

Who We Are:

VCDA is an organization of individuals who are interested in working together on community development issues of importance to Vermonters. Members are from the private, non-profit and public sectors and work for state and local government, consulting firms, non-profit organizations and for profit businesses.

In 1978, the Vermont Community Development Association formed to address community development opportunities that are available through the HUD Community Development Block Grant and other federal grant programs. Since that time, we have expanded to cover a broader array of issues and have conducted many educational programs so that practitioners in the field can improve their knowledge and effectiveness.

What We Do:

- Promote the growth and viability of community-based development efforts,
- Encourage active citizen involvement in their communities
- Encourage collaboration between residents, private enterprise, non-profits and local government.

To these ends, VCDA:

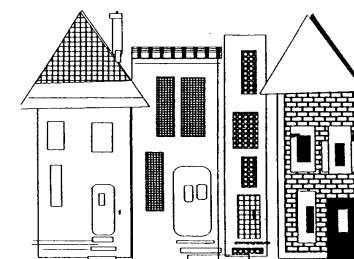
- Informs the general public
- Advocates for public and private resources that strengthen community development
- Provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and collaborative action

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2011
FALL CONFERENCE & ANNUAL
MEETING

RE-ENERGIZING VERMONT
Renewable Energy &
Your Local Economy



Wednesday, November 2, 2011

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**Langevin House
Vermont Technical College
Randolph, VT
Exit 4 – Interstate 89**

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Community National Bank
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Vermont Department of Labor
Vermont Department of Economic, Housing & Community
Development
Vermont Economic Development Authority
Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
Vermont Association of Planning & Development Agencies

About the Conference

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AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration and refreshments**
- 9:00 Welcome and introductions**
- 9:10 Lawrence Miller, Secretary of Commerce and Community Development**, will start off the conference at with a brief overview of the state's flood recovery efforts.
- 9:30 Keynote address: Elizabeth Miller, Commissioner, Public Service Department**
Statewide Energy Plan, release date October 15. Expectations for implementation, especially roles for community energy planners and municipal leaders.
- 10:00 Implementing Renewable Energy**
- Biomass Energy Research Center - Brenda Quiroz Maday, Executive Director**
Wood Energy in Vermont: An opportunity for Community Economic Development
- Re-shaping affordable housing - Craig Peltier, Asset Manager, VHCB**
Overview of VHCB and MacArthur Foundation funded research program:
A Roadmap for Housing Energy Affordability; Preserving Vermont's Affordable Rental Housing.
- 11:15 Renewables for the Business World**
- ALLEarth Renewables - Andrew Savage, Director of Communications and Public Affairs**
The Williston-based company is the manufacturer of the innovative AllSun Tracker. Find out about the company's local supply chain, learn about some of their exciting local partnerships, and hear about what's up next for the fast-growing renewable company that is having a significant impact on Vermont's renewable business world.
- Gifford Memorial Hospital - Tyson Moulton, Facilities Director**
One of the most energy efficient hospitals in Vermont, Gifford's goal is to become the state's first ENERGY STAR-rated hospital requiring a 12% reduction in current energy use. Hear the details of their energy reduction efforts.
- 12:15 Green Economy and Green Jobs - Dmitri Repnikov, Vermont Department of Labor**
Recent labor market trends and predictions; skills and qualifications needed by employers and /or employment impact/energy; green financing and current loan programs; best practices examples.
- There will be time for questions & answers and a break during the morning session.*
- 12:30 Lunch**
- Presentation of Bernice Murray Award**
- 1:30 Paying for Energy Solutions**
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) - VT Energy Investment Corp: Peter Adamczyk, Energy Finance & Development Manager**
Legislation passed in May 2011 (H.B. 56) made several important improvements to Vermont's PACE legislation, which will go into effect on **January 1, 2012**. Hear updates on changes to the PACE law and how to implement PACE in your community.
- 2:30 Renewable Energy Atlas - Scott Sawyer, Atlas Project Manager, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund**
Demonstration of cutting-edge on-line tool for towns to use in helping local energy groups.
- 3:00 Annual Meeting**

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Registration Form

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Lunch and Registration Fee:

VCDA Members - \$25.00 (per person)

Non-members - \$35.00 (per person)

Name(s): _____

Position: _____

Town/Firm: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Circle VCDA membership status:

Member Non-member

Method of Payment*

Check (payable to VCDA)

Pay at the Door

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check Number: _____

*Please note, attendees requiring an invoice will be billed an additional fee of \$10.00. Please pay in advance or at the door.

Registration Deadline: October 26

Space is limited so please register early!

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that we may accommodate.*