



Vermont Climate Council

Building the Climate Action Plan Stakeholder Engagement

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Global Warmings Solutions Act

Vermont Climate Action Plan Requirements

1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation, building, regulated utility, industrial, commercial, and agricultural sectors;
2. Encourage smart growth and related strategies;
3. Achieve long-term sequestration and storage of carbon and promote best management practices to achieve climate mitigation, adaption, and resilience on natural working lands;
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; and
7. Build and encourage climate adaptation and resilience of Vermont communities and natural systems.

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Clear Sequence of Work

1. Five Subcommittees (four defined in statute) to develop the work
 - Rural Resilience and Adaptation, Agriculture and Ecosystems, Cross Sector Mitigation, Just Transitions and Science and Data
2. Technical Subcommittees utilized a similar approach to their work:
 - Inventory existing programs to meet GWSA requirements
 - Identify, analyze and evaluate new strategies/programs needed to meet requirements
 - Identify, analyze and evaluate financing strategies to support implementation
3. Develop monitoring strategy for assessing implementation efficacy
4. Identify rules to be adopted (by ANR)
5. Adopt the Vermont Climate Action Plan (CAP) by Dec 1, 2021
 - Update the CAP at least once every four years thereafter

Leading with Equity as a Core Component of the CAP

Recommendations must acknowledge that the status quo continues to perpetuate ingrained systems of discrimination, inequality, inequity and racism. Recommendations must examine existing practices and redress historical injustices through concrete actions that will lead to a more equitable future.

[Guiding Principles for a Just Transition, June 2021](#)

Guiding Principles for a Just Transition

Inclusive, Transparent & Innovative Engagement

Accountable & Restorative

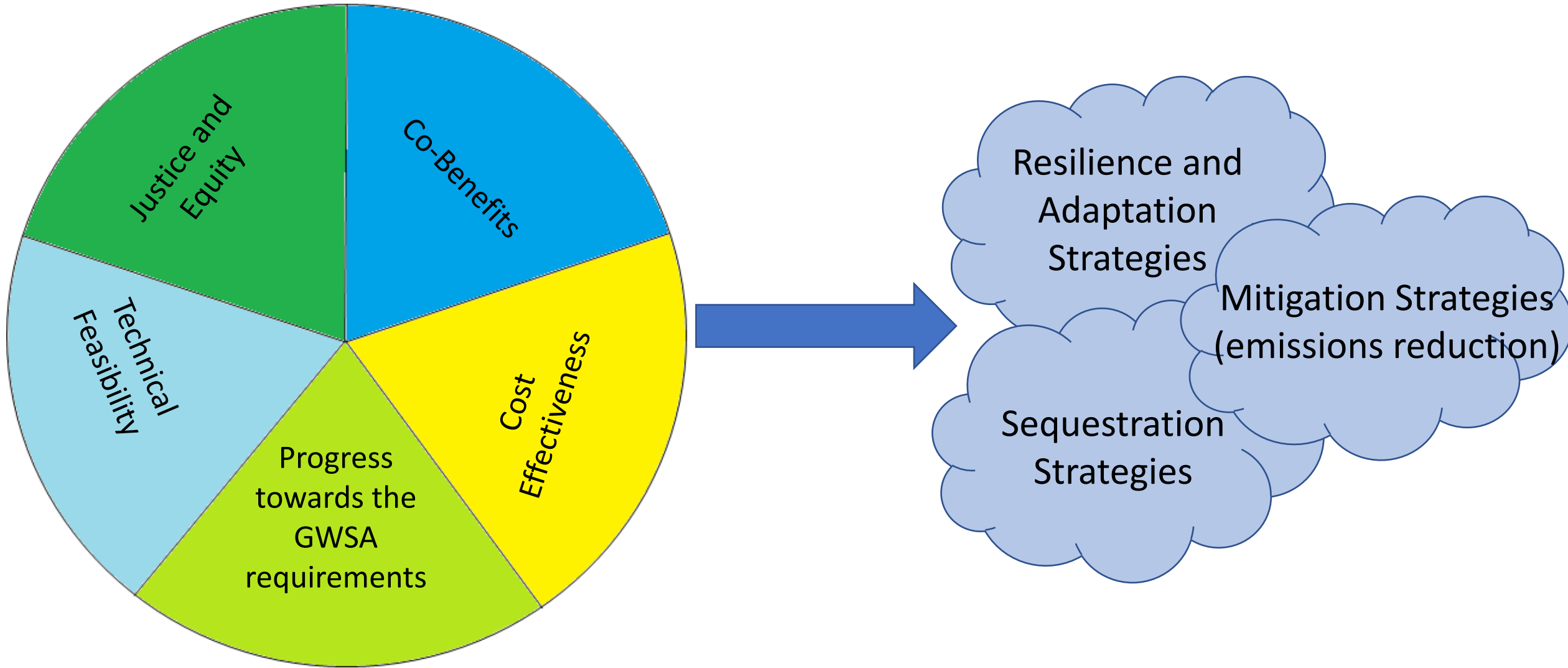
Moving at the Speed of Trust

Solidarity

The Most Impacted First

Supports Workers, Families & Communities

Climate Action Plan



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE



Engagement Opportunities

Colchester

Date: Sunday, September 19th, 3:00-5:00 PM

Event location: Airport Park Pavilion, Colchester

Elmore

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 5:00-7:00 PM

Event location: Elmore State Park Pavilion

East Dorset

Date: Wednesday, September 22, 5:00-7:00 PM

Event location: Emerald Lake State Park Pavilion

Island Pond

Date: Thursday September 23, 5:00-7:00 PM

Event location: Lakeside Pavilion, Island Pond

Online Events:

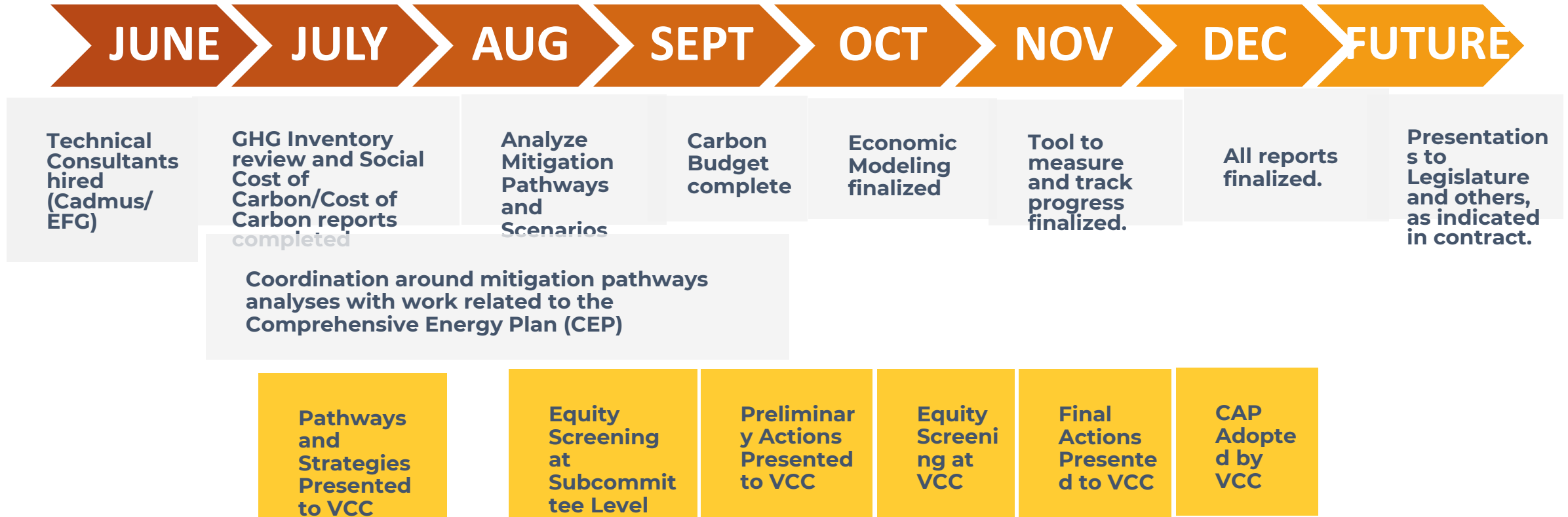
Thursday, September 30, 6-7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 5, 6-7:30 pm

Virtual event via Zoom for BIPOC communities

Wednesday, October 6, 6-7:30 pm

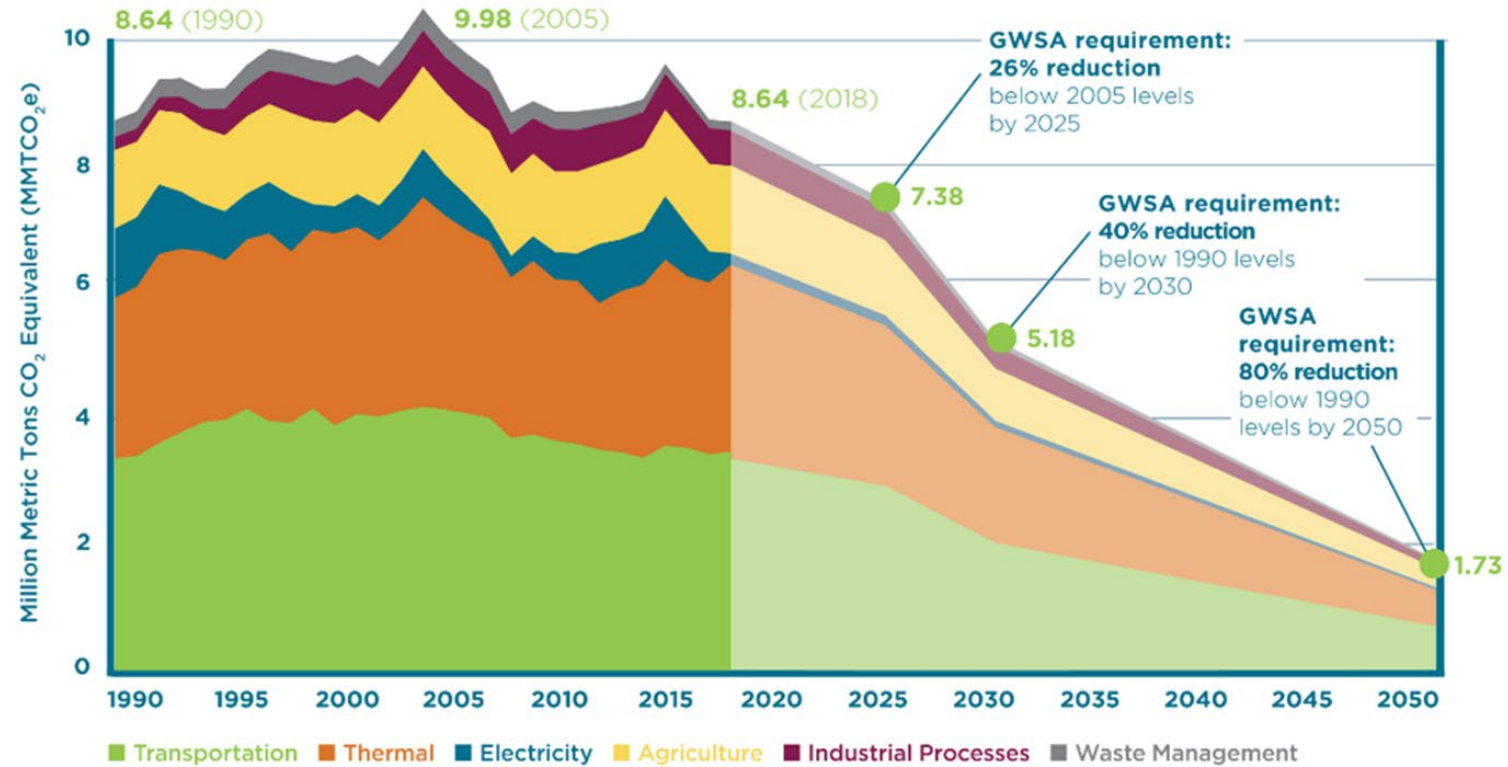
Timeline



Key Milestones

Key Takeaways

- CAP will be adopted by Dec 1
- Many strategies and actions will require legislative action to implement
- Significant reductions in GHG emissions will be needed
- Important to balance GHG mitigation, adaptation / resiliency and carbon sequestration efforts



Source: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Vermont GHG Emissions Inventory and Forecast (1990-2017), 2021.