

Climate Action Plan

Contextual and Recommendation 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 – Contextual vs. Recommendations

- Process for Contextual 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 Recommendation Chapters

Chapters should be limited to the following content:

- 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 Revising Recommendation Chapters - Today

Revisit Table of Contents today for Council to agree on consolidation of chapters

- Recommend that the three Ag and Ecosystems chapters be one
- Recommend much stronger coordination across the Mitigation Chapters
 - Need a Tie Through
 - Lots of information is repeated

Proposed Process for Edits

- Councilors work to revise chapters based on the content guidance, striving to tighten up and shorten chapters
- Develop smaller groups to coordinate and deal with redundancy
 - Lead Councilors and Co-chairs
 - Delegate Lead to create a consistent voice once chapters are edited
- Review Chapters at Subcommittee Meeting to vet edits and tone
- Consider role of Steering Committee in edits before going to Council
- Council will strive to approve content at June 2 meeting