

**Vermont Climate Council
Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee
2024 Work Plan**

PHASE I: PLANNING

APRIL - AUGUST (monthly meetings)

April: Level Set

Objective: Introduce new members; orientation to work ahead and work plan

Committee Actions: Review Initial CAP with focus on Resilience actions; Review VCC Subcommittee; Provide input on conceptual Work Plan

Presentations/Invitees: Review of Relevant Documents; Overview of Subcommittee Guidance; Review Conceptual Work Plan

May: Benchmarking; Initial Gap Analysis

Objective: Understand other major State Plans, state of the state on Climate in VT, progress made on Initial Climate Action Plan

Committee Actions: Review video of presentation to Climate Council on SHMP and RIS; Review Progress Report; Review initial and recommended VCC action prioritization criteria; Provide further Input on Work Plan; Brainstorm gaps; Determine additional information and/or data needed for further analysis.

Presentations/Invitees: Climate Update, SHMP, RIS, Progress Report Draft Work Plan

June: Gap Analysis Cont'd; Finalize Work Plan

Objective: Continue information collection and refine gaps for proposed CAP actions

Committee Actions: Review any analyses of institutional (state government, NGOs, local government, etc,) capacity gaps and needs (human resources, policies, funding).

Presentations/Invitees: Legislative Update, Available Funding Overview, Status and opportunities for state-wide weatherization programs, especially for low-income households and landlords (it seems we have the expertise on the RRA subcommittee for this presentation); Council on Rural Development; Community Actions Programs

Data? Presentations? Who do we want to hear from?

July: Subcommittee Cross-Walk; Finalize and Prioritize Gaps; Initial Identification of Focus Groups

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Objective: Finalize information collection; Ensure work of RRA is complimentary to other subcommittees, that our gaps are clearly defined, and brainstorm stakeholders - who we want to share with and hear from.

Committee Actions: Based on new criteria from VCC, conduct initial ranking of priority future actions.

Presentations/Invitees: Subcommittees; Economics of Resilience

August: Identify Actions to Fill Gaps; Finalize Focus Groups; Update to Council(?)

Objective: Conceptualize potential additional or modified Pathways, Strategies, Actions and determine who, what, where, how for focus groups

Committee Actions:

Presentations/Invitees: CAO - Coordination for Outreach

PHASE II: DRAFTING

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER (ramping up to possible weekly meetings)

September: Finalize additional or modified Pathways, Strategies, Actions; Focus Groups Outreach and Engagement

October: Focus Groups Outreach and Engagement

November: Draft Recommendations of Strategies and Actions

December: Final and Prioritized Recommendations