



# Lamoille County Planning Commission

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## Restoration of Barnes Camp Feasible



With the help of Robert Carl Williams Associates' (RCW) architectural design services, LCPC and the Smugglers' Notch Scenic Highway Partners have learned the restoration of the proposed Barnes Camp visitor center at the southern gateway of the scenic highway is indeed possible. Much to the Partners' surprise, most of the structure was found to be in sound shape, needing very little replacement. In keeping with the building's history, the firm's architectural designs propose an addition on the south side of the building to replicate one of the earlier wings of the building. The addition will have the exact same dimension as the historic wing and will house a new state of the art composting toilet system. In creating the foundation for this new addition and in order to shore-up the old structure, the designs propose the creation of a full basement under the entire footprint of the new structure. In order to do so, the existing building will be separated from its foundation and moved to the south for the excavation and then moved back on top of the new foundation when the excavation and new foundation have been completed. This new basement space will be used primarily for storage. The first floor will be used for information dissemination and meetings and the second floor will be used for offices and meetings.

In addition to restoring the structure, the designs propose site improvements around the building, including access to the wetland boardwalk that was proposed in the original Corridor Management Plan. As it turns out, the original cost estimate for the project of \$500,000 was accurate. This study was funded by a Transportation Enhancements grant. The next phase of design work and the permitting and construction of the project will be funded via two grants that have already been secured. Prior to initiating the next phase however, the project Partners will be assembling Financial and Business plans and Operations and Maintenance plans for the building and its programs, including an Environmental Education Collaborative. For more information about the various Smugglers' Notch Scenic Highway Corridor projects, contact LCPC's Special Projects Manager, Bill Rossmassler at 888-4548 ext.102.

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### Upcoming meetings:

- ◆ February 24, 12-2 pm: Transportation Advisory Committee, Tegu Bldg, Morrisville.
- ◆ Local Emergency Planning Committee #11 March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. Meeting location TBD
- ◆ March 23, 7-9 pm : Lamoille County Planning Commission, Board of Directors, Tegu Bldg., Morrisville.
- ◆ March 24, 12-2 pm: Transportation Advisory Committee, Tegu Bldg, Morrisville

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!



## Feed Vermont's Food Market

Vermont's food industry experienced new growth in the 1980's with the support of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets. The Agency sought out producers with diversified products and helped them to grow beyond their home kitchens. The introduction of the Vermont food entrepreneur to the world market was well received. The discerning consumer began to seek out the Vermont name, making it synonymous with quality and purity.

Vermont's food processing industry contributes over \$1 billion a year to the state's economy. The state is offering support to food producers through the Vermont Innovation Kitchens (VIK) Grant.

### *Innovation Kitchens Grants*

With federal funding, the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) is encouraging applications from Vermont municipalities for the development of Vermont Innovation Kitchens (VIK). Innovation Kitchens will serve to strengthen Vermont's food market by providing start up producers with technical assistance in food safety and inspection, processing, packaging, distribution and other basic business practices.

### *How to Apply*

Organizations with a solid business plan that will assist in the growth of Vermont's food market and introduce new job opportunities to their region are encouraged to apply in partnership with their municipality. Applications will be accepted through the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP). More information on this program, the process of applying for an implementation grant and schedule of application/technical assistance workshops can be found at [www.dhca.state.vt.us/VCDP/](http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/VCDP/).

## Morristown Zoning Update Focuses On VT Route 100 Corridor

On the heels of its recent zoning update, which became effective in November, the Morristown Planning Commission isn't taking any breaks. Even before the public process was completed for the recent update, the Planning Commission was already busy working on the next area of Town it wants to focus on – the VT Route 100 corridor. Hosting 6 panel discussions to consider what could be done along the corridor, the Planning Commission solicited input from a variety of sources including property owners, representatives from the downtown, local airport and state Aviation Division, the Smart Growth Collaborative and state Planning Division, the Town's Conservation Commission, the Recreation Trail Committee and the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

As a result of this input and in consultation with the Selectboard, in the coming months, the Planning Commission is going to focus its efforts on the area around the airport to see if there is any interest in creating a new industrial business district. The intent of creating such a district would be to provide a new area for certain industrial and business uses that would complement the airport and its activity, not compete with existing uses in any of the other districts in town and reduce the amount of future conflicts between the airport and residential uses. Aside from the airport area, the Commission will be looking at planning tools it can use along the entire corridor that will preserve both the corridor's efficient transportation function and attractive scenic quality.

For more information about Morristown's VT Route 100 corridor zoning effort, contact the Morristown Planning Commission or LCPC's Special Projects Manager, Bill Rossmassler at 888-4548 ext.102.





## All-Hazard Mitigation Plans: Round 2



Jeffersonville Landslide

LCPC staff has been busy updating the Regional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and its 10 town “annexes”, which were first adopted in 2005 and approved by FEMA in 2006.

All-Hazard plans attempt to reduce the impact of expected but unpredictable natural and human-caused hazardous events by developing and implementing strategies to expand the disaster resistance of each local jurisdiction.

FEMA requires that the regional plan and its town annexes be reviewed, revised and re-adopted both at the local level and by FEMA within 5 years of the original adoption date in order to remain eligible for pre-disaster mitigation, hazard mitigation and flood mitigation grant funds.

LCPC has prepared a checklist for each town which identifies the sections of their local plans which need review and will be contacting the local emergency management coordinators and directors. LCPC can provide any additional assistance necessary to complete the update process.

After the updates are completed the plans are sent to Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA for comment and conditional approval and then returned to the towns for adoption by each Selectboard.

A copy of the draft Regional All-Hazard Plan is available on LCPC’s website at [www.lcpcvt.org](http://www.lcpcvt.org), for public comment and review.

For more information, please contact LCPC at 888-4548.

## Using GIS: Municipal Mapping Projects

The Lamoille County Planning Commission assists with town plan maps and data updates, but how else can municipalities use LCPC Geographic Information System (GIS) services?

- **Road map updates:** Are there new private roads that aren’t on your current maps? Or are some of the road names on your map wrong? Could your map be more useful in a different size?
- **Hydrant mapping:** LCPC is currently working with Morristown and Stowe to update their fire hydrant maps.
- **Walking maps:** Create downtown tour or local trail maps.
- **Cemetery mapping:** LCPC is working with the Stowe Cemetery Association to map new and existing plots for the Riverbank Cemetery.
- **Provide large format prints:** LCPC can provide poster size 36”x48” prints as well as 11”x17”.
- **Corridor mapping:** Maps of Route 100, the Proposed Alternate Truck Route in Morrisville and various river corridors are available.
- **Grant Applications:** Create site location maps of projects for your grant applications using aerial photographs or topographic maps.
- **Provide technical assistance to municipalities:** Need assistance adding new data to your own GIS, or have an interest in exporting the maps into different formats, like Google Earth files or interactive PDFs?

LCPC mapping services are available for municipal requests. Please contact Adrienne McFarland, [adrienne@lcpcvt.org](mailto:adrienne@lcpcvt.org) or 888-4548 ext 103, to discuss project ideas.

## 2010 Vermont Emergency Calendar

The 2010 Vermont Emergency Management Calendar is now available. The calendar features information regarding natural and human made hazards as well as emergency preparedness information. The calendar is free. Copies are available at the Commission office. To request copies contact Amanda Holland at the LCPC at [Amanda@lcpcvt.org](mailto:Amanda@lcpcvt.org) or 888.4548 ext. 109.



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## Staff News at LCPC

*Amanda Holland* has accepted the position of Transportation Planner at the LCPC. Amanda was the Assistant Planner and has been staffing the transportation program since mid-September. She's moved into the new position effective January 1.

Congratulations to LCPC's Bookkeeper, Karen Huard and her husband Frank for winning the Vermont Dairy Industry Association's, Vermont Highest Quality/Best Overall Quality Goat Milk Award at the 2010 Vermont Farm Show!

LCPC welcomes its newest family member. *Emily Waninger-Smith* was born on October 28, 2009 to Executive Director Bonnie Waninger. Congratulations Bonnie and Steve!

## Funding Available for Education and Training!

The Municipal Education Grant program (MEG) provides municipalities with funds for training volunteer boards and commissions to help them perform their duties. The fund is designed to bring trainers directly to the community so that all members of the land use boards and commissions have the opportunity for basic and on-going education. Municipalities may apply for a grant of up to \$800 any time before May 15, 2010. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding is fully allocated.

Communities in our region have successfully used this program to bring training on a variety of topics directly to Board members.

LCPC can provide assistance in organizing and providing trainings on a number of topics including:

- ⇒ Roles and Responsibilities (Introduction or Advanced)
- ⇒ Conducting Meetings/Hearings
- ⇒ Making/Writing Decisions
- ⇒ Public Participation
- ⇒ Bylaw and Plan Adoption
- ⇒ Water Quality and Stormwater Considerations
- ⇒ Downtown and Village Planning
- ⇒ New Board Member Orientation
- ⇒ Customized Training for Special Topics, such as capital budgets, site plan review and village planning

For more information about the MEG program or to discuss a particular training need, call LCPC at 888-4548.

Program materials can also be found at: <http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/Planning/MEG.htm>.

## Board Spotlight:



At the November LCPC Board meeting, VT ANR River Scientist Staci Pomeroy brought a flume model to demonstrate how rivers move and shape the landscape. The model accelerates the changes that occur when riverbank armoring or undersized structures (such as culverts) are installed, and alter the flow of water and sediments both upstream and downstream.