



**Vermont Environmental Consortium  
Spring 2024 Conference Agenda  
Weathering the Storm: Building a Sustainable and Resilient Environment  
May 2, 2024, at Main Street Landing, Burlington**

**Exhibitor Setup: 7:00am – 8:00am**

**Registration: 8:00am – 8:30am**

**Welcome: 8:30am – 9:00am**

- Opening Remarks – Steve Shaw (VEC President)
- Keynote – Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux (State Climatologist)

**Session 1: 9:00am – 10:30am**

**Flood Resilient Design Process in Vermont, Brownfield Climate Adaption, Mitigation, and Sustainability (Kurt Muller, Moderator)**

- Jessica Dominguez (EPA) – Climate Adaption, Mitigation, Flood Resiliency through EPA Brownfield Process
- Mark Hamelin (VHB) and Shawn Brennan (FFF) – Planning / Design Flood Resilient State-owned Properties (Waterbury & Montpelier) Case Studies
- Jennifer Fitch, P.E. (BGS - Commissioner) – State’s perspective – Future Thinking Projects / Funding / FEMA / Insurance
- Questions and Answers

**Break and Networking: 10:30am – 10:45am**

**Session 2: 10:45am – 12:00pm**

**Vulnerabilities & Emergency Response (Miles Waite, Moderator)**

- George Springston (Norwich University) – Two Decades of Collaborative Landslide Research in VT
- Ben DeJong (VT Geological Survey) – Landslide Emergency Response
- James Donaldson and Michael Nahmias (VT DEC) – Recap of Flood Related AST Issues, and AST Guidelines Update
- Alex Peck (Atlas), Kristin Gabriel (Atlas) & Steve Hubbs (BGS) – Emergency Preparedness and State Building Flood Response
- Questions and Answers

**Lunch Break: 12:00pm – 1:15pm**

**Session 3: 1:15pm – 2:30pm**

**Flood Impacts of Climate Change (Steve Shaw, Moderator)**

- Kristen Underwood (UVM) – Conservation of Floodplains for Increased Flood Resiliency: A New Haven River Success Story
- Rebecca Diehl (UVM) – Documenting Floodplain Functioning in the Lake Champlain Basin Under a Changing Hydrologic Regime
- Weston & Sampson Group – Translating Climate Change Projections into Prioritized Actions - A Watershed Approach
- Questions and Answers



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**Break and Networking: 2:30pm – 2:45pm**

**Session 4: 2:45pm – 4:00pm**

**Dam Removal Considerations (Laurie Grigg, Moderator)**

- Roy Shiff (SLR) – Dam Removal Success Story
- John Gartner (Norwich) – Science of Recovery After Removal of Bull Run Dam
- Karina Dailey (VNRC) – Benefits and Process of Dam Removal
- Questions and Answers

**Closing Remarks: 4:00pm – 4:15pm**