

ECVermont has rolled out an updated site that has:

- A nice calendar feature (below login box on right);
- Allows easier access to the online conversations (all current focus areas have dedicated blogs, below calendar in right-hand column);
- A login option. You create a login only if you wish to start or participate in a conversation. The logins help me, somewhat, with blocking spammers.
- RSS Feed. For those of you who requested RSS feed, see the attached for how to sign up for what type of feed you prefer (everything, updates only, etc.). You will have to create a login to get the RSS feed. Once you create your login, RSS Feed is a simple two-step process. For those of you who don't know what RSS feed is:

RSS Rich Site Summary (originally **RDF Site Summary**, often dubbed *Really Simple Syndication*) is a family of [web feed](#) formats used to publish frequently updated works—such as [blog](#) entries, news headlines, audio, and video—in a standardized format. An RSS document (which is called a "feed", "web feed", or "channel") includes full or summarized text, plus [metadata](#) such as publishing dates and authorship. (From Wikipedia).

Tweaks are still occurring as we slowly roll it out. Subject matter on front page will start to change out a bit more frequently and hopefully we'll start some online conversations. If you participate in Facebook, please like us! Twitter will start to be more active shortly as well, so please follow us there as well.

Some of my fellow staff members have helped me work out the little quirks that come along with website changeovers and updates, but I wanted to roll it out to workgroups and steering committee for a few days before we roll it out to consortium at large in case any of you notice anything odd that may need to be fixed.

For those of you who have visited before, the site and navigation are different, so you'll need to poke around a bit to get re-acclimated.

Have fun and let me know of any problems you may encounter.

Reminder: Be sure [ECVermont.org](http://ecvermont.org) is linked to your website! (<http://ecvermont.org>)

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