

## Weekly News Roundup November 12, 2021

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### Upcoming Events



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

Session 2: November 17, 2021 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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](#)

#### Vermont Community Development Association Fall Conference: Vermont Communities At a Turning Point - Community Development Forum Discussions

December 7, 2021 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

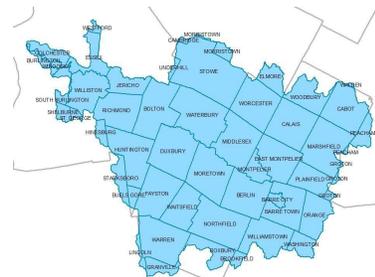
Join the VCDA Board and community and economic development partners from across the state, as they look back at 2021 and ahead towards 2022 with Vermont communities at a turning point. Communities face major decisions and challenges as we address critical issues for the future and decide how to spend federal dollars coming into the state. [More information and registration here.](#)



### Community News

#### 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](#) available on our website (<https://centralvtplanning.org/>) and submit to CVRPC via email ([vinson@cvregion.com](mailto: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](mailto: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



## CVRPC Welcomes New Assistant Planner Blaine Hoskins

We are pleased to welcome Blaine Hoskins to our team. Blaine provides supplementary staff assistance to assist in the collection of field data, the development of planning studies, local and regional plans, ordinances and regulations, and other similar projects.

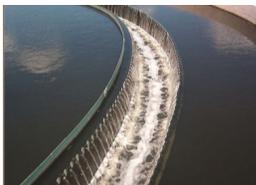
Blaine served as a Peace Corps in Rwanda teaching English. She assisted her host community to identify current strengths and how to maximize their benefits. Blaine also worked as a planning intern with the City of Dothan, Alabama. She surveyed the community with to identify a target market for downtown housing. Blaine earned a Bachelor's of Consumer Affairs in Interior Design and anticipates earning her Master's in Community Planning from Auburn University in December 2021. Blaine is an outdoor recreation enthusiast and enjoys fiber arts.

## COVID Vaccine Info Series

The Vermont Academy of Pediatrics is gearing up to hold more forums to give families an opportunity to hear from community pediatricians, but also to ask questions! They will be holding 2 per week for 6+ weeks. More information on those that have been scheduled to date is [here](#).



## RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines



### \$10 Million in Grants May Be Available to Help Install Pretreatment Systems

If your business or municipality is having trouble treating high-strength wastewater, nearly \$10 million in grants may be available to help implement pretreatment systems. Pretreatment facilities remove or reduce harmful pollutants before they are discharged to municipal wastewater treatment facilities and allow businesses to grow-in-place. In addition, pretreatment processes can address emerging contaminants and toxic chemicals such as per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS).

If you are interested in applying for funding to install pretreatment systems, please let us know by completing this "[Request for Information](#)" to share information about what your business needs to be able to adequately treat high-strength wastewater. If you are a municipal official this opportunity can help protect your wastewater treatment facility capacity by funding local limit studies to support allocations and the installation of pretreatment systems for industrial users.

The Vermont General Assembly has approved \$2 million in 2022 to provide the first round of pretreatment grants. This money will allow businesses and municipalities to meet specific pretreatment needs. An additional \$8 million could become available if the State determines that many more businesses and municipalities need grants to install pretreatment systems. Your answers will help the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) determine how much funding Vermont businesses and municipalities need to be able to install wastewater pretreatment systems.

Please complete this RFI by **November 19, 2021 at 4:00 pm**. [Here is the link to the RFI](#). If you'd like to learn more about American Rescue Plan Act funding through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, please visit <https://anr.vermont.gov/content/arpa-vermont>.

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## 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 16 10:00 am Bylaws Work Group

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 28 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

*Dec 31 Office closed - Holiday*

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