

## Regional Planning Commissions

### Act 174 Trainings for Local Officials Progress Report, December 2016

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Regional Planning Commissions, in partnership with the Department of Public Service, held eleven trainings over the course of two weeks. The training focused on the goals of Act 174, the implications for Section 248 proceedings and the specific requirements of the determination standards for local and regional plans. RPCs may also hold trainings for specific local or regional audiences, and each RPC will hold another region-wide training in spring 2017.

In 2017 RPCs will provide each municipality with a compilation of maps and data and will work directly with a minimum of three municipalities in their region to complete energy plans that will meet the standards.

#### Summary of the Trainings:

**227** local officials attended

**121** municipalities were represented

**87 %** rated the training excellent or good



Municipal officials left the trainings with a better understanding of Act 174, the determination standards and what will be necessary for municipalities to achieve *substantial deference* in Section 248 proceedings.

Left: Lamoille County Planning Commission Staff present to a full house in Hyde Park (photo credit Tasha Wallis)

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**Act 174, Schedule of First Round of Trainings**

Host	Date	Time	Location
Northwest Regional Planning Commission	December 6, 2016	6:00 PM	Georgia Public Library 1697 Ethan Allen Highway Georgia, VT
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	December 7, 2016	6:30 PM	Hartford Town Office 171 Bridge Street White River Junction
Addison County Regional Planning Commission	December 7, 2016	6:00 PM	ACRPC Office 14 Seminary Street Middlebury
Windham Regional Commission	December 7, 2016	7:00 PM	Marlboro Graduate Center 28 Vernon Street, Room 2e Brattleboro
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission	December 8, 2016	6:00 PM	CCRPC Office 110 West Canal Street Suite 202 Winooski
Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission	December 8, 2016	6:30 PM	Springfield Town Offices 96 Main Street Springfield, VT
Lamoille County Planning Commission	December 12, 2016	6:00 PM	Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, Hyde Park
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	December 12, 2016	5:30 PM	RRPC Office 67 Merchants Row Rutland
Central VT Regional Planning Commission	December 14, 2016	6:00 PM	Northfield Public Library 93 S. Main Street Northfield
Bennington County Regional Commission	December 15, 2016	5:30 PM	Arlington Town Hall 3828 VT-7A Arlington
Northeastern VT Development Association	December 15, 2016	5:00 PM	NVDA Conference Room 36 Eastern Avenue St. Johnsbury