## **Press Release**

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# **Public Comment: Core Principles of Community**

**Engagement***Montpelier, VT* – The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is hosting two events to receive feedback on the proposed <u>Core Principles of</u> <u>Community Engagement</u> (the Principles) under the <u>Vermont Environmental Justice Law</u>.

The Principles will guide the creation of community engagement plans by the Agencies of Natural Resources, Transportation, Commerce and Community Development, Agriculture, and Education; the Public Utility Commission; the Natural Resources Board; and the Departments of Health, Public Safety, and Public Service.

The public is invited to join two public meetings, one hybrid and one virtual, to provide feedback:

 Friday, May 17 from 4 pm – 5 pm EST In-person location: Fletcher Free Library – Pickering Room 234 College Street Burlington, VT 05401

Virtual location: Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 291 649 690 748 Passcode: 4Rgcxb

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## • Wednesday, May 22 from 12 pm - 1 pm EST

## Virtual Location:

Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 269 178 141 110 Passcode: LYEx6A

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Perspectives of the public and stakeholder organizations are important to make sure these principles represent the wants, needs, and values of communities throughout Vermont.

The Principles were drafted by the <u>Interagency Environmental Justice Committee</u> in close consultation with the <u>Environmental Justice Advisory Council</u> and the Agency of Natural Resources.

Learn more about the <u>Core Principles of Community Engagement</u> and <u>review related</u> <u>documents</u>. To request a hard copy, please use the contact information listed below.

Written comments on Core Principles of Community Engagement can be submitted by in writing on the <u>Public Comment: Core Principles of Community Engagement Microsoft</u> <u>Form</u>. Public comments must be received by June 14, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST. Attendance at the public meetings is not necessary to submit written comments.

Requests for accommodations by the person in need must be received five days prior to the date of the in-person public meeting, and can be made by either calling 802-636-7827 or emailing <u>ANR.EJCoordinator@vermont.gov</u>.

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