

# Climate Action Plan

## Introductory and Substantive Chapters

### What's next?

- In large part, all chapters are drafted – celebrate this!
- However, there are shortcomings:
  - Generally, too long still
  - Lots of overlap of content across chapters
  - Written in many voices and inconsistent approach
  - Chapters need to be tied together
- Good thing is that we have time!

# Two Buckets of Chapters – Introductory vs. Substantive

- Process for Introductory Chapters

- Empower Climate Action Office to coordinate revisions with lead authors in service of formatting (images and formatting is challenging right now), and revisions to support inclusion of chapters, rather than stand-alone papers.

- Process for Substantive Chapters

- 1) Agree on content that supports narrative (Steering Committee)

- Rationale for the focal area - Why is this area important for Climate Action in Vermont?
- Essential background that gives context to the priority actions
  - Data
  - Key milestones and progress in recent years
- Input from public engagement
- Discussion of Priority Actions
  - Describe in narrative form the priority actions being in the plan
  - Brief description (a sentence or two) of other actions included in the annex that aren't listed in priority action
  - Brief reference (a sentence or two) of other priority actions that are supportive of this area as needed
  - Do not list the actions word for word in the chapter or use a table

# Process for Substantive Chapters - Continued

2) Revisit Table of Contents and Consider what Substantive chapters are needed (Steering Committee)

- Can the three Ag and Ecosystems chapters be one?
- Mitigation Chapters Need a Tie Through as Lots of information is repeated

3) Who Does this Work – (Process for Council Meeting)

- Councilors work to revise chapters based on this guidance
- Smaller groups must be coordinated to deal with redundancy
- Finally, is there a role for CAO in final review to complete the tie through across the chapters