

BUSINESS CONTINUITY WORKSHOP FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC RESILIENCY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup greatly appreciates the many contributions from its partner organizations and many individuals who bring significant expertise and local knowledge about climate change and adaptation practices. This workshop exemplifies a collection of knowledgeable individuals who are serving as presenters, organizers, facilitators, or are attending to expand and strengthen the regional network around Economic Resiliency. Get to know your fellow attendees and share your knowledge and interests.



Bonnie Canal is a nationally recognized leader in community resilience innovations and strategies, and is the founder and Managing Partner of The Resiliency Institute, LLC (TRI). TRI is a full service consulting firm specializing in comprehensive solutions for small/medium size businesses (SMBs), understanding the important role they play in community preparedness and resiliency. Bonnie continues her resiliency consulting for SMBs, communities, and non-profits while traveling the US engaging in the conversation at the community level. She is a proud native of New Orleans and has worked in the field of Community Resiliency for 5 years and with SMBs for 25 years. Bonnie serves as the National Board Chair for the Association of Contingency Planners.



Deborah S. Eibner, MA, is the Area Business Advisor for Vermont Small Business Development Center, serving the Green Mountain Economic Development region based in White River Junction, VT. Deborah is also a Certified as a Business Coach, Business Counsellor and Job and Career Development Coach and Corporate Wellness Coach. As a business coach and trainer, she brings organizational leadership experience in human resources, business development, client relationship management and business management to the people she works with. Deborah has earned a MA (masters degree) in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC Canada.



Kevin Geiger is the Senior Planner at the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission. He has worked in regional and community planning in Vermont since 1990 with an interlude in the National Park Service. He specializes in land use, brownfields, water quality and emergency management. He is a Certified Flood Manager and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He works extensively with the Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Most of his time for the past three years has been focused on recovery from Tropical Storm Irene. Kevin was awarded the 2014 Vermont Emergency Manager of the Year by the Northeast States Emergency Consortium.



Erich Osterberg, PhD, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth Sciences, Dartmouth College. Erich's research centers on understand how and why Earth's environment changed in the past and is changing today, so we can more accurately predict how it will change in the future. Currently, Erich and his colleagues and are investigating glacial histories to help predict future glacier melting trends and impacts on sea levels through NSF-funded research projects in Greenland and the North Pacific region, including Alaska and the Yukon Territory.