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Greetings

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department Community Wildlife Program is proud to announce the schedule for our Fall educational series of webinars and trainings. This year we've got five new topics planned and will be offering several sessions of each. Look at our [schedule and register](#).

Trainings: In addition to our webinar series, we're also offering two trainings online this fall, *NR1 Vermont's Ecology and Environment; An Introduction to Town Planning for Natural Resources*. and *NR2 Caring for Natural Resources: Taking Action in Your Community* that offer a more in-depth look at this material with exciting hands-on activities and short presentations. Each training involves attending three live sessions (held online) and do a bit of homework between sessions to explore additional tools. This year, thanks to inspiration from a VPA webinar, we've put the course out on a MIRO whiteboard, so we'll be able to interact with the content in a shared space. We'll be able to map out concepts and see how they're interrelated and it gives us a platform to use anything from video and maps to other websites, pdfs and more. The training is a combination of short presentations, hands-on activities and role playing as well as exploring a few web tools (like BioFinder). See [Trainings](#) to learn more. Attendance is limited.



Community Wildlife Program Fall 2020 Virtual Workshops & Training Schedule

[See the schedule and register.](#)





Seeing Beyond Boundaries: Understanding Your Land At Different Scales

In this webinar, we'll help landowners see their parcel at different scales. We'll begin on the ground, talking with landowners about their stories of the land, then we'll zoom out to use BioFinder to see the ecological context in which the parcel sits, looking at how that can provide additional information for land management.

Presenters: Andrea Shortsleeve, Jens Hilke, & Andy Wood

Woods, Waters & Wildlife putting the pieces together

In this webinar, we'll focus on the natural community and species scale components that are present on private lands. We'll learn more about available data in BioFinder and see what that looks like on the ground and how an understanding of these issues might affect how you manage your land.

Presenters: Andrea Shortsleeve, Jens Hilke & Andy Wood

Enhancing your Backyard, Back Forty & Beyond

In this webinar, we'll focus on how private landowners can learn more about managing their property whether it's a large parcel or confined to the backyard. We'll look at concepts like improving pollinator habitat, enhancing wildlife habitat, and releasing mast trees while briefly using BioFinder to learn more about what ecological concepts might be at play.

Presenters: Andrea Shortsleeve, Jens Hilke & Andy Wood

Wildlife Road Crossings

In this webinar, we'll dive into the science and planning of wildlife road crossings. First, we'll look at the field science of road ecology and what we've learned from years of camera trapping along roads and inside/under bridges and culverts. We'll also look at the computer models in Vermont Conservation Design to understand these concepts in a landscape context. Lastly, we'll explore how Vermont towns are improving and planning for wildlife movement across local roads.

Presenters: Jens Hilke & Andy Wood

Updating your Town Plan for Act 171

Since January 1st, 2018, towns and RPCs are required to identify forest blocks and habitat connectors, as well as plan for development in those places in ways that minimize forest fragmentation. This requirement asks towns to look at the larger patterns of forests and dive into the science of what is known about connectivity in their region at multiple scales. Some of the data involved is immediately actionable, but some of the models warrant caution and additional research. Tune in to hear how VT Fish & Wildlife Department can help your town interpret available data and translate it into actionable planning and policy.

Presenters: Jens Hilke & Andy Wood

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions,

Cheers

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