

When Government's Cooperate – State Government Municipal Day

September 22, 2017, 8:00-3:30

Asa Bloomer State Office Building, Conference Room 266
88 Merchants Row, Rutland

DRAFT AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration, Coffee and Pastries**

8:30- 9:00 **Opening Remarks: Intro to Permit Specialists**
Rick Oberkirch (*Department of Environmental Conservation*)

9:00 -11:00 **Wading In: Rivers and Floodplains**
Todd Menees, Josh Carvajal, Scott Jensen, John Broker Campbell and Ethan Swift

A panel of Department of Environmental Conservation staffers will help you navigate rivers and floodplain issues:

- *Rivers & Roads Training Program and working outside of right of way in emergency flood response*
- *Differences between General Permit activities, Next Flood Measures and Emergency Protective*
- *Everything you wanted to know about Floodplains and State Jurisdiction*
- *Tactical basin planning process and opportunities for towns to implement high priority water quality protection and restoration projects*

10:30-11:00 **Question-Answer Session for Panel**

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-11:45 **Where Land & Water Meet: Shorelands**
Laura Dlugolecki and Misha Cetner (*Department of Environmental Conservation*)

The Shoreland Protection Act was passed in July of 2014, protecting shorelands around lakes and ponds greater than 10 acres in size. Learn about how these regulations affect new and existing development, which activities are exempt, and the methods we use to encourage the protection of Vermont's lakeshores. Additionally, we will touch on the regulations and requirements surrounding aquatic nuisance control and lake encroachment.

11:45-12:15 **Where Land & Water Meet: Wetlands**
Zapata Courage (*Department of Environmental Conservation*)

When town officials are knowledgeable about wetlands, wetland rules, and permitting requirements, it helps projects get on the right track from the very beginning. Come learn about easy tools to use in your town to better serve your community while protecting your environment!

12:15-1:00 **Lunch (provided) and Networking**

1:00 – 2:00 **Act 250: Preparing for the Next 50 Years**

Donna Barlow Casey (*Natural Resources Board*)

The State's precedent-setting land use law – Act 250 – will celebrate its 50th birthday in 2020! Leading up to this notable milestone, "The Commission on Act 250: The Next 50 Years" will look at desirable and necessary changes to the Act. Join us to learn about the Commission's work, and bring your ideas and voices to this workshop in order to change the future! The NRB is interested in hearing municipal perspectives on where local planning should intersect with Act 250, ideas for criterion responsive to climate change, and other shifts in natural resources protection.

2:00 – 3:00 **Supporting and Managing Rural Enterprises in Your Community**

Stephanie Smith (*Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets*)

Vermont's farms can foster economic growth in your rural areas while respecting the character of the rural landscape, and municipalities have a strong role in supporting some surprising ventures. In this session, we look at on-farm business models that make farming sustainable, and how a municipality can enable development of innovative and diverse on-farm businesses while managing potential impacts and preserving the countryside.

3:00 – 3:30 **The Community Wildlife Program**

Monica Przyperhart (*Department of Fish & Wildlife*)

We'll give an overview of the Community Wildlife Program, which provides municipal planners and non-governmental organizations with the most up-to-date information on conservation science and resources for implementing their conservation projects. The program helps you take your community's conservation goals, use them to identify important wildlife habitat, and translate these goals into language that can be used in your town plans.