

When Governments Cooperate – State Government Municipal Day

November 2, 2018

111 West St, Act 250 Conference Room, Fish and Wildlife Bldg., Essex Junction, VT

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

8:30- 9:15 **Opening Remarks: Intro to Your Regional Permit Specialist and Enforcement Officer**
Jeff McMahon (*Permit Specialist*) and Gary Urich (*Environmental Enforcement Officer*)

9:15-9:45 **How to Prepare Your Community for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**
Elise Schadler (*Technical Assistance Coordinator, VT Urban & Community Forestry Prog, UVM Ext*)

EAB, an invasive beetle that feeds on and kills all species of ash trees, was confirmed in Vermont in February 2018. Already in 31 other states and three Canadian provinces, the economic impact of EAB has been greater than any other invasive forest pest in North America. Municipalities will bear the responsibility and costs of removing public trees that pose a safety risk, treating public ash trees of cultural or historic value, and replanting other species that strengthen the ecological, economic and aesthetic benefits provided by urban and community forests. This session will focus on resources and actions needed to mitigate the impact of EAB when it reaches your community.

9:45-10:00 **Break**

10:00-11:00 **Communities in Action: River Corridor Protection for No Adverse Impact**
Rebecca Pfeiffer, CFM (*Floodplain Manager, Assistant NFIP Coordinator*)

Where is development okay in the River Corridor? Why is “no adverse impact” important in our town? What are other communities taking to protect River Corridors and Floodplain functions? Sample new videos and resources for Zoning Administrators and community leaders:
www.floodtraining.vt.gov

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

11:15-12:00 **The Next Frontier for Universal Recycling**
Anne Bijur (*Solid Waste Management Program*)

Over the last five years, Vermonters successfully implemented many aspects of the Universal Recycling (UR) law, including the many municipalities that worked hard to make recycling and food scrap collection more convenient for their residents and businesses. This workshop will provide a brief overview of how the UR law impacts municipalities and what work still needs to be done. There will also be plenty of time for a Q&A, where participants can ask their questions about the UR requirements, recycling right in Vermont, operating and permitting a transfer station, and any other solid waste topics.

12:00-1:00 **Brown-bag Lunch Discussion**
Where Land & Water Meet: Wetland, Shoreland, and Lake Encroachment
Tina Heath (*Wetlands Ecologist*) and Michaela Stickney (*Regional Permit Analyst*)

Join us to discuss real-life scenarios of land use regulation where land and water meet. Both the Wetland Rules and the Shoreland Protection Act come into play when we address development or harvesting along water bodies. This workshop will cover the history of wetland and shoreline degradation, the importance of natural resource protection, the effects of regulation on new and existing development, and how to navigate scenarios that involve multi-program jurisdiction.