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CCRPC Regional Notes | July 2026

Good afternoon,

As we begin a new fiscal year, we're looking ahead to another year of working alongside our member municipalities and local, regional, and statewide partners to address shared challenges and opportunities. This edition highlights several important milestones for CCRPC, including our 60th anniversary, the election of our FY2027 Board officers, and the promotion of four staff members into leadership roles. More details can be found just below this note. Together, these milestones strengthen our organization and position us to continue

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providing high-quality planning, technical assistance, and regional leadership in support of our communities.

We'd also like to extend our sincere thanks to Eleni Churchill, who retired at the end of June after almost 20 years at CCRPC. Throughout her career, Eleni worked alongside municipalities and partners to help build stronger, safer, and more connected communities across Chittenden County. We are grateful for her many contributions and wish her all the best in this next chapter!

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and engagement. We look forward to working together in the months ahead.

Best regards,

Charlie Baker

Executive Director, [CCRPC](#)

OF NOTE

CCRPC Board Elects Officers for FY2027

At its Annual Meeting on June 17, the CCRPC Board elected the following officers to serve for Fiscal Year 2027.

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Translation

The CCRPC newsletter can be translated into many languages using Google Translate. Visit the [newsletter webpage](#) for more information.

Calendar

For a full list of Board members for FY27, visit the [Commissioners/Alternates webpage](#).

- Bard Hill as Chair | *Richmond*
- Jacki Murphy as Vice Chair | *Colchester*
- Dana Hanley as Secretary / Treasurer | *Charlotte*
- Joe Segale as At-Large Member for Municipalities Under 5,000 | *Huntington*
- Andy Montroll as At-Large Member for Municipalities Over 5,000 | *Burlington*
- Chris Shaw as Immediate Past Chair | *South Burlington*

CCRPC Recognizes Four Staff Promotions

CCRPC is pleased to announce four staff promotions that strengthen our leadership team and recognize the outstanding expertise and dedication of existing staff:

- Taylor Newton promoted to Deputy Director
- Jason Charest, PE, promoted to Transportation Technical Program Manager
- Bryan Davis, AICP, promoted to Transportation Planning Program Manager
- Kate McCarthy, AICP, promoted to Community Development Program Manager

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Please Note: All meetings are hybrid unless otherwise specified. Information needed to join remotely is included in every meeting agenda, which is posted in advance to each committee webpage.

Find all CCRPC committee webpages [here](#).

July

7/15, 6:00pm: CCRPC Board of Directors Meeting

7/22, 1:00pm: VT Land Use Review Board Public Hearing on 2026 ECOS Regional Plan

7/22, 5:00pm: Community Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting

August

CCRPC Celebrates 60th Anniversary

During the last 60 years, CCRPC has collaborated with all levels of government, public and private sectors, and the public to plan for healthy, vibrant communities, economic development, and efficient transportation of people and goods. [This timeline](#), developed by CCRPC staff, highlights some significant milestones, events, and other happenings in Chittenden County and beyond over the last 60 years. [Learn More »](#)

CCRPC's FY27 Work Program Underway

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is CCRPC's annual work program that describes our activities and specifies the deliverables for the next year. The FY27 UPWP will be in effect from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The UPWP is the mechanism to implement the strategies for our region outlined in the ECOS Plan and helps municipalities implement their local plans. [Learn More »](#)

It's Roadway Construction Season! Have You Signed up for CCRPC's Weekly Traffic Alert Emails?

From April through December, CCRPC provides a weekly Traffic Alert email service to subscribers. This helpful resource shares the latest construction and roadway activity in and around Chittenden County for the week ahead so you can stay informed and prepare accordingly! [Learn More + Sign Up »](#)

2026 + 2027 Religious and Cultural Days of Significance Calendars

[CANCELED] 8/4, 9:00am:
Transportation Advisory
Committee Meeting

8/4, 11:00am: Clean Water
Advisory Committee
Meeting

8/5, 5:45pm:
Executive/Finance
Committee Meeting

[CANCELED] 8/19, 6:00pm:
CCRPC Board of Directors
Meeting

8/26, 5:00pm: Community
Engagement Advisory
Committee Meeting

**CCRPC Board of Directors
FY27 Membership**

CCRPC staff prepares a religious and cultural days of significance calendar annually. This calendar is not exhaustive, but is intended to be a resource to be consulted prior to scheduling meetings and events for the current year and the year ahead. A **new** calendar is available for 2027. [View the Calendar »](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Essex Junction Pearl Street Pedestrian Crossings Study: Presentation at City Council Meeting - July 22

The project team will present the [final draft report](#) to the city council for their consideration at the July 22 meeting. The meeting will be held in person at 2 Lincoln St., Essex Junction with a remote option available. Members of the public are encouraged to review the final draft report and attend the city council meeting to provide input! [Learn More »](#)

Local Motion Community Input Survey

Local Motion is developing its next strategic plan and your voice matters! Survey results will help Local Motion in pursuing its mission of making it safe, accessible, and fun for everyone to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont. [Take the Survey »](#)

Milton Selectboard Adopts Plans to Guide Downtown Growth, Safer Transportation

The Milton Selectboard adopted two long-range planning documents on 7/6 to help shape the town's downtown

FY27 Membership is effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Bolton: Tess O'Brien

Buel's Gore: Garret Mott

Burlington: Andy Montroll

Charlotte: Dana Hanley

Colchester: Jacki Murphy

Essex: Andy Watts

Essex Junction: Scott McCormick

Hinesburg: John Kingston

Huntington: Joe Segale

Jericho: Catherine McMains

core, transportation network, and approach to future development: the Downtown Core Master Plan and the Active Transportation Plan. Together, the plans are expected to inform future capital improvement planning, redevelopment opportunities, grant applications and transportation decisions as Milton continues to plan around its downtown core and the U.S. 7 corridor. [Learn More »](#)



Bryan Davis Receives Walk Bike Summit Award

CCRPC Transportation Planning Program Manager, Bryan Davis, was recognized at the May [Vermont Walk Bike Summit](#) for his substantial efforts over many

years in making this event a continued success. Congratulations and thank you, Bryan!

Transportation Projects & Updates

For a full list of current transportation projects, visit the CCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee [webpage](#); a full project list is included in every TAC agenda and is updated regularly.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Vermont Homes for All: Small Scale Developer Academy | Virtual Six-Week Online Course

Milton: Chuck Wilton

Richmond: Bard Hill (*Chair*)

Shelburne: Jeff Carr

St. George: Joel Colf

So. Burlington: Andrew Chalnack

Underhill: Brad Holden

Westford: Ben Bornstein

Williston: McKew Devitt

Winooski: Mike O'Brien

For more information about the Board of Directors, click [here](#).

An intensive [six-week virtual program](#) for emerging developers ready to apply practical skills to a real project—covering pro formas, zoning, investor pitches, and more, culminating in a Dolphin Tank pitch session. Registration requires completing a short [intake form](#) first.

802 Homes Age-Friendly Housing Workshops

These workshops, made possible with help from AARP's Flagship Community Challenge grant, will focus on refining draft housing designs to better support aging in place and long-term livability. Participants will be invited to share perspectives on safety, accessibility, usability, and affordability, and more.

- Thursday, July 16th, 1:30-3:00pm, Virtual ([Zoom](#), [RSVP for link](#))
- Monday, July 20th, 9:30-11:00am, Virtual ([Zoom](#), [RSVP for link](#))

[Learn More + Register »](#)

2026 ECOS Regional Plan Update - Public Hearing July 22

On May 20, the CCRPC Board voted to adopt the 2026 ECOS Regional Plan. After adoption, CCRPC submitted the ECOS Plan to Vermont's Land Use Review Board (LURB) for a determination of regional plan compliance per 24 V.S.A. 4348. The intent of this determination is for the LURB to make sure that the 2026 ECOS Plan conforms with the state planning goals in 24 V.S.A. 4302 and the required plan elements of 24 V.S.A. 4348a. The LURB has

CCRPC Current (FY27) Annual Work Plan + Budget

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CCRPC Funding Database

The CCRPC Funding Database is a near complete list of funding opportunities available to municipalities, non-profits, and businesses for planning and infrastructure-related projects. The list is updated by CCRPC staff annually every July. Users may filter the database by category, funding agency, and eligible organizations. [Learn More »](#)

scheduled its public hearing on the plan for Wednesday, July 22 at 1:00pm. After the hearing, the LURB will issue a written determination within 15 days. [Learn More »](#)

Leahy Institute Grant Program - Letters of Intent Due August 10

The Leahy Institute funds grants for partnership projects between community partners (businesses, nonprofits, state agencies) and university partners (students, faculty, medical researchers, etc.). With funding from the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the Leahy Institute supports partnerships between University of Vermont faculty, staff, students and facilities and rural and community-driven initiatives through a series of Partnership and Capacity Grants. [Learn More »](#)

Hundreds of Housing Units to be Built in Burlington's South End

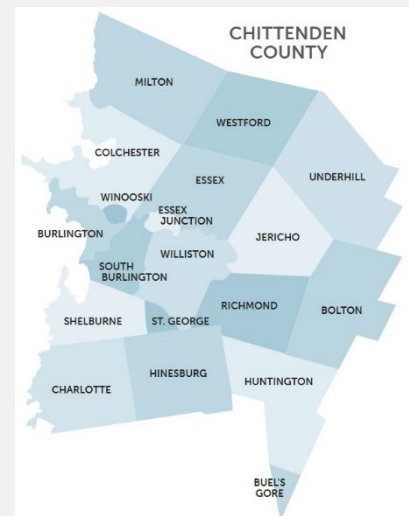
The first phase of the Burlington South End Coordinated Redevelopment Project was approved by the Burlington City Council last month. The project's backers have also secured funding commitments from Treasurer Mike Pieciak's office and state housing funding agencies. [Learn More »](#)

ECONOMY

Apprenticeship Starter Resources for Manufacturers - July 14

Our Communities

Click the map below to access links to each municipality, where you can find current projects, data reports, key statistics, and more.



Efficiency Vermont Blog: 9 Tips to Keep Your House Cool Without Air Conditioning

In Vermont, we're used to talking about how to stay warm and comfortable in the winter, but we do have a

The Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center is offering a focused one-hour "Noontime Knowledge" webinar that will provide the essentials needed to design and launch a successful Registered Apprenticeship program. Learn how to leverage an approach that develops individuals and the organization simultaneously. [Learn More + Register »](#)

EV Technician Workforce Development

Electric vehicle technicians will be in greater need as EVs go off warranty and consumers look to work with independent mechanics vs. dealerships. It is very important for EV techs to get safety training for high voltage and low voltage equipment. Vermont Clean Communities (VTCC) and Advanced Vehicle Technology Group will be offering EV technician trainings in the fall. The primary audience will be municipal fleet mechanics and independent mechanics. [Contact VTCC to Learn More »](#)

ENERGY, CLIMATE + NATURAL RESOURCES

Burlington Net Zero Energy Festival - August 22

Burlington Electric Department is hosting a day of outdoor fun for the whole family to share Burlington's Net Zero Energy vision. Learn how to reduce fossil fuel use and save money. Admission is free! 12-4pm, Saturday, August 22 at Waterfront Park in Burlington. [Learn More »](#)

Pro Tour of Burlington High School: All-Electric, LEED High School and Tech Center - September 4

few months of the year when indoor temperatures can get too hot to handle. Hot climates have been using these nine passive cooling strategies for many generations. [Learn More »](#)

CCRPC Staff

For a staff directory, organization chart and contact information, visit our [staff webpage](#).

Charlie Baker, Executive Director

Dan Albrecht, Natural Resources Program Manager

Maya Balassa, Planner

Cymone Bedford, Economic Mobility Manager

On September 4, the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) will provide an in-depth Pro Tour of the new, all-electric high school and tech center. There will be a review of the 250,000 square-foot campus, with over 70 learning spaces, each with natural light, including a modern library, a 750-seat auditorium, a gym, and common spaces of various sizes to best meet flexible community needs. [Learn More + Register »](#)

Save the Date: Arborist Day of Safety - September 22

The New England International Society of Arboriculture is providing a safety training that will include: Mechanical Advantage (2-hour interactive session), Stop the Bleed, Crane Safety, Essential Knots for Tree Crews and Chainsaw Teardown. It will be held at the Retreat Farm in Brattleboro, VT. [Learn More + Register »](#)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS + DISASTER RESILIENCY

UN Urges Preparation for Extreme Heat From El Niño

According to Reuters, the United Nations weather agency forecasted a moderate or possibly a strong El Niño that could drive up global temperatures and increase the risk of extreme weather over the coming months. [Learn More »](#)

Hot Weather Planning

Regional, municipal, and community partners play a critical role in reducing heat-related illness and death in their communities. The Vermont Department of Health

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has guidance for identifying potential health impacts of extreme heat and planning templates. [Learn More »](#)

Vermont Cybersecurity Resources for Municipalities

As cyber threats continue to evolve, local and state governments must strengthen their digital defenses to protect sensitive data, maintain public trust, and ensure operational resilience. In support of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, Ready Vermont offers practical and impactful initiatives designed to help government entities meet today's cybersecurity challenges without breaking their budgets or overwhelming their staff. [Learn More »](#)

Vermont's Wildland Fire Season; Backyard Burning Reminders

The Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) want to remind Vermonters to follow a few guidelines for backyard open burning to protect not only environmental and public health but also public safety. [Learn More »](#)

SOCIAL COMMUNITY

Protect Your Neighborhood from Bears

People often encourage bears to come out of the forest by providing food without realizing it. When bears become used to these food sources and have frequent contact with humans, they become more dependent on human foods and less wary. This puts bears at increased risk to

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vehicle collisions and of being killed in defense of property. What can you do?

- Keep chickens and honeybees secure within an electric fence or other bear-proof enclosure.
- Never feed bears, deliberately or accidentally.
- Feed your pets indoors.
- Feed birds from December to March only.
- Store trash in a secure place. Trash cans alone are not enough!

[Learn More »](#)

CCRPC IN THE NEWS

The following is a collection of recent press coverage featuring CCRPC and/or projects we're working on in our communities.

- [Milton Selectboard adopts plan to guide downtown growth, safer transportation](#) | *Milton Independent*
- [South Burlington eyes bike safety on one of VT's most dangerous roads](#) | *Burlington Free Press*
- [Williston neighbors come together to find solutions to country road traffic concerns](#) | *NBC5*
- [Local leaders want to build roundabout at problem intersection in Chittenden County](#) | *MSN*

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- [Colchester town leaders finalize recommendations for Route 2 and Clay Point Road intersection](#) | *WPTZ*
- ["Regional Goals: The CCRPC & planBTV Partnership"](#) | *The Burlington Plan* podcast

CONTACT

If you have questions, feedback, or suggested content for upcoming issues, contact Emma Vaughn, CCRPC Communications Manager: evaughn@ccrpcvt.org or (802) 846-4490 x121.

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