

ACCESS & VOICE



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EXEMPTIONS



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EXEMPTIONS

- Farming below 2,500 feet
- Logging below 2,500 feet
- Electric generation and transmission facilities, regulated by PSB
- Small-scale and on farm composting

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ACCESS & VOICE

- Any Person
 - Individual
 - Association
 - Corporation
- Particularized Interest
 - Can see it
 - Can hear it
 - Can smell it
- Affected by the Project
 - Aesthetics
 - Runoff/water pollution
 - Noise
 - Odors

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PERMITTING & APPEALS



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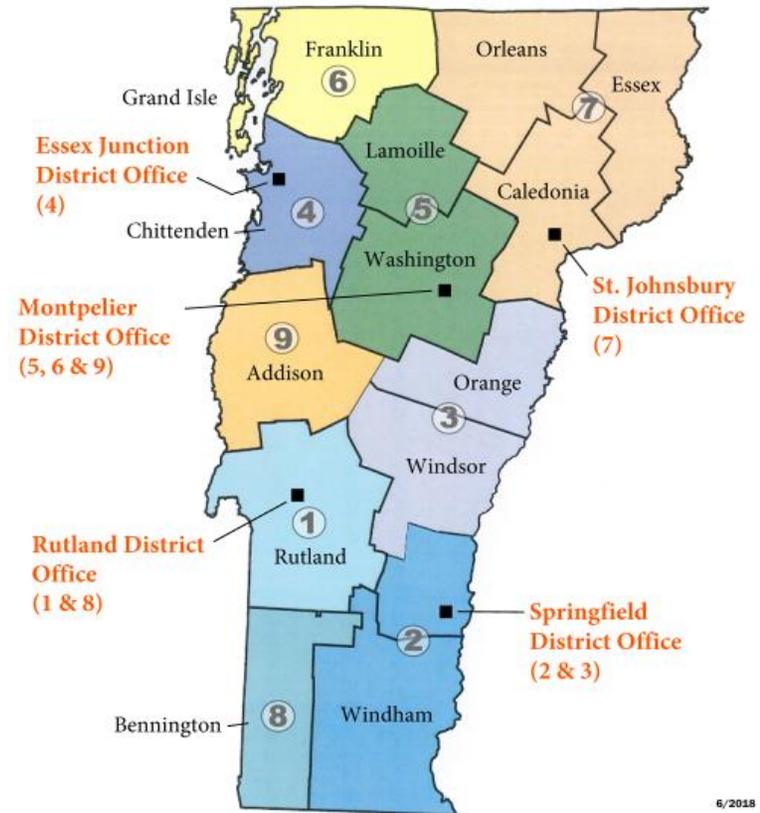
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JURISDICTION



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JURISDICTION

- Act 250 is governance legislation, not planning
- The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources processes 99% of permits; an approved permit overrides the need for an Act 250 permit
- Act 250 is triggered by specific projects (e.g. subdivisions of 10 lots or more, etc.)

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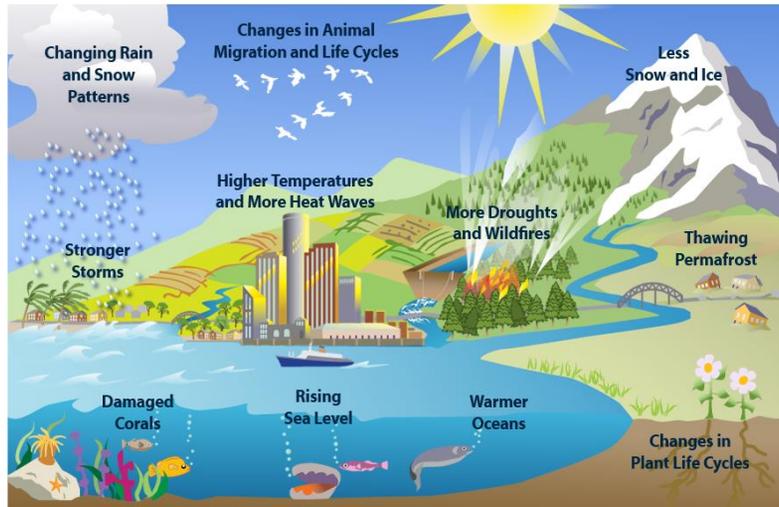
- “Act 250 is based on citizen participation before a citizen board”
- “Applications are even approved, approved with conditions, or denied”
- Appeals are heard by the Environmental Court; ultimately the Vermont Supreme Court
- Two-thirds of Act 250 permits are issued in less than 60 days

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CLIMATE CHANGE



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INFRASTRUCTURE



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INFRASTRUCTURE

- Highways that disrupt the landscape
- Traffic volume and patterns
- Impact on public trust and scenic beauty (e.g. dams, solar, wind power, etc.)
- Necessary infrastructure to support a sustainable economy

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CLIMATE CHANGE

- Increased emissions from additions to the built environment
- Standards for energy use and conservation
- Protection of the Vermont ecosystem (i.e. air, water, and wildlife)
- Vermont as a model for responsiveness to climate change

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AGRICULTURAL & FOREST PRODUCTIVITY



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PUBLIC TRUST



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PUBLIC TRUST

- Public trust speaks to the management of human interaction with the Vermont ecosystem
- A fundamental commitment to the conservation of air, water and wildlife, allowing for human development only where no harm is committed that would imbalance the ecology of Vermont
- Vermont State Plan?

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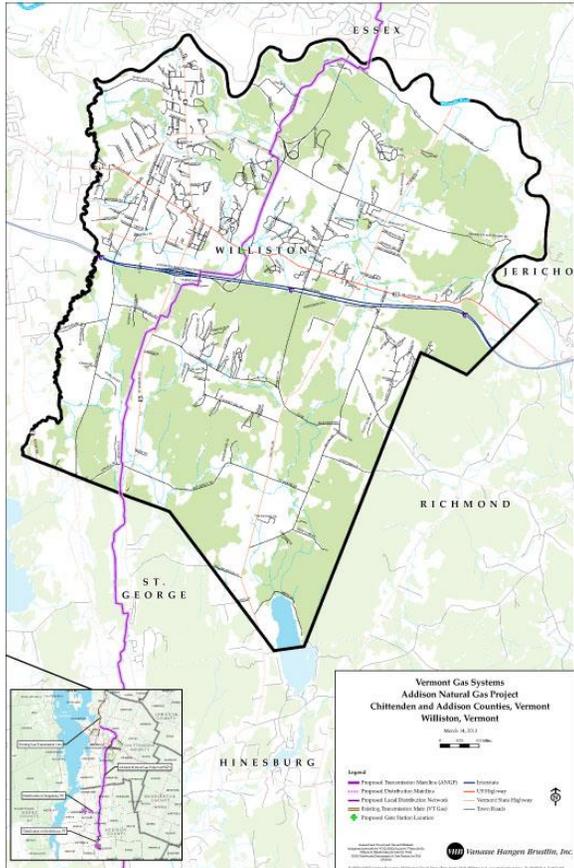
- Usage of primary agricultural soils
- Preservation of land and conscious planning
- Land use for recreation
- Creation of job opportunities through additional resources

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SETTLEMENT PATTERNS



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SCENIC NATURAL BEAUTY



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SCENIC NATURAL BEAUTY

- The project cannot cause unreasonable soil erosion;
- Reduce the capability of the land to hold water;
- Cause dangerous or unhealthy land conditions

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SETTLEMENT PATTERNS

- Preserve Vermont communities
- Target investment in managed municipal centers
- Conserve primary agricultural soils
- Consider cost of scattered versus dense development

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Additional sources for state and local funding
- The creation of further job opportunities
- Promoting economic, political, and social well-being among individuals

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