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VT ASCE Monthly News and Updates

Hello members of the Vermont Section of ASCE.

We hope you are having an awesome summer and working in some time to rest and recharge the batteries. We wanted to make sure to recap the annual meeting and site tour held on June 18 and highlight the awards that the Section presented. Congratulations to the **Vermont Dam Safety Program** (2024 Engineer of the Year) including Benjamin Green, PE (Section Chief), Andrew Sampsell, PE, Steven Hanna, EIT, and Russell McGinnis, EIT; **Jordan Duffy, PE** (2024 Young Engineer of the Year); and **MSK Engineers** (2024 Project of the Year). Please take a few minutes to read about each award below. Congratulations also to the new 2024 Board Members. We're looking forward to working together over the next year and passing the reins to **Sean Wines**, the new President of the Vermont Section.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and look forward to connecting in the fall months. We are planning to have a September technical event and will follow up with more details. In the meantime, feel free to reach out if you have any questions about ASCE, would like to become more involved, or even if you would just like to connect.

Thank you,
Matt Estabrooks

Past-President



The Vermont Section of ASCE held its annual meeting on June 18. The event started with a tour of two bridges recently replaced or repaired along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) in Hardwick following the July 2023 historic flooding event.



LVRT bridge repair over the Lamoille River in Hardwick.



The site tour also included a stop at the historic [Fisher Covered Bridge](#) in Wolcott.



The event continued at the Charlmont Restaurant in Morrisville where Jonathan Griffin of VTrans and Scott Burbank of VHB presented additional design and construction information regarding the bridge repairs and replacements along the LVRT. In addition, the outgoing president, Matt Estabrooks, awarded this year's Engineer, Young Engineer, and Project of the Year awards, followed by an induction of new board members.



The VT ASCE Young Engineer of the Year award goes to Jordan Duffy, PE. Jordan also received the Vermont State Young Engineer of the Year award back in February at the E-week banquet hosted by Vermont Society of Professional Engineers. Jordan is a water resources engineer at Fitzgerald Environmental Associates in Colchester, and prior to that he worked for VHB splitting his time between the Land Development and the Environmental teams. Jordan holds bachelor's and master's degrees in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Vermont. He has served in numerous positions with the Vermont section of ASCE, including as 2022-23 president, and he was inducted as a New England Delegate for 2024-25. We would like to recognize Jordan's outstanding engineering career thus far and his many contributions to the Vermont Section of ASCE.



The VT ASCE Engineer of the Year award goes to the Vermont Dam Safety Program (DSP) team which includes four Dam Safety Engineers:

- Benjamin Green, PE (Section Chief)
- Andrew Sampsell, PE
- Steven Hanna, EIT
- Russell McGinnis, EIT

The primary focus of the program is public safety relative to dams. The DSP regulates roughly 1,000 non-power, non-federal dams in the State as well as perform ownership responsibilities at 14 State-owned dams. In addition to their regulatory and ownership responsibilities, they work to raise awareness of dam safety.

We would like to recognize the team's flood response and recovery efforts during and following the July 2023 historic flooding event. The DSP worked around the clock starting the night of July 9 for several weeks performing critical tasks to protect the safety of Vermonters, property, and the environment including flood control dam operations and monitoring, emergency communications, and inspections.



The VT ASCE Project of the Year award goes to MSK Engineers for their work with the Town of Bennington identifying and replacing lead water service lines. A phase 1 mapping effort revealed as much as 50% of the system could be served by lead pipes. MSK developed new methods for funding, public outreach, data management, pipe material identification, and construction. To date, over 200 lead service lines have been replaced across three construction contracts and hundreds more are slated for replacement. This project has eliminated an invisible and persistent risk for over 200 homes and businesses and all work was provided at no cost to homeowners.

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