

## Weekly News Roundup March 18, 2022

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### Upcoming Events

#### Vermont Capital Plan Forum

April 7 & 8, 2022

The Vermont Bond Bank will host a two-day virtual event for governmental units of all sizes and associated professionals to explore Vermont-specific best practices in capital planning. The Vermont Capital Plan Forum will take place on Thursday, April 7, from 9am to 1pm, and Friday, April 8, from 9am to 1pm. There is no cost to attend.



**[Click this link to read the agenda and to register for the forum.](#)**

Questions? Contact Ashley Lucht at [ashley@vtbondagency.org](mailto:ashley@vtbondagency.org) or 802-861-0074.

#### Green Justice Zones Forum

March 23 | 6-7:30 p.m.

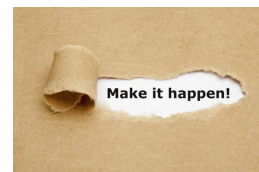
What is green justice, and how can it inform planning and community development in Vermont? A Green Justice Zone is the concept of making investments in sustainability and equity in neighborhoods that have been disinvested in and are overburdened with pollution, and/or have higher exposure to risks associated with climate change. These initiatives use data mapping, community design and a participatory budgeting process to support community revitalization in communities who have experienced the most harms by the current climate crisis. Vermont's 11 regional planning commissions have partnered with Rights and Democracy to explore the concept and how it can be applied in our state. Guests include representatives from the Green Justice Zone efforts in the city of Providence, RI, which has begun implementing its Climate Justice Plan.

**[Register here.](#)**

### Community News

#### Join the CVRPC Team

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) seek a versatile Planner to plan, implement, and manage projects. This interdisciplinary position will serve in a range of program areas, including emergency management and hazard mitigation planning, municipal ARPA assistance, and healthy and resilient community design. This full-time, permanent position requires significant contact and coordination with municipal officials, regional organizations, and State and Federal government. **[Learn more.](#)**



The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) seek several planning technician positions for the summer of 2022. This dynamic position provides an opportunity to experience a breadth of planning activities, from working in the office participating in the regional planning process through analyzing demographic, spatial and transportation data, to working on site,



### Ice Jam Release Contact Information

Vermont Local Roads and the Vermont Agency of Transportation want to make sure all municipalities across Vermont have the needed access to Green Mountain Power contacts when ice jamming is being released. By reaching out and working in partnership with Green Mountain Power, we can ensure the safety of all parties involved.

Please use the below emergency contact number and email addresses when notifying GMP of municipal ice jam release plans:

- GMP emergency notification
- o Emergency contact number that will ring in both Colchester and Rutland Dispatch rooms  
§ 802.770.5656
- GMP ice jam removal notification via email
- o [PowerProduction@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:PowerProduction@greenmountainpower.com)
- o [DispatchColchester@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:DispatchColchester@greenmountainpower.com)
- o [DispatchRutland@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:DispatchRutland@greenmountainpower.com)

Additionally, please notify the VTrans Transportation Management Center (TMC) in conjunction with your GMP notifications. The TMC can be reached 24/7 at 802-828-2648 or [AOT.TMC@vermont.gov](mailto:AOT.TMC@vermont.gov). We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to provide this critical safety information.

### Capstone Community Action Needs Assessment Survey



To help guide in developing future programs and services, Capstone your input! Help them learn more about the needs in our community by answering this short survey between 3/15/22 and 3/31/22. If you complete the survey to the end, you can enter to win one of 10 grocery store \$50 gift cards.

Three ways to take the survey:

1. Take the survey Here (the link can also be found at [www.capstonevt.org](http://www.capstonevt.org)):  
[https://middlebury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_24ymNgjzBj2klK](https://middlebury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_24ymNgjzBj2klK)
2. Open your smartphone camera and focus on the [QR code here](#) and it will take you directly to the survey!
3. Want to do it the old-fashioned way? Go to your local Capstone office and ask for a paper copy at the front desk. Just make sure you return it within one week's time so that we can enter your answers into the online survey

### RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines



#### Request for Proposals – Route 12 Crosswalk Siting and Signaling, Northfield Falls

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is soliciting proposals for the completion of a Feasibility Study. This study includes assessing the feasibility and developing concept plans for a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) protected crosswalk on the Route 12 corridor at the intersection of Gould Road and Cox Brook Road and Route 12 in Northfield, Vermont.

[Full RFP available here.](#)

Questions are due by April 6, 2022. Please send to [meyer@cvregion.com](mailto:meyer@cvregion.com). Responses will be posted on the website on April 8, 2022.

Proposals are due April 13, 2022, 2PM and must be submitted electronically to [meyer@cvregion.com](mailto:meyer@cvregion.com)

#### Request for Proposals – Town of Orange Capital Improvement Plan

The Town of Orange is seeking Consulting Engineering Services for the Development of a Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP is intended to be a multi-year plan that identifies each proposed municipal capital improvement, the source of funding, the cost, and cash flow information. The CIP will be prepared using an open process, providing opportunity for residents, and municipal departments, and organizations to propose and comment on capital improvements and priorities.

[Full RFP available here.](#)

Questions are due by April 4, 2022. Please send to [meyer@cvregion.com](mailto:meyer@cvregion.com). Responses will be posted on the website as questions are received. Proposals are due April 12, 2022, 4PM and must be submitted electronically to [meyer@cvregion.com](mailto:meyer@cvregion.com)

## **NBRC State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant is Now Open**

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) 2022 State Economic & Infrastructure Development grant application opportunity is now open. New for 2022 is the requirement that applicants express interest through a Letter of Interest, which must be submitted by April 22nd. Eligible organizations, which include nonprofit and governmental entities (state, local & Indian tribes), may [access grant application details](#) online.

Please [find more information here](#) including the NBRC manual, scoring criteria for Vermont applications, and regional project prioritization lists. Use these lists to see the projects that have been identified as high priorities for NBRC investments in each region. Applicants are encouraged to contact State Program Manager [Kristie Farnham](#) prior to submitting any materials.

## **State Funding Available to Replace Wells and Septic Systems**

A new program from the [Vermont Agency of Natural Resources](#) has funding for low and moderate income Vermont homeowners to replace their home water or wastewater systems. Applications for the first round of funding are open through April 15, 2022.

Low-income Vermont homeowners often find it challenging to repair or replace failing on-site water (such as wells) or wastewater systems (such as septic tanks and leach fields), due both to the high cost and difficulty in navigating the regulatory landscape. These homeowners are disproportionately likely to have been financially impacted by the pandemic. In response, Governor Scott has proposed \$3 million in ARPA funding to provide safe and reliable drinking water sources and wastewater disposal systems. The General Assembly provided an initial \$1 million to support this work, and additional funding is anticipated in future fiscal years. The Healthy Homes Initiative On-Site will provide assistance to low to moderate income residential property owners, including owner-occupied multi-family properties with up to four units.

Applications for the first round of funding are open through April 15, 2022. Starting April 16, 2022, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and funding will be provided as available. Detailed eligibility guidelines and application instructions are available on the [Vermont Agency of Natural Resources website](#).

The program will also host a [webinar on March 18, 2022](#) from 12:00-1:00 pm (Call In/Audio Only at 802-828-7667, Phone Conference ID: 361 521 6#) with more information about the application and award process.

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

***CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings (see agendas on our [website](#) for details).***

### **MARCH**

March 21 6 pm Brownfields Advisory Committee  
March 22 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee  
March 24 4 pm Project Review Committee

### **APRIL**

Apr 4 4 pm Executive Committee  
Apr 12 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners  
Apr 18 6 pm Brownfields Advisory Committee  
Apr 19 6 pm Nominating Committee  
Apr 26 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee  
Apr 27 5 pm Nominating Committee  
Apr 28 4 pm Project Review Committee

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