## VERMONT CLIMATE ACTION ENGAGEMENT SUMMARIES

**FALL 2024** 



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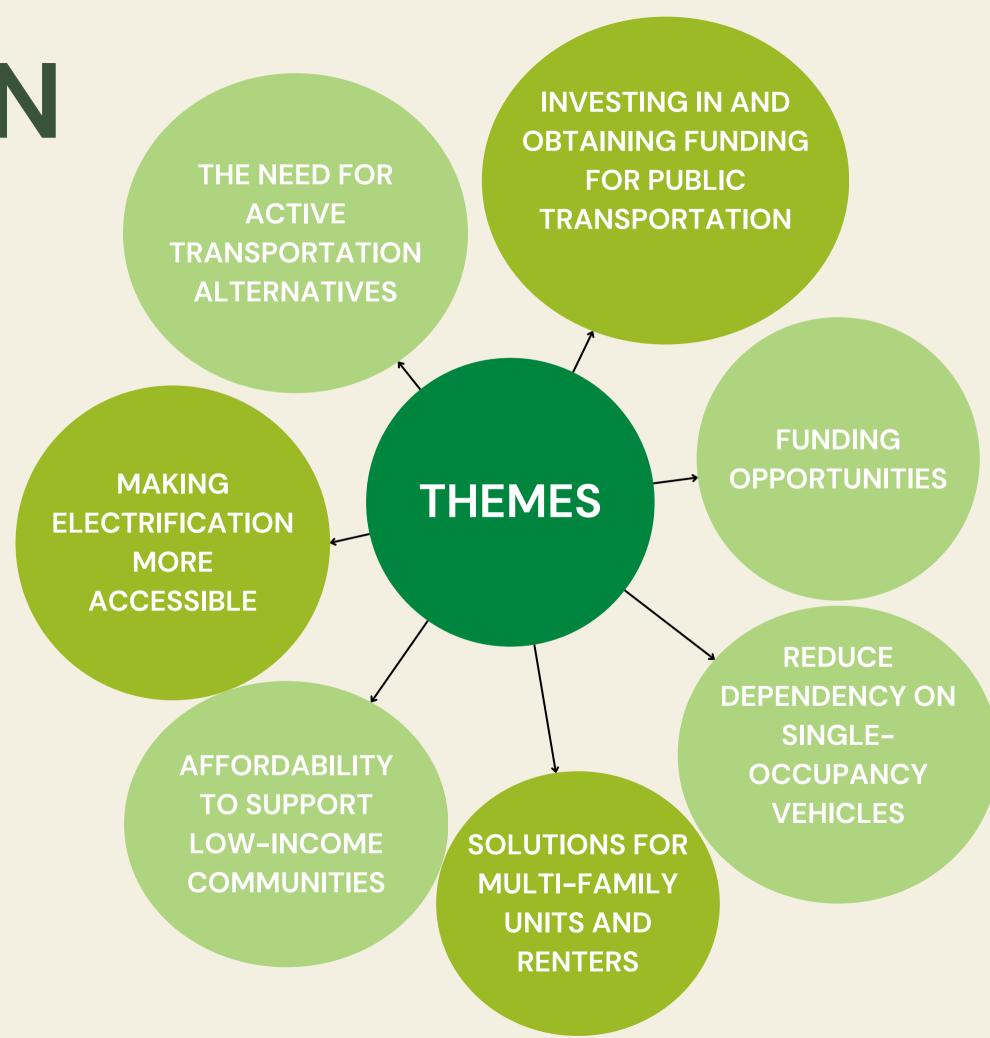




#### TRANSPORTATION

"Need for cultural change to promote increased use of public transit!"

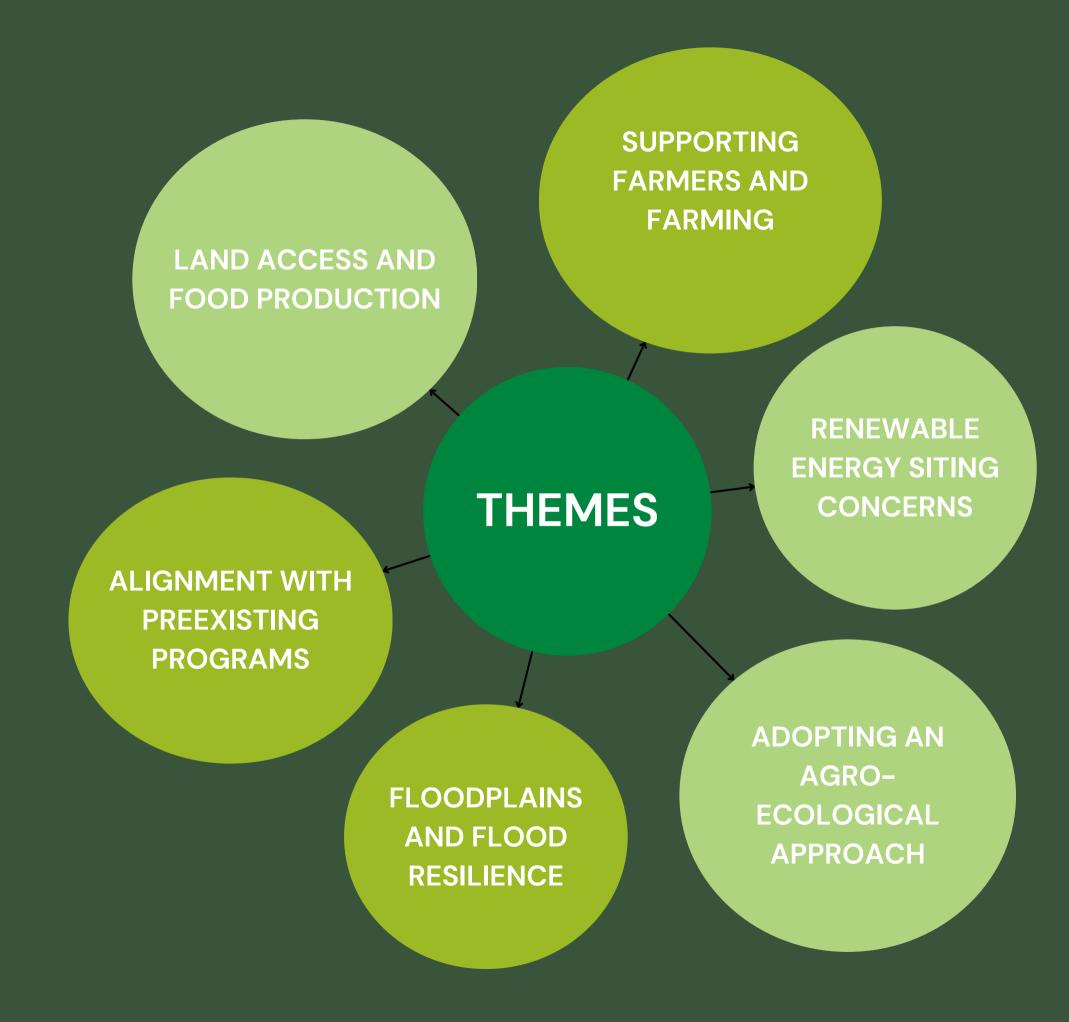
"Funding of transportation policies have to be on par with our climate and equity goals."



#### AGRICULTURE

"Need to fuse traditional, indigenous knowledge about ecology with what we are doing now in order to make real progress."

"Farms are a climate solution, a food security solution, and an economic vitality solution. Supporting farm viability and helping young people get on the lands is urgent if we want the land to be making our communities more resilient."



RURAL RESILIENCE
AND BUSINESSES

"Information sharing and collaboration with the business community...not just in times of recovery but in planning for the future."

"More incentives and grant programs for the business community."



## BUILDINGS AND THERMAL

"Prioritize cost-effective steps that are technically feasible."

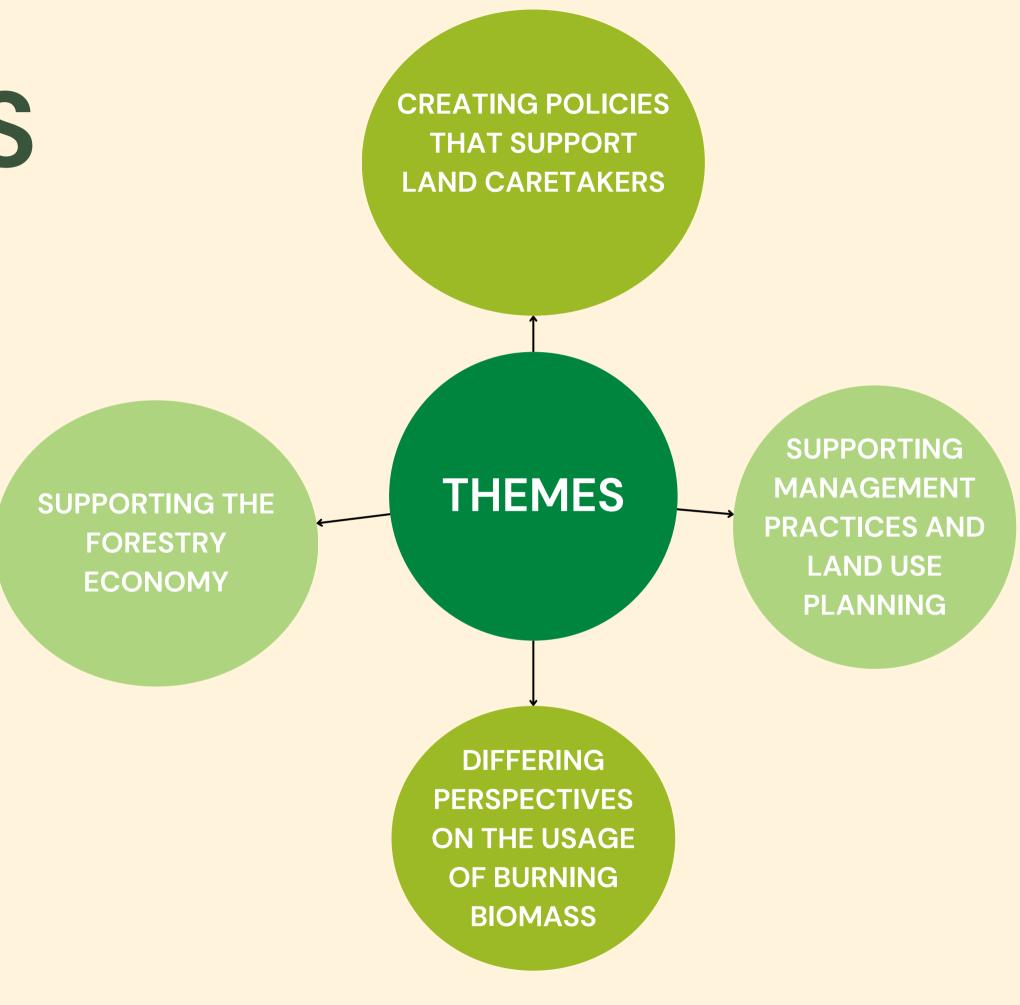
"Develop policies for low-income electricity rate-payers as we make the transition to electrification."

**FOCUS ON FUNDING**, **ADDRESSING IMPLEMENTABILITY**, THE NEEDS OF **AND LOCAL** LOW-INCOME **SOLUTIONS VERMONTERS EDUCATION FOCUSING ON THEMES** CONTRACTS, **BUILDING CODE, AND WORKFORCE ISSUES UTILIZING EQUIPMENT AND STRATEGIES IN BUILDINGS TO INCENTIVES AND REACH ENERGY REGULATIONS EFFICIENCY POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES** 

## NATURAL LANDS AND FORESTRY

"Managing and valuing forests and local forest products the same way we do agricultural lands."

"Support climate-smart forestry practices – including active management and the tools needed to keep it viable."



## RURAL RESILIENCE AND TOWN SUPPORT

DEVELOPING AND
EXPANDING
ACCESS TO
EXISTING
RESOURCES

SOCIAL RESILIENCY
AND
CONNECTEDNESS

**THEMES** 

"Building local communication, collaboration, and coordination for preparedness, response, and recovery."

"Knowledge of and access to existing planning mechanisms and resources."

THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE COLLABORATION ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE

THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE COLLABORATION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING, PREPAREDNESS, AND RECOVERY



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#### LOW-INCOME VERMONTERS AND THE PROPOSED CLEAN HEAT STANARD

Fuel assistance
doesn't cover
electricity for heat
pumps

The ultimate goal must be about helping people

No up-front cash to spend. Tax credits don't help

Doesn't seem to address renters

Will there be sustainable funding?

The middle class is not considered

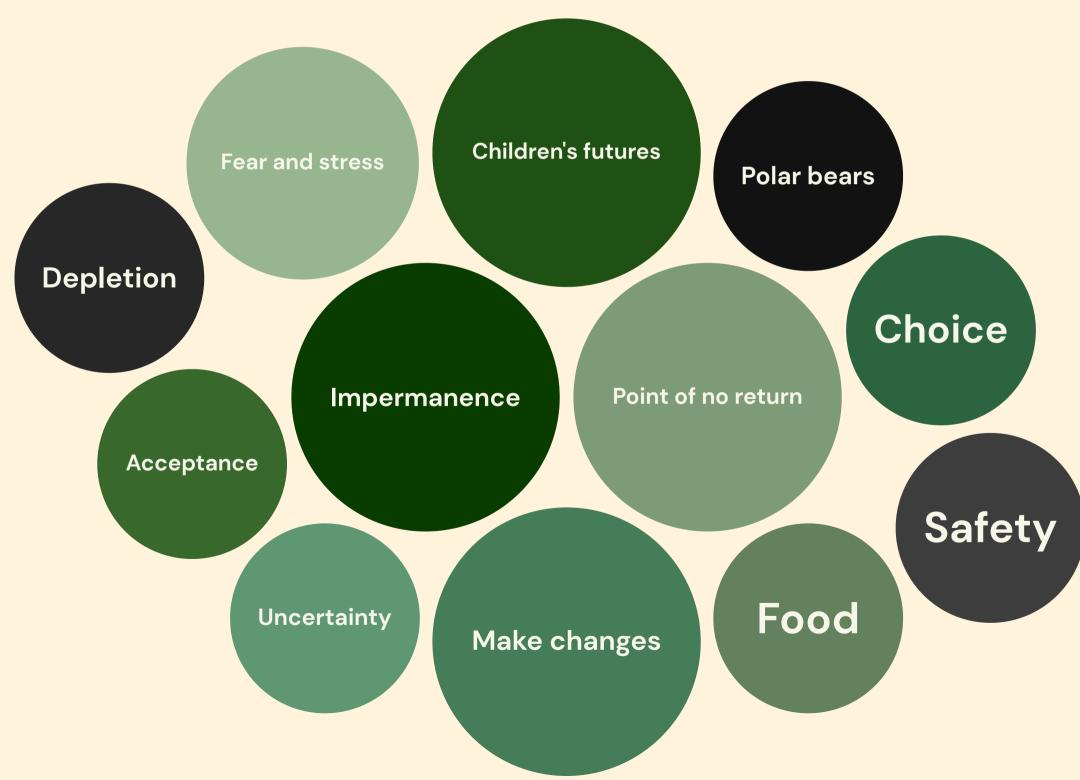
Competition for contractors (need workforce)

Mobile home owners have barriers

### CAPSTONE FOCUS GROUP

When you hear the words climate change, what comes to mind?





#### CLIMATE ACTION EVENT WITH VERMONT'S LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

**Public Transit** Challenges

**Transportation** 

Discussion Highlights

Resilience

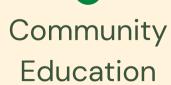
Flooding and Generational Trauma

Financial Barriers

Climate Justice Perspectives

Cost Barriers

Cultural Differences in Farming **Practices** 



**Practical** Communication Tools



Community Engagement



Response







# VERMONT VOICES ON CLIMATE: QUARTERLY REPORT

July - September 2024

#### 9 events attended, with views on:

- Disasters and resilience
- Indigenous perspectives
- Current state programs

#### Detailed write-ups on:

- Low-income Vermonters and the proposed Clean Heat Standard
- A Wellness Day event in Orleans
   County