

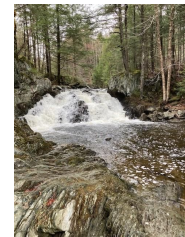
Weekly News Roundup December 3, 2021

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Upcoming Events

Winooski Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) and Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) Info Sessions: Wed 12/8 and Wed 12/15

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) for the Winooski Basin, is hosting two informational sessions for municipalities, groups, and individuals interested in water quality issues in the Winooski watershed. We hope you will participate. The Winooski CWSP and BWQC will be playing an important role in the prioritization of clean water projects and helping those projects access funding. The goal of these sessions is to provide information and an idea-sharing opportunity relating to:



- startup of CVRPC's activities as the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) for the Winooski basin; and
- formation of the Winooski Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) and solicitation of members

Meeting access information

In person: CVRPC Office, 29 Main St, Suite 4, Montpelier ((Facial coverings required for in-person participation)

Session 1: Wednesday, December 8, 4:30pm to 6pm

- Remote participation via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81138592620?pwd=T0ZKUUFNiNVpjZm9kUUxZMjY8wQkdmz09>
- Dial in via phone: +1 929 436 2866; Meeting ID: 811 3859 2620; Passcode: 255650

Session 2: Wednesday, December 15, 6pm to 7:30pm

- Remote participation via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782161324?pwd=Yjg3R2JjZjdGQ1V4NnN3WlhDVUVBZz09>
- Dial in via phone: +1 929 436 2866; Meeting ID: 847 8216 1324; Passcode: 400470

Please contact to vinson@cvregion.com with any questions.

VCDA Fall Conference: Vermont Communities At a Turning Point | Community Development Forum Discussions

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. Join the VCDA Board and community and economic development partners from across the state for expert-facilitated discussions focused on some of the most pressing issues of our time.

Presented Virtually on December 7th 2021 9:00am-12:00pm

Register for free at <https://bit.ly/3nTZ6WL>, donations to VCDA welcome!

Reviewing your Town Plan & Regulations: Lessons Learned

December 8, 2021 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Every eight years, Vermont municipalities update their town plans to set the vision for moving forward and balancing an array of competing values. Natural resource issues are an important



consideration in this balancing act. While every town is unique and different resources are present in each community, a lot can be learned from what other towns have done to address these topics. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department & Vermont Natural Resources Council have just completed our decennial review of every town plan, zoning, subdivision & ordinance in Vermont. Their analysis offers insights into best practices in handling natural resource issues in municipal planning. Join this session to learn more about improving your town plan natural resources chapter. [REGISTER](#)

Weatherization Payment Design Focus Group

A group of Vermont's energy and financing partners are working to establish a new payment mechanism, allowing more Vermonters to pay for comprehensive weatherization projects to make homes more efficient, affordable, and comfortable. Participants will hear a short presentation about the initiative then have time to ask questions and provide important feedback and improvements. This will be a 1-hour event held virtually over Zoom. In exchange for your time, you will receive a \$50 gift card.



If you are a homeowner of a building between 1-4 units (including a single family home that you live in) and would like to participate, register for a focus group by following one of the following links:

- o December 14th, 6-7pm [**Zoom link registration**](#)
- o December 15th, 6-7pm [**Zoom link registration**](#)

Have questions? Can't make it to these dates but want to participate? Contact Chad Simmons at csimmons@vhfa.org or 802.451.8627

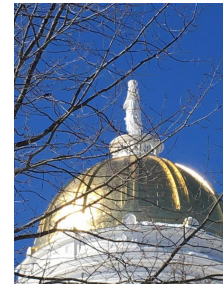
Community News

Join the CVRPC Team!

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is expanding our team! We're hiring two new positions to increase local and regional services to our communities.

- Climate and Energy Planner
- Natural Resources Planner

All inquiries held confidential. Additional information and job descriptions available [here](#). Apply to join our team if you enjoy leveraging the power of people working together to create vibrant communities!



Federal Government to Transition from DUNS to UEI for Federal Awards

Is your municipality a recipient of federal funds? Important changes are underway. By April 4, 2022, the Federal government will transition away from the use of the DUNS Number and toward the new Unique Entity ID as the primary means of entity identification for Federal awards government-wide. If you are registered in SAM.gov, you've already been assigned a new Unique Entity ID! It's viewable in your SAM.gov entity registration record. Go to fsd.gov and select the green Help on UEI Transition button to learn more.

Please note that the DUNS number remains the authoritative number until April 2022. Below are some FAQ's that you may find helpful:

- [How do I get a Unique Entity ID \(SAM\)?](#)
- [How does the transition affect me as a subcontractor or sub-recipient?](#)
- [Will I be able to use the DUNS Number to search after April 2022?](#)

The FAQs are organized by what you do in SAM.gov to make it easier to find information that is important to you. Also available are recordings of sessions outlining this change, please visit <https://www.cfo.gov/financial-assistance/resources/innovation-exchanges.html>

Submit Your Research Ideas!

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is able to fund up to three external research projects annually, and we want to hear about your research ideas! Project ideas must be submitted by December 17, 2021, to be considered for this year's research program. The opportunity to submit

research ideas is open to everyone, however projects must have an AOT champion in order to advance in the research process. [Please submit your research idea by completing this form by December 17.](#)

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

Better Roads Grant Application Due December 17, 2021

The Better Roads Program, a program operated by the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Agency of Natural Resources, has set their deadline for funding applications on December 17, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. This program provides funding to support projects on municipal roads that strive to achieve two goals: improving water quality in the state of Vermont and saving money in maintenance costs. Projects must be proposed and conducted in line with the State's Clean Water Act and the Municipal Roads General Permit. To download a copy of the application [click here](#). If you need assistance with an application please contact Ashley Andrews by [email](#) as soon as possible.

Flood Resilient Communities Fund

Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) was established by the Vermont Legislature under Act 74 with the intent of improving landscape and community resilience and reducing the future public safety and water quality impacts of climate-related flood hazards in Vermont, focusing on buyouts of flood-vulnerable properties. This is a voluntary program that will prioritize projects in communities and/or for homeowners with greatest economic need and projects that mitigate repetitive loss among low-income and marginalized portions of the population.



- Application Period: Round two DUE January 31, 2022
- Funded By: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Eligibility Requirements:
 - Projects must reduce future flood risk and must have the co-benefit of improving water quality. Projects that will improve water quality over time are those that:
 - results in greater floodplain storage to reduce flood flows,
 - allows room for future natural river channel changes in ways that don't threaten property,
 - re-establishes floodplain and riparian vegetation and functions to help hold riverbanks and shade water, and
 - Improves filtration of flood waters.
 - Projects for town and/or public infrastructure within a community will require that community to have a currently approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).
- Available Funding: \$4.6 million in fiscal year 2022.
- Cost Share: Applicants can apply for up to 100% of project costs. Larger restoration projects will rate higher if they are leveraging other funding sources.
- Example Projects: home buyouts, vacant lot purchases, restoring natural floodplain access to improve floodplain function, dam removal projects that have the benefit of reducing flood risk, natural infrastructure and nature-based solutions for flood storage or improved floodplain and river functions, green infrastructure, and low-impact development to manage stormwater and reduce future flooding.

For more information see [FRCF Program Overview](#).

Required Documents

- [Application Form](#)

Required for Property Buyouts Only

- [Statement of Voluntary Participation](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding FRCF please contact the State Hazard Mitigation Officer: Stephanie Smith @ 802-989-6793 or stephanie.a.smith@vermont.gov



Funding Available to Improve Firefighter Safety

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) Program](#) is offering up to \$4,600,000 to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG program is intended to help firefighters

and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to achieve recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience by protecting the public and emergency personnel.

The population of the jurisdiction served by the applicant will determine the maximum amount of funding an organization is eligible to receive, ranging from up to \$1 million for jurisdictions of 100,000 or less to \$4.60 million for jurisdictions of 1 million or more. FEMA may also waive this cap in instances of extraordinary need.

Fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and State Fire Training Academies located and operating in any of the 50 states, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or federally recognized Indian tribes are all welcome to apply. Non-federal, cash matching requirements of 5% to 15% are determined by the size of communities served.

Applications for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program are due by **December 17, 2021**.

For more information about how Sustainable Strategies DC can help your community with an Assistance to Firefighters application, please contact [Sarah Marin](#) at (202) 308-7125. For additional information on philanthropic and other funding opportunities, please click [here](#) for website.

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)

DECEMBER

Dec 6 4 pm Executive Committee

Dec 8 4:30 pm Clean Water Service Provider and Basin Water Quality Council Info Session 1 (see above)

Dec 9 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee

Dec 14 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners

Dec 15 6:00 pm Clean Water Service Provider and Basin Water Quality Council Info Session 1 (see above)

Dec 23 4 pm Project Review Committee

Dec 24 Office closed - Holiday

Dec 31 Office closed - Holiday

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