

Written Comments: Climate Action Plan Update

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Topic Areas: ●Natural & Working Lands, ●Equity & Justice

Some suggestions include:

- explicit inclusion of agroforestry within the plan—agroforestry practices are lacking in VT and offer opportunities for crop diversification, additional sources of food and income, as well as an incentive to increase and retain tree cover.

- Elaborate and be more specific about the inclusion of TEK into plans—this knowledge should not be stolen and implemented, partnerships need to be built/ strengthened and those with knowledge who want to collaborate need to be part of the process from start to finish and compensated for their time and expertise. Current wording is rather vague and does not talk about partnerships.

Overall, this draft looks great and is very thorough!

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Topic Areas: ●Policy/Law, ●Housing, ●Affordability, ●Buildings & Thermal

Links:

- [VTDigger Q&A: Environmental scholar Patrick Parenteau calls for ‘steady progress’ on climate](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency: Climate Pollution Reductions Grants for States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island](#)

I know I missed the comment period but I hope someone reads this...folks once the federal budget passes, our new reality will fully sink in. Your 16 point plan is unwieldy and never gonna be implemented as written. We lost out (now cancelled I imagine) on the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction (CPRG) Implementation Grant because of our unwieldy application and Climate Plan. As Pat Parenteau says, just buy people heat pumps. Let's come up with a few programs and keep them simple. VT has to build houses, schools and bridges and isn't gonna have a lot money. Everything bagel liberalism doesn't work in a state with 650k people.