

Weekly News Roundup April 15, 2022

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Upcoming Events

Regional Recreation Economy Meeting

April 25 | 5:00 pm Virtual

Join us to learn how you can use Trail Finder to support local recreation efforts. Trail Finder is a free, interactive mapping site that is maintained by the Upper Valley Trails Alliance. It is designed to help residents and visitors find hiking, walking snowshoeing, mountain biking, cross country skiing, and paddling trails across the state. To register for this virtual event, sign up here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpc-yvpjkoEtJUWar2IgEYD6K5GARSFDOS

Vermont BIPOC Business Roundtable

Vermont Partnership for Fairness & Diversity is hosting a series of virtual BIPOC business roundtables. These roundtables will inform recommendations to the State of Vermont on how best to support BIPOC business development. In 2020, Vermont Partnership conducted a survey of BIPOC business needs. It now wants to know in greater detail how best to deliver or through what mechanisms BIPOC business needs might be met from the point of view of the business owner. Each hour-long roundtable will have between 8-12 participants. Curtiss Reed, Jr., President & CEO of the CRJ Consulting Group, L3C, will facilitate each roundtable. Key findings will be shared with businesses and relevant State agencies. Learn more and register for a roundtable at https://vermontpartnership.org/2022/03/25/vermont-bipoc-business-roundtable-registration/.

VCRD April Workshop: Engaging with Municipal Leadership in Your Community Friday, April 29 | 10 - 11:30 am Virtual

An often important component of advancing projects in your community may be to engage and work with local municipal leadership - Selectboards, Planning Commissions, City Councils, etc. In this workshop, you will hear from community and municipal leaders and discuss effective ways to communicate and coordinate with municipal leadership and work together for the future of your community. Register here.

Save The Date: Vermont Community Leadership Summit

August 10, 2022 | Vermont Technical College

The team at the Vermont Council on Rural Development - along with a diverse planning committee of experts from across the state - is well underway in planning our third Community Leadership Summit where leaders will come back together to renew, connect, and continue to lead progressive change in Vermont.

Community News

Financial and Energy Coaching

Green Saving Smart is offering free financial and energy coaching free

of charge. The program is free to Vermont residents earning 80% FMI, or 120% FMI for those who identify as Single Parent, BIPOC, or New American household. **Read More** >>

Central Vermont Energy Round Table

CVRPC's Climate & Energy Planner Sam Lash is facilitating a Round Table with Energy Committees and Coordinators around the Central

Vermont Region and welcomes you to participate. Read more and complete a brief survey regarding timing of the event <u>here.</u>



Green Mountain Power (GMP) Launches Sun Match Program to Help Income-Eligible Customers Save

GMP has launched the Sun Match Pilot Program, to connect more lowand moderate-income customers with solar power, without having to build their own systems. Learn more <u>here!</u>

Energy Storage and Weatherization Webinar Recordings Available

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission co-hosted two webinars in February, which are now available online. The first webinar, co-hosted with Green Mountain Power, focused on GMP's battery storage programs. The second, co-hosted with Efficiency Vermont, focused on weatherization and windows. Watch the Recordings.



A bi-monthly email, the Energy Digest will features grant and program opportunities, thematic resources, and events across the region and State.

To sign-up and/or share your events and news with your neighbors, please email Lash@cvregion.com

Three Communities Along Cross Vt Trail Receive Major State Grants

Three communities along the Cross Vermont Trail receive major grants to promote and improve access to trails and outdoor recreation.

Governor Scott and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and
Recreation announced on March 28 the award of nearly 5 million dollars
in funding to 24 outdoor recreation projects statewide including three - in Groton, Cabot and
Montpelier - that will help extend the Cross Vermont Trail network. Read More >>

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

RFP for Brownfields Phase II Environmental Site Assessment

CVRPC was awarded \$100,000 for the implementation of Vermont's Brownfield program by providing assessment funding to recognized brownfield sites in the State. The funding for this program is made possible through grant funding from Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development; Department of Economic Development.

CVRPC is seeking a Qualified Environmental Professional to undertake a Phase II

CVRPC is seeking a Qualified Environmental Professional to undertake a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment on a site enrolled in the CVRPC's Brownfield Assessment Program. Full RFP & details here.

RFP for Health Equity and Community Design TA Pilot in partnership with Vermont's Better Places program

Vermont Department of Health is partnering with the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to pilot a Health Equity and Community Design Technical



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Assistance (TA) Pilot. The TA Pilot will provide extra capacity and resources to communities to develop healthy community design and placemaking plans and ideas, that center on equity. The TA will be available to all eligible communities to help advance healthy community design and health equity projects. The TA will also help prepare communities that are interested in, but not yet ready to apply for, the Better Places crowdfunding grants. Full RFP & details here.

Upcoming Meetings

CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings (see agendas on our <u>website</u> for details).

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Apr 19 6 pm Nominating Committee

Apr 21 1 pm Winooski Basin Water Quality Council

Apr 25 5 pm Regional Recreation Economy

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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