

**Additional Proposals for Legislative Reform
in Light of Tropical Storm Irene Events
from VLCT Members**

The following comments are in response to the October 25, 2011 inquiry.

- 20 Define the terms “emergency” and “disaster” for both the state and federal level, and differentiate between the two in all legislation.
- 21 Establish a regional level emergency management function to coordinate mutual aid and localized emergency management.
- 22 Include agricultural structures, equipment, and hay bales in floodplain regulation. Provide for their location on higher ground.
- 23 Allow towns to apply for state funding immediately after a weather event has occurred and permit them to receive that funding immediately. If FEMA eventually agrees to supply funds to cover the event, the state should be reimbursed from the FEMA funds. Leaving a town hanging for six months is irresponsible.
- 24 Design a plan with the Agency of Natural Resources for towns to remove gravel from streams in a controlled way on an annual basis.
- 25 Establish reciprocal liability protection when towns provide mutual aid in neighboring states.