

Next Steps on Public Engagement

JT Subcommittee

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The Climate Action Plan calls for...

Expand Public Engagement

- Provide adequate funding and staffing...to adopt more inclusive and **innovative engagement** strategies.
- Present **key materials in plain and accessible language, including translation into multiple languages...**
- ...opportunities to engage in many ways....**ensure materials and resources are easy to navigate** and provide a clear path and timeline for engagement.
- Create opportunities for **engagement that empowers impacted communities and is ongoing**...goal of co-creation, which requires meeting people in their communities and **using trusted organizations and community members** to facilitate outreach.
- Create opportunities to hear from Vermonters during all processes created by the Global Warming Solutions Act...
- ...**supporting and working through and with trusted community organizations** to reach impacted communities....**requires coordination and support**. The Climate Council is well-poised to support coordination.

Council Meeting Dec 7...notes

- Council members suggested **resourcing trusted community organizations** that are known and understood by community members.
- The Council should reach out to groups that are **not just the organizations typically consulted**, and who represent a broad range of Vermonters.
- The Council should focus on **who is doing the synthesizing of information** and feeding it back into the Council's process.