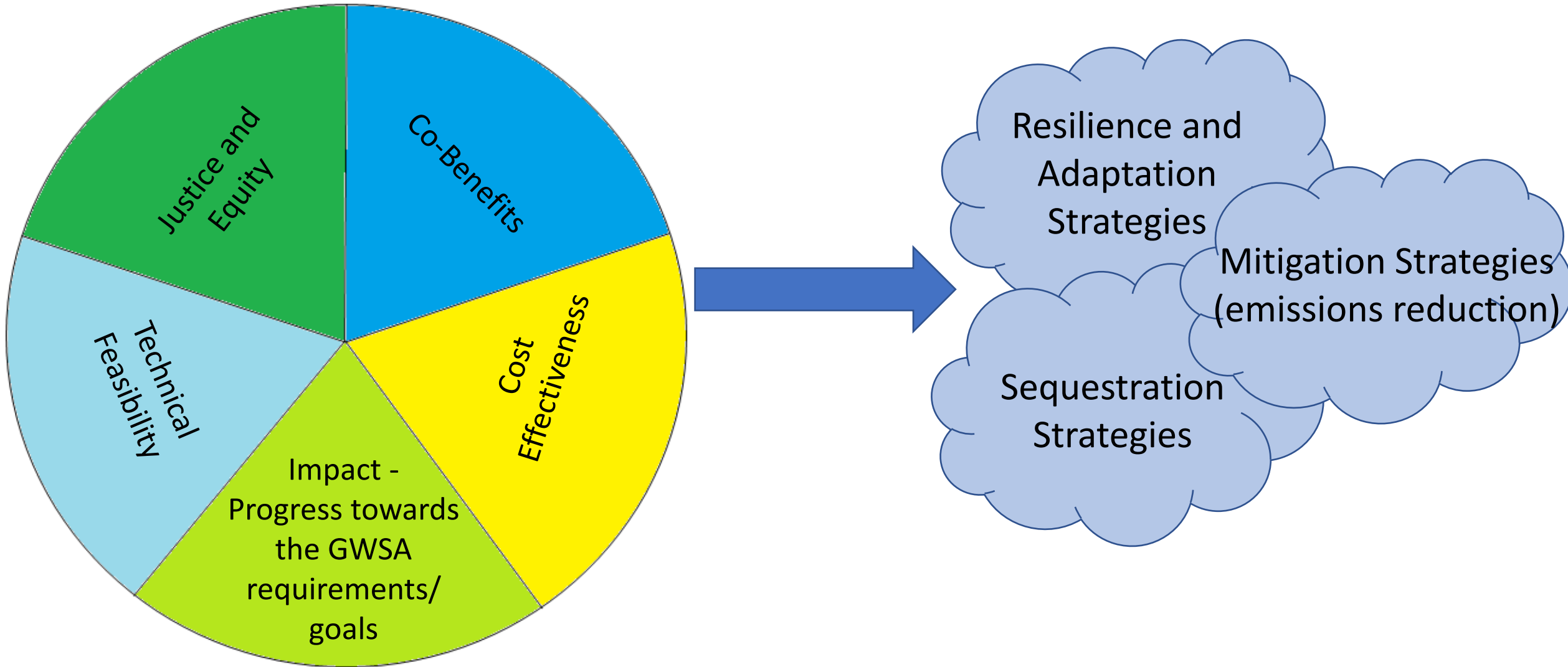


# Prioritization Supported by the Foundational Criteria in the GWSA



# Framework for Climate Action Plan

Pathways  Strategies  Actions

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

- **Pathways and Strategies**

- Council got a sneak peek in July
- All will be included in Initial CAP
- Less is more recognizing that we must meet statutory obligations
- Discussion over best language here – Is goals better?

- **Actions** are the “operational” tasks that are needed to implement the pathways and strategies. Actions may be written around existing, or propose new, policies, programs, projects, initiatives, plans, etc.

- Distinguish between those that are “ready for immediate implementation” versus those that “require further development.”
- The Initial CAP will have more detail on actions that are ready to implement.

# Framework for Climate Action Plan

Pathways → Strategies → Actions

*The product we're looking for on Dec 1, 2021*

Pathway 1	Strategy A	Actions ready for implementation
		• List them here
	• Offer consolidated analysis against the 5 criteria	
	Actions needing further development	
• List them here		
Strategy B	Actions ready for implementation	
	• List them here	
	• Offer consolidated analysis against the 5 criteria	
Actions needed further development		
• List them here		



Repeat for each Pathway

# Using the Foundational Criteria

## A suggested process for incorporating foundational criteria into analysis and prioritization (in the tight timeframe we've been given)

1. **Consolidate** pathways, strategies and actions (use expert judgement to combine ideas etc.)
2. **Sort** under each strategy the actions that are “ready for immediate implementation” versus “further development needed”
3. **Focus** your analysis of the five Foundational Criteria on actions ready for implementation
4. **Show your work** – use a transparent process to evaluate strategies/actions against the criteria;
  - i. Use expert judgement – cite data when possible – to judge each action against each criteria (most will use a high, medium, low ranking)
  - ii. Use this analysis to highlight which actions implementers should focus on – this is your prioritization tool
5. **Present** your analysis by strategy
  - i. Speak to a package of actions ready for implementation that, taken together, address the five Foundational Criteria.
  - ii. Refine actions that are ready vs. need further development based on criteria assessment.

## What does “ready to implement” mean?

- Ready = A realistic path to implement in the near-term
  - Programmatic framework
  - Authority
  - Funding
- Implement = Identifies the specific action(s) required and the entity (legislature, state agency, other) that will need to act on them
- Consider further break down of actions by implementation schedule AND/OR buckets such as: legislative change; rule making/policy change; and individual actions by every-day Vermonters

# Key Questions for the Steering Committee

## A suggested process

1. **Consolidate** pathways, strategies and actions
2. **Sort** actions that are “ready to implement”
3. **Focus** analysis on those that are ready
4. **Show your work** – Do the analysis by action, use analysis to prioritize
5. **Present** analysis by strategy on a package of actions

- Are we headed to the right Dec. 1 product (given the timeframe and mandate we have?)
  - Initial CAP has Pathways, Strategies and an emphasis on Actions “ready for implementation” that together speak to the five Foundational Criteria
- Is our process for Sub-Committees clear and appropriate?
  - Analysis on the action level, presented by strategy on a consolidated group of actions
  - Expert judgement with a mainly a high, medium, low framework to analyze each action
  - No weighting of criteria, do prioritization based on an analysis of all 5
    - Analysis should prompt you to emphasize and de-emphasize actions – or adjust them to make them better
    - To be sure, actions for immediate implementation need to meet statutory emissions reduction goals
- Are we in agreement on basic definitions for each criteria (see next slide?)

# Definitions for Discussion

## **Impact - Progress towards GWSA Requirements/Goals**

Consideration of actions' contribution to achieving 2025, 2030 and 2050 emission reduction requirements and/or resiliency, adaptation and sequestration goals (High, Medium, Low)

## **Equity**

Application of scoring rubric (relative score – i.e., how score compares against scores of other actions)

## **Technical Feasibility\***

Is the strategy/action able to be advanced, at scale, without additional research, technological advancements, investments in supporting infrastructure, etc. (Yes or No)

## **Cost-Effectiveness\*\***

Consideration of progress towards GWSA requirements and Council goals relative to cost (High, Medium, Low)

## **Co-Benefits**

Action meets multiple goals for emission reductions, sequestration, resilience\*\*\* and adaptation (High, Medium, Low)

\*Could be IPCC Definition \*\*Could include many other components (cost of inaction, cost effective to who? \*\*\*Resilience will include public health