



Vermont Climate Council

Drafting the Climate Action Plan

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CAP Drafting Process - A few guiding criteria

- The moment calls for 'all hands on deck'
- We have important expertise on the Council to assist in drafting text
- We need a process that is clear and agile
- The sub-committees (with staff support) should generate the substantive content on pathways/strategies/actions.
- The full Council reviews, adapts and approves the CAP text.

*Let's look at the specific approaches for each of the 3 sections of the CAP draft:
Introduction, Pathways, Implementation*

CAP Drafting Process – Broken Down

Introduction

Comprised of three core components:

1. The case for action (the “why”);
2. Requirements of the law; and
3. The foundational work needed to build the plan.

***Drafted by Councilors, subcommittees and state staff**

CAP Drafting Process Pathways

Comprised of four sections:

1. Cross-cutting pathways
2. Mitigation
3. Sequestration
4. Resilience (in natural/working lands and the built environment)

***Drafted by subcommittees supported by state staff**

***Process for drafting cross-cutting pathways still needs refinement**

CAP Drafting Process Implementation

Comprised of three main components:

1. Implementation
2. Measuring and Tracking Progress
3. Guidance documents

*** Drafted by subcommittees and state staff**

*** Process for Councilors' role in drafting Implementation still need refinement**

CAP Drafting Process

Cross-Cutting Ideas and Implementation

A suggested approach

- Keep substantive conversations around policies in subcommittees
- Create small task team with 1-2 Councilor representatives from subcommittees to consider how CAP elevates cross-cutting ideas / themes
 - Land use is a clear example
 - Other issues might also warrant a cross-cutting call-out
- This task team will help determine where these cross-cutting themes are presented in the CAP (e.g.. under Pathways or Implementation section)
- Participating Councilors should bring resilience, adaptation, sequestration and mitigation expertise
- Task team will communicate back to subcommittees and to Council with updated CAP outlines

CAP Draft Assignments and Timeline

Today's Discussion:

Does the current CAP outline provide enough detail to understand the tasks ahead to draft it?

As a Councilor, do you understand your suggested role in drafting, reviewing and editing?

Do you support the proposed approach for addressing cross-cutting issues?