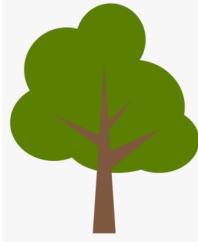


# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR FORESTS

## Free Workshop - Forest Economics and Ecology

Thursday, August 19  
5:30 PM



Michael Snyder, Commissioner of the  
VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation  
and  
Eric Sorenson, Ecologist with the  
VT Fish and Wildlife Dept.

*Presented by the Bennington County Regional Commission and Representative Seth Bongartz*

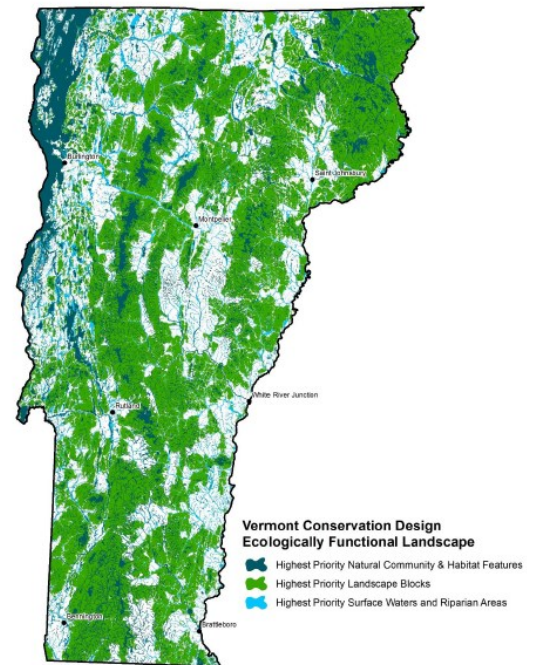
Park House at the Manchester Recreation Center

340 Recreation Park Road - Follow Route 30 north from the Center Roundabouts

Town and regional plans are encouraged to support forest management practices that protect important natural resources while also benefitting forest-based economic activities.

This workshop will provide an overview of the economic value of our forest resources while also reviewing ecological principles that are fundamental to a healthy natural environment. Vermont Conservation Design is a system that can help with the planning process by identifying key features necessary for maintaining an ecologically functional landscape – a landscape that conserves current biological diversity while allowing species to move and shift in response to climate and land-use changes. That healthy functioning landscape in turn supports the local economy.

Our speakers will review the science behind Vermont Conservation Design and discuss real world applications relevant to local and regional planning, conservation, and economic development.



This workshop is free and open to the public and a light meal will be provided for all attendees. Municipal planning commissioners and other local officials involved in land use and conservation issues are encouraged to attend, along with anyone having an interest in conserving Vermont's forest resources while planning for compatible development.

Registration is not required, but call or email Jim Sullivan at the Bennington County Regional Commission if you plan to attend so that we can order enough food!

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