

PROGRAMS

Resilience Implementation Strategy, 2024

<https://climatechange.vermont.gov/resilience#:~:text=The%20Strategy%20will%20prioritize%20projects,intense%20impacts%20of%20climate%20change.>

STUDIES

Vermont Energy Sector Lifecycle Emissions Report

https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/1990-2021_GHG_Inventory_Uploads/VT_GHG_EnergySector_LCA_May2024.pdf

Review of Agricultural GHG Emissions and Sequestration in Vermont

https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/1990-2021_GHG_Inventory_Uploads/Final_VT_Agricultural_GHG_Sequestration%20Inventory%20Recommendations_April2024.pdf

LEGISLATION

Act 121 – Flood Safety Act, 2024

Summary:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT121/ACT121%20Act%20Summary.pdf>

Full Act:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT121/ACT121%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Act 181 - An act relating to community resilience and biodiversity protection through land use (Act 250 modernization), 2024

Summary:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT181/ACT181%20Act%20Summary.pdf>

Full Act:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT181/ACT181%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Act 122 – Climate Superfund, 2024

Summary:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT122/ACT122%20Act%20Summary.pdf>

Full Act:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT122/ACT122%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Act 179 – Renewable Energy Standard update, 2024

Summary:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT179/ACT179%20Act%20Summary.pdf>

Full Act:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT179/ACT179%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Act 59 – An act relating to community resilience and biodiversity protection (30x30), 2023

Summary:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT059/ACT059%20Act%20Summary.pdf>

Full Act:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT059/ACT059%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

VHCB Act 59 webpage: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/VCSI>

Act 146 - An act relating to eligibility of reserve forestland for enrollment in the Use Value Appraisal Program , 2022

Summary:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2022/Docs/ACTS/ACT146/ACT146%20Act%20Summary.pdf>

Full Act:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2022/Docs/ACTS/ACT146/ACT146%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

FPR webpage: <https://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/uva-reserve-forestland>

\$1M Expansion of the Water Quality Assistance Program (FY25 state budget)

- The Vermont State Legislature appropriated \$1M in the State Fiscal Year 2025 budget to provide financial assistance to logging contractors to ensure implementation of practices that protect water quality on logging sites and that help loggers adapt to climate change. This financial assistance is an expansion of the existing Water Quality Assistance Program that has previously provided skidder bridges to loggers.
- The FPR Division of Forests has held two meetings with logging contractors to get input on what types of practices should be covered under this pilot program and how the funding should be structured to ensure flexibility as well as the right balance between a simple and rapid process to obtain the funds and adequate accountability to ensure the use of funds is achieving the program goals.
- FPR will hire a service provider to award funds to loggers based on a straightforward application process and a schedule of accepted practices with unit costs, and we hope to have the program up and running for the winter logging season.
- Funds can also be used to support the costs of Master Logger Certification, a third-party certification for loggers that demonstrates compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding protection of employees, professional harvest planning, and the application of logging techniques that protect soil and water resources, cultural heritage, wildlife, and forest aesthetics.
- FPR will submit a report to the legislature on the results of this pilot program by July 15, 2025.