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***Vermont Environmental Consortium and
the Vermont Technical College, Present:
The 5th Annual Water Quality Conference***

The Vermont Environmental Consortium and Vermont Technical College (VTC) are excited to announce registration is open for the 5th Annual Water Quality Conference. The conference will be held June 8, 2016 at VT Technical College in Randolph, VT. Vermont faces numerous water quality challenges attributable to human activity. Wastewater management, storm water runoff from impervious surface associated with roads, homes and businesses, drainage from farm fields and logging roads, and historic hydrologic modification of our streams and rivers all impact current surface water conditions. Act 64, Vermont's 2015 Clean Water Act, validated that healthy waters are essential to our economy, health, property values, recreation, fisheries and wildlife, and the Vermont brand.

The 5th annual Water Quality Conference will highlight the tremendous opportunity for innovation in water quality management by showcasing a wide-range of efforts currently underway in Vermont to protect, restore and enhance clean water. The day's events will include four panels; related exhibitors; keynote speaker; and more!

The event runs from 8:15AM – 4:00PM. Pre-registration includes all sessions and lunch. The panels will be focused on wastewater; stormwater-roads and developed land; agriculture; and resiliency. Topics to be discussed are Peecycling – Fertilizer from Urine; Large-scale Water Recycling at Cabot Creamery's Vermont Facilities; VTrans Better Roads Program and Municipal Roads Permitting; VAPDA Green Infrastructure Tool Kit, RPC Initiatives for Water Quality; Burlington's Integrated Water Quality Management Planning Effort; Treating Subsurface Tile Drainage to Address Phosphorus Pollution; St. Albans Community Bio digester Project; Connecticut River Farmers Watershed Alliance; Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaption; Quintown Collaborative to Improve Flood Resiliency in the Upper White River Watershed; and more!

Speakers, moderators, and panelists include; David Mears, Director, Vermont Law School; Chuck Ross, Agency of Agriculture (invited); Shaun Fielder, VT Rural Water Association; Abraham Noe-Hays or Kim Naces, Rich Earth Institute; Chris Pearl, Cabot Creamery Coop.; Julie Moore, Stone Environmental; Jim Ryan, VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division; Dan Albrecht, Chittenden County RPC; Megan Moir, City of Burlington; David Dunn, Green Mountain Power; Paul Doton, Farmer & Founder-

Connecticut River Farmers Watershed Alliance; Dan Currier, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission; Melissa Levy, Community Roots, LLC; Peg Elmer, Community Resilience.org; Mary Russ, White River Partnership; Miles Waite, President, Vermont Environmental Consortium; & Dan Smith, President of VT Technical College.

The VEC would like to thank our current conference sponsors; Stone Environmental, Weston & Sampson, White + Burke Real Estate Investment Advisors, Inc., Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Vermont Rural Water Association, Waite-Heindel Environmental Management, The Verterre Group, & Geotech Environmental Equipment.

There are opportunities to attend, exhibit, and sponsor this event. Learn more about the event, see a full agenda, and register online by visiting the event webpage found under "Featured Event" on www.vectogether.org or visit VEC's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Vermont-Environmental-Consortium/277911338887994>. Please pre-register by June 1, 2016. Registrations will be accepted after the 1st, but will not include lunch in the dining hall so please bring a bagged lunch that day. On-site registrations will be taken at door for an additional \$10 so we recommend advance registration.

Any company that joins VEC initially in 2016 will receive one free event registration (\$65 value) to the 5th Annual Water Quality Conference on June 8, 2016. Once you have joined we will send you your complimentary attendee registration form. Questions regarding this event can be directed to 802-747-7900 or info@vectogether.org.



Caption: 2015 Conference attendees listen to panelist Megan Moir from the City of Burlington at Vermont Tech.

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- Advocating for and promoting Vermont's environmental business sector;
- Forging links among business, government, non-profits and higher education to grow the green economy by promoting research, education, training, and job creation;
- Networking VEC members with potential clients, resources, and support services through conferences, workshops, referrals, and other venues; and
- Planning and initiating projects in partnership with, and for the benefit of, our members.

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