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# Climate Action Plan Update Kick-Off

**Welcome! We invite you to share in the chat:**

- your name,
- where you live,
- when you hear climate action, what are the first three words that come to mind?



# Agenda

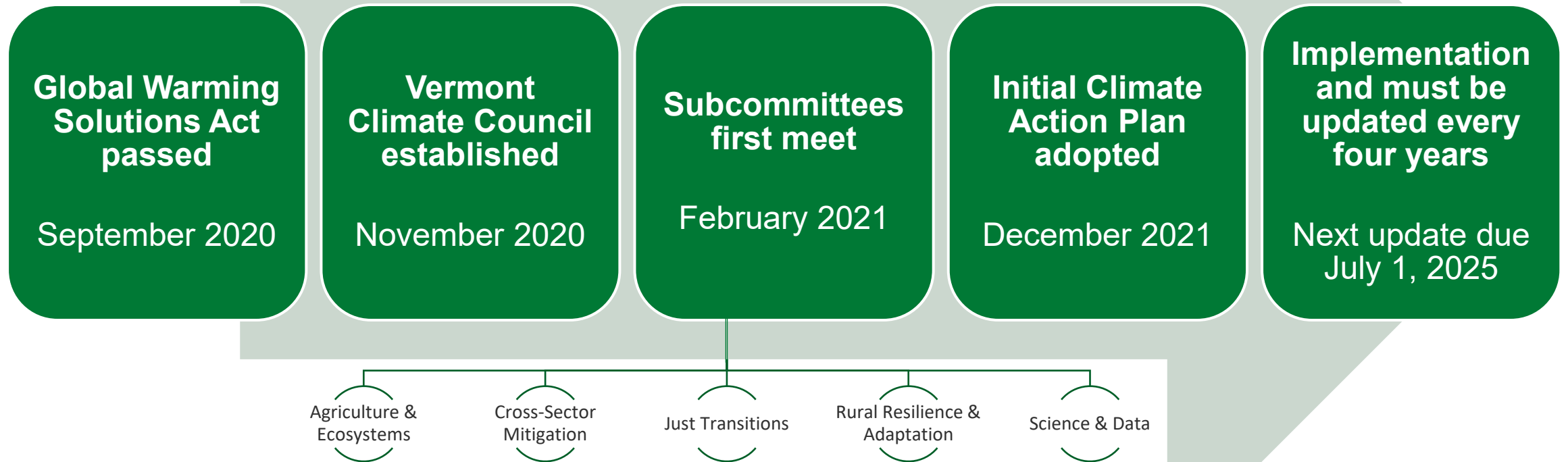
**Knowledge sharing:** What's happened already?  
Where are we now? (30 minutes)

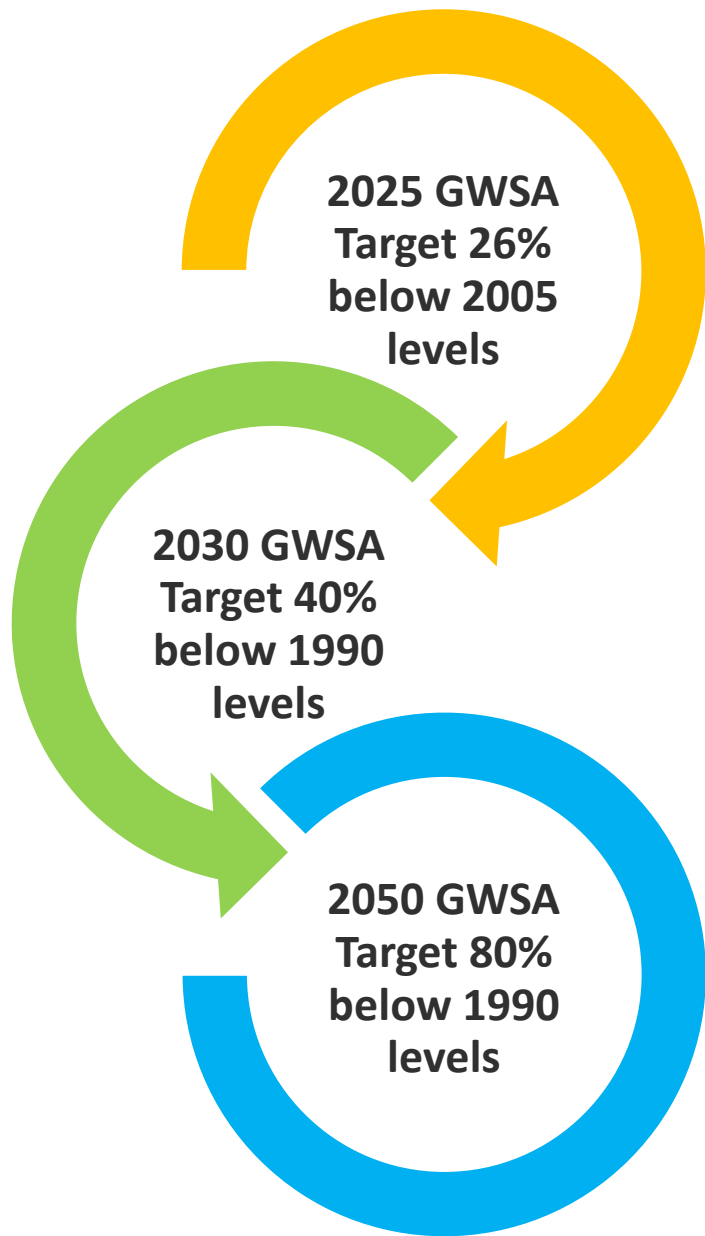
**Discussion** (30 minutes)

**Reflection** (15 minutes)

**Next Steps** (10 minutes)

# Climate Action Plan





# Objectives

1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
2. Encourage smart growth and related strategies
3. Achieve long-term sequestration and storage of carbon
4. Achieve net zero emissions by 2050 across all sectors
5. Reduce energy burdens for rural and marginalized communities
6. Limit the use of chemicals, substances, or products that contribute to climate change
7. Build and encourage climate adaptation and resilience



# Guiding Principles for a Just Transition

A framework for the Climate Council and subcommittees to evaluate, adjust and prioritize recommendations based on how they will impact Vermont's impacted and frontline communities.

01

Ensuring  
inclusive,  
transparent,  
and  
innovative  
engagement

02

Creating  
accountable &  
restorative  
recommend-  
ations

03

Moving at the  
speed of trust

04

Incorporating  
solidarity to  
create  
inclusionary  
spaces

05

Prioritizing  
the most  
impacted first

06

Developing  
supports for  
workers,  
families, and  
communities

# Impact Areas



## Cutting Climate Pollution

Reducing emissions from transportation, buildings, energy and products.



## Resilient Working and Natural Lands

Preparing farms, forests and ecosystems for climate change.



## Vital Communities

Protecting people and infrastructure from climate impacts.



## Capturing Carbon

Removing carbon from the air and storing it in soil or plants.



## Cross-Cutting Solutions

Investing in communities and workforce development.



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# Cross-Cutting Action: Develop a Climate Action Office

Proposed in  
Governor's  
Budget

Discussed  
in  
Legislature

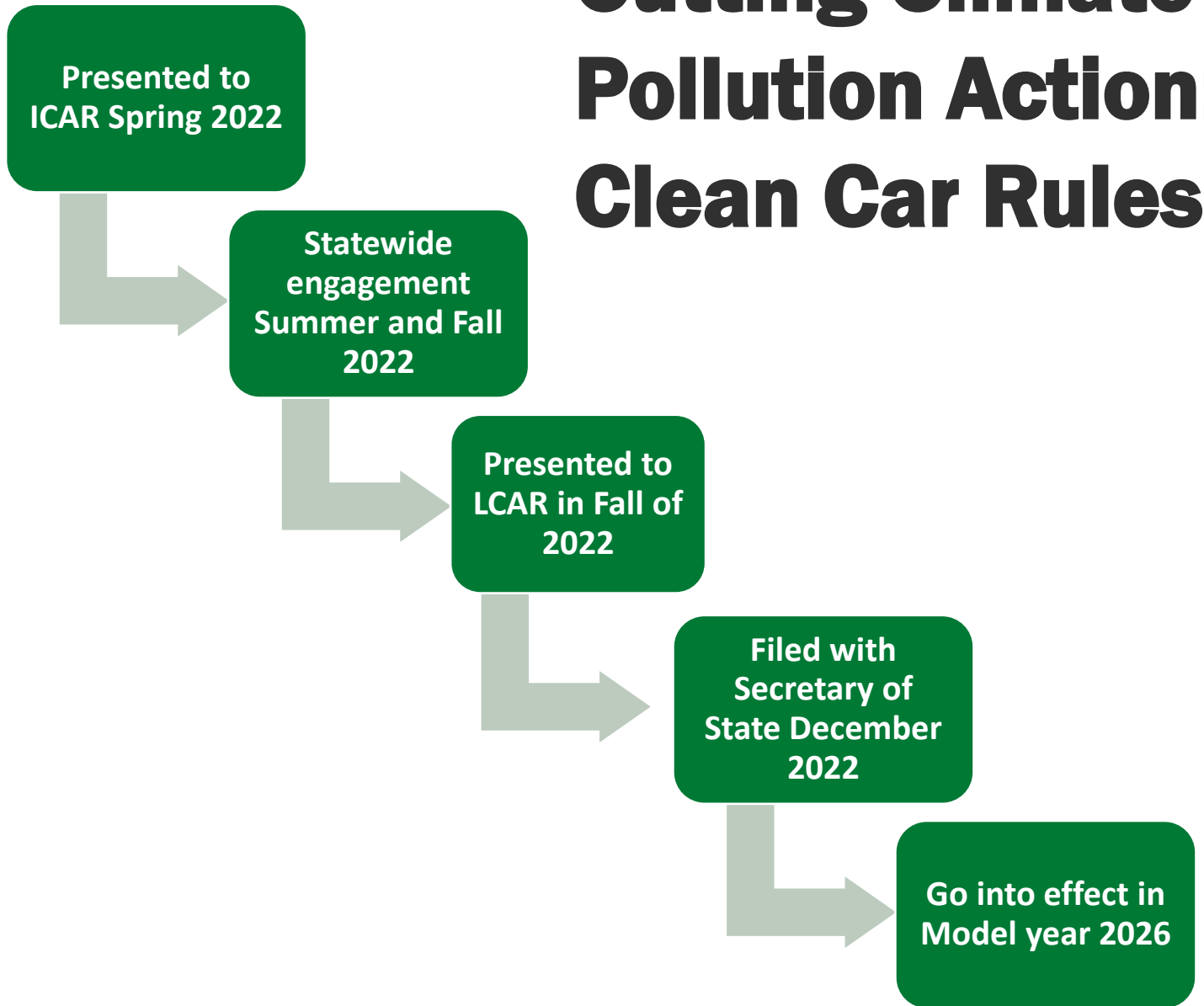
Included in  
Budget

Created in  
July 2022





# Cutting Climate Pollution Action: Clean Car Rules







# Resilient Lands Capturing Carbon Action: Amend UVA

Amend Use Value  
Appraisal Program  
(UVA) to include  
forest reserve land



Collaborative  
Effort with  
Legislature in 2022



Act 146 Signed  
into law



Implemented  
through Forests,  
Parks, &  
Recreation

# 2025 Plan Priorities: Subcommittee Schedule

## Stage 1: April-June 2024 – Grounding, getting started

- Initial identification of high-level gaps and priority areas to update

## Stage 2: July-Sept 2024 – Deliberation

- Review key scientific and other inputs
- Develop any additional recommendations that are needed to fill gaps

## Stage 3: Sept-Nov 2024 – Prioritizing and refining

- Using a systematic approach, prioritize recommendations

# 2025 Plan Priorities



*Engagement all along the way will inform priorities*





# 2025 Plan Priorities

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## Breakout Group Discussions

- Rural Resilience and Adaptation
- Cross Sector Mitigation
- Agriculture and Ecosystems

## Next Steps

# Ongoing engagement opportunities

[climatechange.vermont.gov/get-involved](https://climatechange.vermont.gov/get-involved)

- Sign up for the Climate Action Office's newsletter
- Attend a subcommittee meeting:  
[climatechange.vermont.gov/calendar](https://climatechange.vermont.gov/calendar)
- Share your thoughts!
  - Fill out survey by July 1 (Share your climate conversations with us!)
  - Ongoing public comment form
  - Leave a voice message at 802-404-2729