA CSO funding for Northfield and Montpelier

The first four municipalities selected for these awards were the highest-scoring projects in the 2022 Pollution Control Project Priority and Planning List; a process the State uses to award infrastructure grants as well as loans. Municipalities with existing CSOs and municipalities where CSOs have been abated but additional work remains are also eligible for funding and the State will be soliciting applications to the "Priority List" to inform the need for additional appropriations during the upcoming legislative session. These grants will complement existing local and state funding sources. Montpelier and Northfield were two of the municipalities selected.

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Calling all Women-Owned Businesses

This Way UP is a campaign to learn from women-owned businesses all across Vermont. By taking our 10-minute interactive [This Way UP survey](#), you can join in making sure the voices of working women are heard. The Vermont Women's Fund want to hear from you!

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

Lake Champlain Basin Program Offers \$240,000 in Grants for Organizational Support and Education and Outreach Projects

The Lake Champlain Basin Program seeks proposals for projects that support local watershed groups and provide opportunities for informing and involving the public in Lake Champlain outreach initiatives in the Lake Champlain watershed. The Program anticipates awarding up to \$240,000 to local organizations, municipalities, and educational institutions.

Current grants will be awarded in the following categories:

- *Organizational Support – small grants (up to \$4,000 per award)*
- *Education and Outreach Implementation grants (up to \$15,000 per award)*

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AOT Announces Funding Opportunity for Municipal Road Projects

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) announces the 25th year of funding to support projects on municipal roads that improve water quality and result in maintenance cost savings. The grant funds are provided by AOT in partnership with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The Vermont Better Roads Program promotes the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality around the State.

The application scoring of the Better Roads Program is intended to be in line with the State's Clean

Water Act (Act 64) and the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP). In an effort to prioritize funding for projects that provide significant water quality improvements, applicants must indicate whether or not the projects that they intend to construct will be in full compliance with the MRGP. Please see application and scoring sheet for more information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Better Roads staff.

Applications for funding will be accepted until December 17, 2021. Funding will be awarded after the legislative appropriations process, which is expected to be July 2022.

For the most up-to-date information or to download a copy of the application, please visit the AOT website at <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>

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)



NOVEMBER

Nov 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

Nov 25 & 26 Office closed - Holiday

DECEMBER

Dec 6 4 pm Executive Committee

Dec 9 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee

Dec 14 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners

Dec 23 4 pm Project Review Committee

Dec 24 Office closed - Holiday

Dec 31 Office closed - Holiday

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