

# Marlboro Community Visit Day

Thursday March 25, 2010

2:45 to 8:30 pm

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) believes that community development should begin and end in the hands of the community. For this reason, our Community Visit program brings the best of local prioritization and engagement together with state, federal and regional experts, so that Vermonters can access the resources they need to make their communities vibrant and sustainable. The program happens in three to four months, with a series of major community events, bringing together local residents with a resource team from across Vermont.

Here's the schedule for Marlboro's Community Visit day scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> 2010. This is an important opportunity for people thinking forward about Marlboro's future to exchange ideas, meet Vermont leaders from many professional realms, and begin taking steps toward positive change. VCRD welcomes diverse perspectives and encourages ALL members of the community to participate. Join just one or more of the discussions that day and come to the free dinner!

## Afternoon Sessions:

	<b>Town House</b>	<b>Town Office</b>	<b>Whetstone Inn</b>
<b>2:30-4:00 p.m.</b>	Sustainability (Self-Sufficiency, Local Economy, and Agriculture)	Infrastructure (Transportation and Communications)	The Town / Gown Relationship
<b>4:15-5:45 p.m.</b>	Marlboro Identity	Growth and Development (Zoning and Conservation)	Regional Voice

## Evening Sessions at the Marlboro Elementary School (MES):

	<b>MES Outback</b>	<b>MES Junior High Room</b>	<b>MES Library</b>
<b>6:00-7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER</b>		
<b>7:00-8:30 p.m.</b>	Town Center / Community Center	Renewable Energy Projects	Affordability and Taxes (Diversity and Taxes)

## **Marlboro Community Visit Team**

During the three month process, towns create local goals and action plans and are assisted by a Visiting Team who brings state and regional expertise and resources to the table. These state and regional experts will be on hand as active listeners as community members from Marlboro share their challenges, inspirations and current work ongoing in town:

**Roger Allbee**, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture  
**Suzanne Blanchard**, Program Director, Smart Growth Vermont  
**Andy Broderick**, Principal, New Generation Partners  
**Greg Brown**, Executive Director, Chittenden Regional Planning Commission (Retired)  
**Paul Bruhn**, Executive Director, Preservation Trust of Vermont  
**Patricia Coates**, State Director, Congressman Peter Welch Office  
**Paul Costello**, Executive Director, Vermont Council on Rural Development  
**Steve Gold**, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Administration (Retired)  
**Julie Jacques**, County Director, Farm Service Agency  
**Jeff Lewis**, Executive Director, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation  
**Larry Mandell**, Founder, Woodbury College  
**James Matteau**, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission  
**Johanna Miller**, Co-Chair, Vermont Climate Action Network  
**Max Muise**, USDA Rural Development  
**Tom Murray**, Executive Director, Vermont Telecom Authority  
**Jenny Nelson**, Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders  
**Nancy Owens**, Executive Director, Housing Vermont  
**Bob Paquin**, State Director, Farm Service Agency  
**Julian Portilla**, Program Director, Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies, Champlain College  
**Chuck Ross**, State Director, Senator Patrick Leahy Office  
**Will Sawyer**, Program Manager, UVM Center for Rural Studies  
**Ryan Torres**, Philanthropic Advisor, Vermont Community Foundation

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