



Vermont Recreation and Parks Association

# March Quarterly Meeting



Thursday, March 14, 2019 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

The Steeple Room, Capitol Plaza & the Vermont Statehouse, Montpelier

**--- ASK YOUR LEGISLATORS TO JOIN YOU FOR LUNCH in the Statehouse cafeteria! ---**



## EDUCATION PROGRAM (0.1 CEU)

### Face the River: Changing How We Relate to Rivers

*Speaker: Richarda Ericson,  
Development & Outreach Director,  
Vermont River Conservancy*



Reminiscent of a time when rivers played a key role in industrialization, the river shores of our cities and villages today are often the sites of abandoned industrial buildings, parking lots, and other urban uses that hinder public access and compel us to “turn our backs to the river.” The Vermont River Conservancy is championing a new approach where we Face the River and restore a healthy connection between city and town residents and their rivers. VRC is partnering with municipalities to envision river shore restoration projects, leading to the design of riverside parks that reconnect residents with their rivers. In this presentation, VRC will reflect on the role of rivers in Vermont’s history and discuss current projects and opportunities to Face the River.

## MEETING AGENDA

- 8:15 – 8:30 am Registration, Refreshments and Networking
- 8:30 – 9:45 am Welcome & Education Program
- 9:45 - 10:00 am BREAK
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Roundtable Discussions (Choose 1) - Summer Staff-Hiring & Engagement, Camp Programming, Fees & Charges, Facilities & Maintenance, and Cool Apps & Websites
- 10:40 – 11:40 am VRPA Business Meeting
- Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch at the Statehouse - **Make plans to meet your local legislators for lunch. (Go to [legislature.vermont.gov](http://legislature.vermont.gov) (no www.) & type in your community name to find your legislators’ contact info.)**
- 1:00 pm Sit in on the House General Session
- 2:00 pm Self-guided Tour of the Statehouse or Debrief back in the Capitol Food Court

## MEETING REGISTRATION - [CLICK HERE to REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Meeting Registration Fees: \$20.00 (includes morning snack & lunch)  
\$10.00 (no lunch)

**Please register by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!**

Questions or Registration Problems? Contact Betsy Terry at [betsy@vrpa.org](mailto:betsy@vrpa.org) or 802-878-2077.

**Directions & Parking:** The Capitol Plaza is located at 100 State Street in Montpelier. FREE PARKING is available behind the hotel; we will email a parking pass to all meeting registrants and we have permission to remain in the parking lot while we are at the statehouse. When you come into the back entrance of the hotel off the parking lot, take the elevator immediately in front of you upstairs to the Steeple Room.