

Housing Summit

Wednesday, October 13 - Arlington Commons

([Click for directions: 3960 VT Route 7A * former Catholic Church](#))

This full-day conference is intended to highlight the challenges to providing needed housing while exploring policies and strategies that can lead to solutions. Case studies drawn from Vermont communities will illustrate the types of actions that can be taken to address an issue that is fundamental to public health, economic development, and smart growth initiatives in towns, villages, and cities across the state. The Summit will be of value to municipal officials, housing developers and nonprofits, legislators, and anyone having an interest in supporting the development of quality housing that meets the needs of all residents.

Overview of the day

- 9:00 to 9:30** **Check-in and Coffee**
- 9:30 to 10:00** **Welcome** from Representatives Seth Bongartz and Kathleen James followed by an overview of housing challenges and needs from Josh Hanford, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development and Stephanie Lane, Executive Director of Shires Housing
- 10:00 to 11:00** **Resources to Effect Change:** Representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and Vermont Housing Finance Agency describe Housing Commissions and other tools available to communities
- 11:00 to 11:15** **BREAK**
- 11:15 to 12:00** **Smart Growth Principles and using the [Enabling Better Places Guide](#)** to ensure that municipal land use policies and regulations support housing development goals: presentations by staff of the Department of Housing and Community Development and Bennington County Regional Commission
- 12:00 to 12:30** LUNCH (included with registration fee)
- 12:30 to 1:10** **Case Studies of Zoning Amendments and Village Infrastructure Investments** that support increased housing density, mixed-use development, and walkable community centers: Janet Hurley, Manchester Planning and Zoning Director and Nick Zaiac, Arlington Town Administrator
- 1:10 to 2:00** **Case Study: Housing Development in Saint Albans** - Municipal officials and state housing leaders discuss how local leadership combined with state resources can make a difference
- 2:00 to 2:15** **BREAK**
- 2:15 to 3:00** **Case Study: Putting the Pieces Together** - Planning a new housing development in Manchester's Downtown. What is available and what is still needed to realize development of a major housing project on a key piece of town-owned property. John O'Keefe, Manchester Town Manager with regional and state housing experts
- 3:00 to 3:30** **Open Discussion** - Further ideas for action

Please see the form and instructions on the next page to register

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This event is organized by Representative Seth Bongartz and Representative Kathleen James with assistance from the Bennington County Regional Commission. Sponsorship and support provided by the Town of Manchester, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, The Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, and Shires Housing.



Retro-style registration for this event! Fill out the form below and return via email or hard copy to the addresses indicated. The \$15 registration fee covers lunch and is payable in advance for those mailing in their registrations or at the door for those registering by email.

Names and Affiliation:

Sandwich Choice*: _____

Email: _____

✓ For gluten free: _____

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* Sandwich choices:

- Turkey on wheat with lettuce and tomato
- Ham and cheese on rye
- Veggie wrap

Please register your attendance by returning this form to Allison Strohl at the BCRC:

astrohl@bcrcvt.org (subject line: "Housing Summit")

or

BCRC / Housing Summit - 210 South Street—Suite 6 - Bennington, VT 05201

Cost per person is \$15; pay in advance with check made out to BCRC or pay at the door

Please register no later than October 6