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**Purpose:** To provide leadership in the planning field in Vermont through the professional development of planners; education and coordination with the community at large; and effective representation to local, state and federal governments and agencies.

## VPA 2015 Work Plan

The Vermont Planners Association proposes to continue its work in the four key areas of its five-year strategic plan, adopted October 16, 2009, as follows:

### Education and Training

- Organize a Spring Workshop;
- Continue Participation in the Vermont Education and Training Collaborative;
- Continue sponsoring the American Planning Association web-training series and other multi-media training sessions;
- Provide weekly legislative updates to membership during the session and continue to solicit information from members; and
- Continue to make AICP training available, including legal updates, and more easily accessible to Vermont planners.

### Promotion of Planning in Vermont

- Work with the State Legislature and others to promote good planning;
- Continue the VPA annual awards for excellence in planning;
- Continue to work on issues including but not limited to: climate change adaptation, connectivity, comprehensive approach to sensitive areas protection; natural resources, emergency management and flood plain issues; and working landscape protection; and
- Continue representation on the Downtown Development Board and other boards and committees as appropriate.

### Communication, Coordination and Collaboration

- Maintain a current database of members and provide all with the opportunity to participate in the VPA listserv;
- Update VPA website with new pages and tools as necessary;
- Prepare press releases for special events/awards of interest to Vermonters;
- Increase outreach to partner organizations, especially Vermont colleges;
- Continue and seek to further develop current partnerships with State agencies, VAPDA, VT AIA, VT ASLA, VNRC, VLCT, VLS, UVM & others; and
- Provide regular meeting minutes of VPA committees, treasurer's reports and a year-end summary of activities.

### Organization, Capacity Building and Expansion

- Examine the VPA Committee structure to be more effective for the organization;
- Do a yearly evaluation of progress in implementing the five-year Strategic Plan.
- Organize a task force and develop a new five-year Strategic Plan, which includes coordination with the NNECAPA strategic plan and which is to be considered for adoption by VPA membership *at its 2014 Annual Meeting.*

**The Vermont Planners Association (VPA) is an organization representing citizen and professional planners, landscape architects, housing and economic development specialists, developers, and engineering consultants from throughout the state. VPA is committed to advancing the art and science of planning.**