

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council October 8, 2021 Meeting

- Date/Time: October 8, 2021 9:00 AM
- Location: Meeting was hosted virtually on Zoom with a physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier. Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#).
- Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Alissa White, Ryan Patch, John Roberts, Charlie Hancock, Iris Hsiang, Jake Claro, Judy Dow, David Mears, Lauren Oates
- State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Ali Kosiba, Marli Rupe, Bob Popp, Judson Peck, Alex DePillis, Pat Field (CBI)
- 9:00 AM Greeting, Review and Approval of [Agenda](#) and [10/1/21 Minutes](#)
- 9:05 AM Review and Finalization of our Pathways, Strategies, Actions Matrix
- **Process:** each Pathway editor ran through changes with Subcommittee, then Subcommittee discussed these proposed changes, added or edited language as needed, and sought to approve final changes. Each Pathway was discussed in order.
 - 9:15 Mitigation (shared by Ryan Patch)
 - 9:30 Adaptation (shared by Lauren Oates)
 - 9:50 Energy and Materials (shared by Billy Coster)
 - 10:10 Viabilities and Economies (shared by Abbie Corse with additional info from Jake Claro)
 - 10:30 Education (shared by Lauren Oates)
 - 10:40 Land Use (shared by Billy Coster)
- 11:00 AM Public Comment # 1
- Public comment received by Cheryl Joy Lipton, Jennifer Ramstetter, Zack Porter, and Donna Goldberg.
- 11:15 AM Break
- 11:20 AM Subcommittee Discussion
- Subcommittee discussed definition of Wild Lands and need for additional precision around language throughout the Climate Action Plan
- 11:30 AM Prioritization Process (Jane Lazorchak)
- Jane Lazorchak shared Prioritization Process to elevate high priority actions, with the awareness that all actions developed will be shared in the body of the Climate Action Plan.
 - Subcommittee discussed how to capture disagreements to share with VCC Steering Committee and incorporate into Climate Action Plan

- Subcommittee will break into smaller action groups to prioritize, with goals of representation from ag, forestry, and equity-minded folks to prioritize on each pathway.
 - Mitigation: **Ryan***, Charlie, Judy
 - Adaptation: **Lauren***, Alissa, Judy
 - Energy and Materials: **Billy***, Ryan, Judy
 - Viability and Economics: **Abbie*** and Jake
 - Land Use: **Billy***, John Roberts, Iris
 - Education: **Lauren***, Iris
- Individuals/pathway groups will work to rank within the spreadsheet, following instructions that will be shared with the Subcommittee via email and using the [Definitions and Guidance](#) provided.
- Upcoming Meetings and Tasks:
 - Writing Assignments per Overall & per Pathway
 - October 15: Prioritization by Pathway; Carbon Inventory
 - October 22: Equity Screening of Key Priorities
 - October 29: Final review of written document and matrix

12:10 PM Public Comment #2

- No Public Comment received

12:10 PM Meeting Adjourned