

When Governments Cooperate – State Government Municipal Day

October 25, 2018

100 Mineral St, First Floor Conference Room, Springfield, VT

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

8:30- 9:15 **Opening Remarks: Intro to Your Regional Permit Specialist and Enforcement Officer**

John Fay and Dan Mason (*Department of Environmental Conservation*)

9:15-9:45 **Communities in Action: River Corridor Protection for No Adverse Impact**

John Broker-Campbell (*Department of Environmental Conservation*)

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 found at www.floodtraining.vt.gov.

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

10:00-11:00 **Using BioFinder for Land Use Planning,
How (and Why) to Start a Conservation Commission**

Monica Przyperhart (*F&W Dept: Community Wildlife Program*)

Learn how to use the new BioFinder to get prioritized natural resource information about your town to better inform your town’s land use planning process. Participants will walk through a step-by-step example of using this free, online tool for accessing inventory information. Case studies of successful integration of natural resource information into a town’s planning process will be highlighted.

How does a Conservation Commission fit into the structure of a town? How can the town benefit? Would a Conservation Commission be a good match for your town? And... how do you actually get one started? This workshop that will provide both the big picture vision and some nuts & bolts.

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

11:15-12:00 **The Next Frontier for Universal Recycling**

Mia Roethlein (*Department of Environmental Conservation*)

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 –
Automated Wood Heat: Heating Municipal Buildings & Schools with Local Fuel**

Emma Hanson (*FPR Wood Energy Coordinator*)

Andrew Perchlik (*Director of the Clean Energy Development Fund*)

Learn how to improve your town’s bottom line by switching from fossil fuels to automated wood heat! Automated wood heat is the local, renewable fuel that creates jobs and retains local wealth. Fully automated systems allow buildings to be heated with the same hands-off convenience as propane or oil, but without all the fossil fuel negatives. This presentation will focus on options for municipal buildings and schools, and also touch on residential options. We will cover costs, rebates, financing, and the many benefits to Vermont’s forests and economy.

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