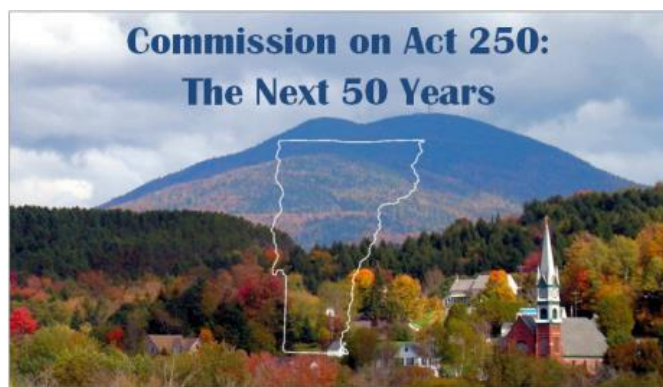
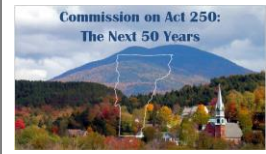


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The Commission on Act 250: The Next 50 Years (the Legislative Commission on Act 250) is gathering public input this summer and fall on Vermonters' vision for the future Vermont landscape. Public input will inform our report and any changes we might recommend to the statutes.

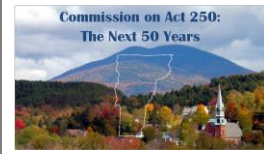
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Press Release - For Immediate Release

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The Commission on Act 250 Launches Public Engagement Phase

The Vermont Legislative Commission on Act 250 has been established to gather public input on the vision of Vermont's future landscape.

Montpelier, Vermont – June 6, 2018 – The Vermont Legislative Commission on Act 250 is seeking public input through a series of forums and through social media outreach engagements to envision Vermont's future landscape. The public input will inform the Legislative Commission's report and any potential legislation to modernize the statutes. Act 250 grew out of citizen involvement fifty years ago and it will be strengthened through citizen involvement now.

The Commission will kick off the community engagement activities on June 6, 2018. Leadership from the House and Senate Commission will be describing the process and outlining their goals for engaging the public. Six forums will be held around the state to allow Vermonters to share their perspectives and engage in conversation.

Representative Sheldon of Addison-1, Chair of the Commission on Act 250, states: "Vermonters are united in our love of the Vermont landscape. Act 250 has done a lot to protect our water, air, wildlife, and historic resources. The law was forward thinking in many ways, but today we have more information available and our experience to guide us in improving the process, both for environmental protection as well as economic vibrancy. The fiftieth anniversary is a great time to evaluate what's worked and what needs improvement and to address issues like climate change. I hope Vermonters young and old will take some time to learn about Act 250 and give us their input this summer and fall. This information will give the Commission direction on possible recommendations for future changes."

A survey will be launched in July to gather more input. All materials will be made accessible to all Vermonters.

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Background on Act 250 –Urged on by Governor Deane Davis’ leadership, the Vermont General Assembly in 1970 passed the State Land Use and Development Law, known as Act 250, to preserve and protect the environment as well as maintain our traditional settlement patterns. It was innovative and bold at its inception and the law is now part of the fabric of Vermont.

Act 250 incorporates a process to guide development that complements the landscape and the environment. The Vermont Legislative Commission on Act 250 encourages Vermonters to be informed and get involved through the series of public forums. Please visit the following links for more information.

Website: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/detail/2018/333>

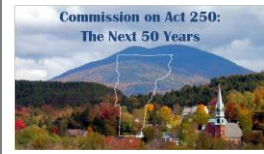
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/act250next50>

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The Commission consists of six representatives. They are Representative Amy Sheldon, Senator Chris Pearson, Senator Brian Campion, Representative David L. Dean, Representative Paul Lefebvre, and Senator Dick McCormack.

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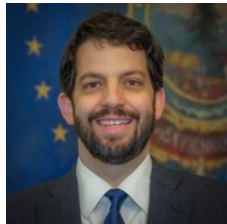


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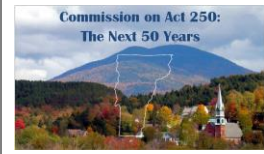
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Act 250 Background Information

History:

- In 1970, Vermont adopted Act 250 in response to an unregulated increase in developments.
- Act 250 was enacted *“in order to protect and conserve the lands and the environment of the state and to insure that these lands and environment are devoted to uses which are not detrimental to the public welfare and interests.”*
- Objectives embodied in Act 250 include pollution prevention, preservation, conservation of natural resources, and ensuring the viability of Vermont’s community centers and working landscape.
- More information on the history of Act 250 can be found: <http://nrb.vermont.gov/act250-program/history>

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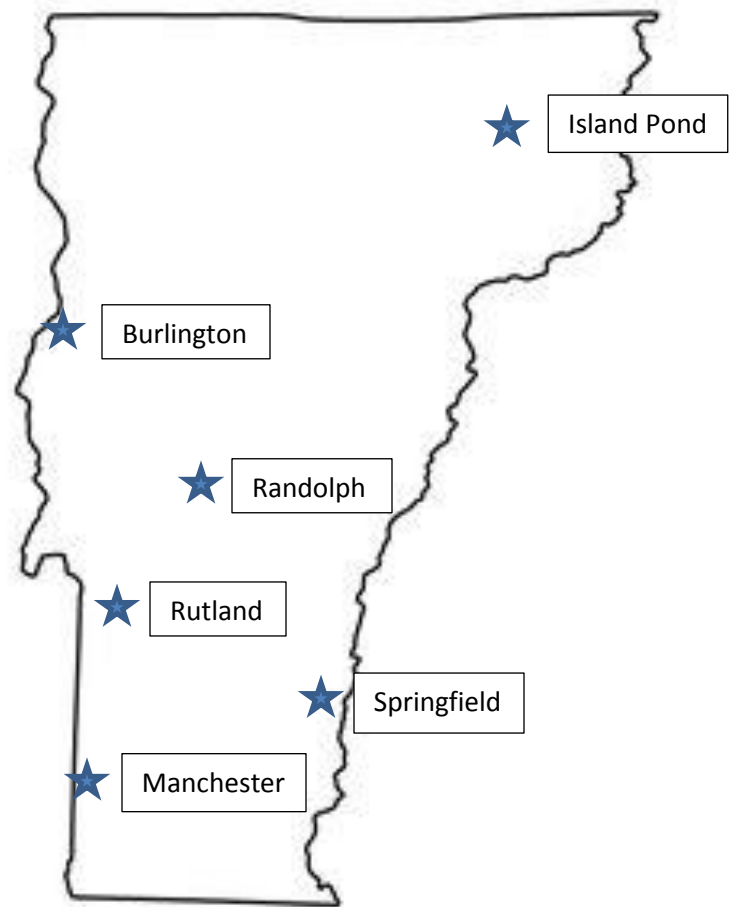
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Public Forum Schedule

- Forum 1:** June 27, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Springfield, Vermont
- Forum 2:** July 11, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Manchester, Vermont
- Forum 3:** July 25, 2018
6:00 – 8:00pm
Randolph, VT
- Forum 4:** August 22, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Island Pond, VT
- Forum 5:** September 5, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Rutland, Vermont
- Forum 6:** September 12, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Burlington, Vermont



Act 250 – Forum Description

The Legislative Commission on Act 250 will be holding public forums across the state of Vermont to discuss the evolution of Vermont’s landmark legislation. Since Act 250 became effective in June 1970, this law has regulated development to protect Vermont’s environment and preserve its landscape. The Commission will be conducting six forums to engage Vermonters on their priorities for the future of Vermont’s landscape and how to maintain its environment and sense of place.

The events will be held in Springfield, Manchester, Randolph, Island Pond, Rutland, and Burlington. Representatives and or Senators from the Commission will be present at all forums and a report of findings will be made available after public engagement initiatives have ended. Each forum is designed to generate rich dialogue to capture the wisdom of Vermonters. All of the feedback received will then be considered in preparing the Commission’s report and any recommended legislation. All questions on the public engagement forum should be directed to Cope and Associates, Inc. (802) 951-4200.