State News for NSPE Members

Governor Scott Signs Housing Package into Law, Creating New Infrastructure Program

Governor Phil Scott has signed this year's housing package into law, creating a new financing tool for infrastructure that supports housing construction and enshrining stronger fair housing protections for immigrants, *VermontPublic* reports.

The marquee policy in the bill, S.127, is the Community and Housing Infrastructure Program, which is intended to help cover costly infrastructure upgrades that are needed to make residential development possible.

Essentially a smaller-scale version of Vermont's existing tax increment financing program, CHIP will allow municipalities and developers to borrow money for infrastructure like roads, sidewalks and sewers for a housing project — and then use the increased property tax revenue from the homes to help pay back the debt. Read more.

Eden Property Owners Look to Solve Problems with South Pond Dam

Just south of the popular summer destination of Lake Eden lies a quieter body of water, *VTDigger* reports.

South Pond, an idyllic retreat populated mostly by modest bungalow camps and accessible only to property owners, is, like many such bodies of water in the state, managed by a collective. The South Pond Land Owners Association charges a small annual fee for the maintenance of roads and property owned by the association, and the cost of insurance.

Among the shared assets is a small dam at the pond's northwestern edge where it feeds into a tributary that eventually runs into the Gihon River. The 2-foot-thick concrete core is embedded within a sloping earthen wall, with only a concrete auxiliary spillway at the hill's summit and a green box sitting just beyond it in the

water as clues to its existence.

The century-old dam is a crucial one, however. Not only is it responsible for maintaining the water level in South Pond, but it also controls the flow of water out of the pond and into the lowlands. It was reclassified within the last few years from a "significant hazard dam" to a "high hazard dam" by the state, a designation indicating the outsized risk for loss of life and property should the dam fail. South Pond Dam is one of five dams with such a designation in Lamoille County. Read more in the *VTDigger*.

Infrastructure Work Kicks Off \$5B Vermont All-Season Resort Expansion

With road and waterline infrastructure work underway for a \$5-billion expansion at the eastern US's largest ski resort, the project team is navigating strict state regulations and difficult site grading on one of the largest developments in Vermont history.

The master-planned residential community at Killington Ski Resort in Killington, Vt., known as LiveKillington, will create a base village linking Killington Mountain and Pico Mountain, a ski area located three miles north, and is planned as a phased buildout over the next two decades.

Michael Sneyd, president of Great Gulf Resort Residential, the project's Toronto-based developer, told ENR, "the area has long lacked a central hub where people can gather, stay, and play," despite the fact that it already has "1,950 skiable acres, a 3,000-ft vertical drop and a growing reputation for world-class mountain biking and year-round adventure."

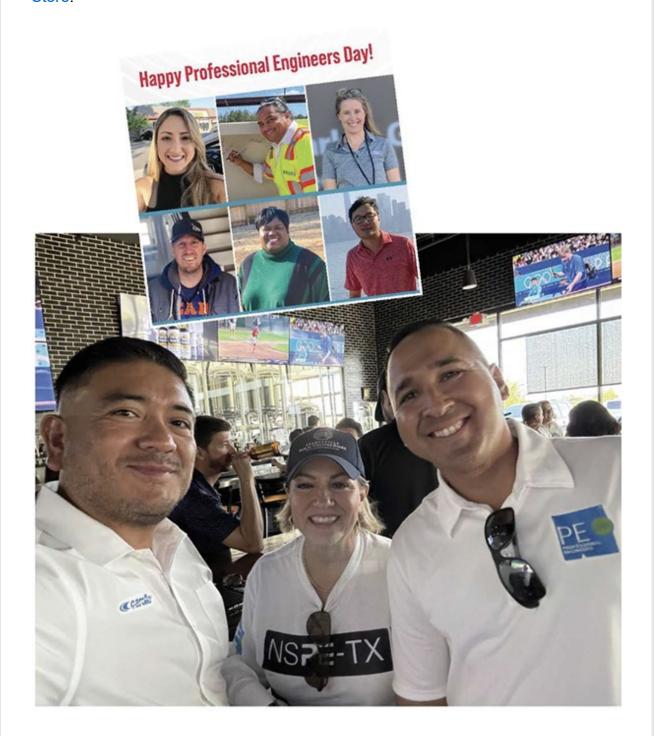
Phase one of the public-private partnership project between the town and Great Gulf includes more than 200 ski-in/ski-out residences and some 720 condos and townhouses, in addition to homes. The full buildout of the masterplan envisions building 2,300 residential units. Read more.

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Get Ready to Celebrate PE Day

The annual Professional Engineers Day will be celebrated on August 6, 2025. Save the date and get ready to share your photos and selfies as part of the online virtual event using the hashtag #LicensedPEday on X (Twitter), Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.

Share your reasons for being a PE and give special recognition to your colleagues and teams. Prepare for the celebration and gear up by visiting the PE Day Logo Store.



Showcase the Contributions of PEs During National Safety Month

NSPE is recognizing National Safety Month on our social media channels during June. This is a great way to promote professional engineers and the ways in which your companies/organizations are keeping the public and employees safe in all the

work that you do.

If you have any onsite/project related photos and messaging (details to summarize activities and safety philosophy) that will illustrate the following topics areas -- Employee Engagement (June 8-14), Roadway Safety (June 15-21) and Wellbeing (June 22-30)—share them on your own social media channels using the hashtag #NationalSafetyMonth and tag NSPE so we can help spread the word!

2025 Spring Webinar Series Available On-Demand

Did you miss any of our spring WORKability Wednesdays Webinars? No worries! Members can access recordings of the following webinars free of charge through the PE Institute. *Members are advised to consult their state licensing board to determine requirements for PDH or CPD credits.

- Board of Ethical Review: Case Review and Discussion
- My Way or the Highway? The Impact: Designing Flexible and Future-Ready RTO Policies That Work
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