

Recommendations	Status	Revise Action, Revise Strategy, Remove, Keep as is	Revised Language	Technical Feasibility	Cost Effectiveness (High/Medium/Low)	Co-Benefits (High/Medium/Low)	Impact (High/Medium/Low)	Overall Ranking (High/Medium/Low)
Pathway 14: Increase capacity for climate resilience planning and implementation, and address inequities of under-resourced communities.								
Strategy 14a: Provide tools and resources to help communities assess climate vulnerabilities and create climate resilience plans.								
Develop a climate planning toolkit to help towns assess vulnerabilities to climate change impacts, such as heat, air quality, drought, flooding, high winds, heavy rain, hail and sleet, and identify and prioritize actions to increase their resilience to climate change. Include newly developed tools, such as the vulnerability index, and existing tools, such as the AOT Repeat Flood Damage Inventory Tool, and the NOAA Climate Resilience Toolkit.	Being Implemented	Revise Action	Develop a climate planning toolkit that serves as a hub for existing tools, resources, and information, relevant for designing and implementation of climate action measures or strategies at a municipal level.	Yes	Medium	Medium	High	Medium
Expand capacity for the State to train on and support the use of the Municipal Climate Toolkit through development of education materials, expanded technical assistance, and streamlined tools to help municipalities access planning and implementation support related to climate action. Provide planning guides and tools, such as the Municipal Climate Planning Framework and Guide and the Municipal Climate Toolkit, that help municipalities develop and integrate climate actions into their planning processes that are locally relevant and aligned with State Climate goals.	NEW	NEW	Expand capacity for the State to train on and support the use of the Municipal Climate Toolkit through development of education materials, expanded technical assistance, and streamlined tools to help municipalities access planning and implementation support related to climate action. Provide planning guides and tools, such as the Municipal Climate Planning Framework and Guide and the Municipal Climate Toolkit, that help municipalities develop and integrate climate actions into their planning processes that are locally relevant and aligned with State Climate goals.	Yes	Medium	Medium	High	Medium
Provide funding and technical assistance for the development and implementation of climate resilience municipal plans through existing program and technical assistance providers, such as the Municipal Planning and Resilience Grant Program, and fully funding Regional Planning Commissions to develop Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.	NEW	NEW	Provide funding and technical assistance for the development and implementation of climate resilience municipal plans through existing program and technical assistance providers, such as the Municipal Planning and Resilience Grant Program, and fully funding Regional Planning Commissions to develop Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.	Yes	High	Medium	Medium	High
Increase State capacity to manage funding programs and provide technical assistance for the development and implementation of climate resilience plans, with a focus on maximizing the efficacy of Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, and augmenting existing programs with the Municipal Planning and Resilience Grant Program, the Municipal Climate Planning Framework and Guide, and the Municipal Climate Toolkit.	NEW	NEW	Increase State capacity to manage funding programs and provide technical assistance for the development and implementation of climate resilience plans, with a focus on maximizing the efficacy of Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, and augmenting existing programs with the Municipal Planning and Resilience Grant Program, the Municipal Climate Planning Framework and Guide, and the Municipal Climate Toolkit.					High
Increase funding to Regional Planning Commissions and local municipalities to support climate and energy planning and target funds to support towns with limited staff and marginalized populations that score high on the climate vulnerability index.	Advancing	Revise Action	Establish permanent, dedicated funding for Regional Planning Commissions to hire and retain staff for climate resilience planning work, hazard mitigation application development, and management of hazard mitigation grants on behalf of municipalities or other eligible grant recipients as well as cover overhead costs related to completing Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.	Yes	High	Medium	Medium	High
Increase and create a permanent state fund for design and implementation of local and regional climate adaptation and resilience projects.	No Action Taken	Revise Action	Secure sustainable, long-term funding to expand and maintain a permanent Flood Resilient Communities Fund (Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund) for the design and implementation of local and regional climate change adaptation projects and community resilience. Funding may be used as local match for federally funded hazard mitigation programs as well as non-REMA eligible hazard mitigation activities.					High
Fund ERAF for non-federal disasters in towns that have adopted floodplain and/or river corridor bylaws and to support the 20% non-federal match for buyouts and develop criteria for distribution when funding is limited.	No Action Taken	Revise Action	Assess the efficacy of and consider revisions to ERAF to contribute towards the 20% non-federal match for FEMA hazard mitigation funding applications and match for other flood disaster risk reduction opportunities.	Yes	High	Medium	High	High
Establish a dedicated, comprehensive state level program with funding to strategically purchase or match funding for hazard-prone properties, easements to conserve river corridors, floodplains, forests, and wetlands to reduce overall flood risk and enhance flood storage statewide.	Advancing	Remove						High
Create and fund one natural resource staff position at every Regional Planning Commissions to assist with implementation of climate policies and natural resources requirements such as Act 171 (forestry and habitat blocks). Use the Transportation Planning Initiative as a model to fund RPC natural resource staff and support trainings with ATR and other partners.	Advancing	Remove						
Strategy 14b: Expand cross-sector collaboration to align efforts, share best practices, and leverage resources to advance resilience and preparedness efforts statewide.								
Identify and develop new programs to address the full range of climate impacts, especially those that impact important Vermont industries, including drought, less or irregular snowfall, and shorter or irregular sugaring season.	Advancing	Revise Action	Provide tools, technical support, and permanent funding for resilience planning and disaster recovery that covers diverse range of small businesses in Vermont, including those dependent on sustainable use of natural resources.	Yes	High	Medium	High	High
Complete a statewide climate change impact assessment for Vermont's commercial sector and natural resource based industries including but not limited to the ski, logging, and logging industries.	No Action Taken	Remove						
Assist businesses in applying for and receiving recovery loans and grants.	NEW	NEW	Assist businesses in applying for and receiving recovery loans and grants.	Yes	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Create and facilitate a business support network that connects and engages local economic development and small business support organizations for the purpose of developing and providing coordinated support for business and local economic resilience and disaster response.	NEW	NEW	Create and facilitate a business support network that connects and engages local economic development and small business support organizations for the purpose of developing and providing coordinated support for business and local economic resilience and disaster response.					Medium
Strategy 14c: Increase community participation in local governance and support civic engagement and citizen involvement.								
Require remote meeting options, including a call-in option for all meetings of public bodies; allow fully virtual meetings of public bodies with guidelines similar to the State of Emergency; evaluate options for online collaboration in preparation for a meeting that can be done with transparency.	Completed	Remove						
Develop, extend, and implement relevant and appropriate strategies and approaches to increasing local stakeholder engagement and participation in resilience and adaptation programs, such as weatherization and hazard mitigation, at respective municipal levels.	NEW	NEW	Develop, extend, and implement relevant and appropriate strategies and approaches to increasing local stakeholder engagement and participation in resilience and adaptation programs, such as weatherization and hazard mitigation, at respective municipal levels.	Yes	Medium	Medium	High	Medium
Improve community resilience networks through Resilience Hubs and support for the coordination and capacity of community resilience initiatives at the local level, focusing on what already exists and is working by region (e.g., Community Resilience Organizations, Community Organizations Active in Disaster) to reduce community and individual vulnerability to natural hazards.	NEW	NEW	Improve community resilience networks through Resilience Hubs and support for the coordination and capacity of community resilience initiatives at the local level, focusing on what already exists and is working by region (e.g., Community Resilience Organizations, Community Organizations Active in Disaster) to reduce community and individual vulnerability to natural hazards.					
Pathway 17: Change Vermont's land-use policies so current and future land development will be adaptive and resilient to climate change impacts.								
Strategy 17a: Develop permanent private and public funding sources to floodproof, elevate and purchase commercial and residential properties, as well as conserve and restore ecosystem services upstream to protect our people, property, environment, and economy from flooding.								
Expand the eligibility criteria and increase funding for VHC's conservation and buyout program, to address any flood vulnerable structures.	No Action Taken	Remove						
Pathway 18: Ensure that all people have access to safe, accessible, energy efficient, and affordable housing.								
Strategy 18a: Update state and local land-use governance, regulations, practices, and investments to eliminate barriers to housing development.								
Expand pilot program to train a network of local builders in the design and building of small and mid-sized and accessory dwelling units (mother-in-law apartments) and fund homes starts within communities planning and investing in development-ready infrastructure, building development partnerships, and updating zoning bylaws to welcome new homes.	Being Implemented	Revise Action	Expand pilot program to train a network of local builders in the design and building of small and mid-sized and accessory dwelling units (mother-in-law apartments).	Yes	High	Medium	High	High
Expand the existing program to relocate mobile home park homes and residents outside of flood vulnerable locations.	No Action Taken	Revise Action	Expand the Rapid Response Mobile Home Infill Program.	Yes	Medium	Medium	High	Medium
Convene a statewide conversation on the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act (24 V.S.A. Chapter 121) provisions on land use and housing to outline amendments and strategies that will expand housing choice, opportunity, and improve community resilience.	Completed	Remove						
Explore opportunities for resilient residential building codes and resilient zoning, including evaluation of impacts, and options for programmatic and/or regulatory structure to support implementation. Coordinate this effort with existing efforts to adopt the IRC, enforce and update the RBES and CBES codes, and update the IRC.	NEW	NEW	Explore opportunities for resilient residential building codes and resilient zoning, including evaluation of impacts, and options for programmatic and/or regulatory structure to support implementation. Coordinate this effort with existing efforts to adopt the IRC, enforce and update the RBES and CBES codes, and update the IRC.	Yes	High	Medium	High	High
Create educational/informational materials for municipal leaders on the intersection of housing and climate crises.	NEW	NEW	Create educational/informational materials for municipal leaders on the intersection of housing and climate crises.	Yes	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Improve recovery communications.	NEW	NEW	Improve recovery communications.	Yes	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Strategy 18b: Increase investments in the preservation and development of both private-market and nonprofit-owned affordable housing.								
Increase funding and financing products for homes starts within communities that are planning and investing in development-ready infrastructure, building development partnerships, and updating zoning bylaws to welcome new homes.	NEW	NEW	Increase funding and financing products for homes starts within communities that are planning and investing in development-ready infrastructure, building development partnerships, and updating zoning bylaws to welcome new homes.	Yes	High	Medium	High	High
Strategy 18c: Increase access to fair and affordable housing for Vermonters who are housing instable.								
Create a rental registry and inspection program to locate all of Vermont's rental housing and improve their quality and safety.	No Action Taken	Revise Action	Strategy 18d: Develop data sets and analyses on the intersection of climate and housing policy Create a geolocated, searchable housing inventory that includes characteristics relevant to climate action planning, such as risk of flooding. Map areas that are suitable for new, climate safe housing, set regional targets for new housing units created, and increase funding mechanisms where communities are investing in development-ready infrastructure.	Yes	High	High	Medium	High
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Commission a study to identify how many Vermonters have been displaced by floods (Irene, 2023 and 2024 floods).	NEW	NEW	Commission a study to identify how many Vermonters have been displaced by floods (Irene, 2023 and 2024 floods).	Yes	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium