

# Climate Change and Vermont

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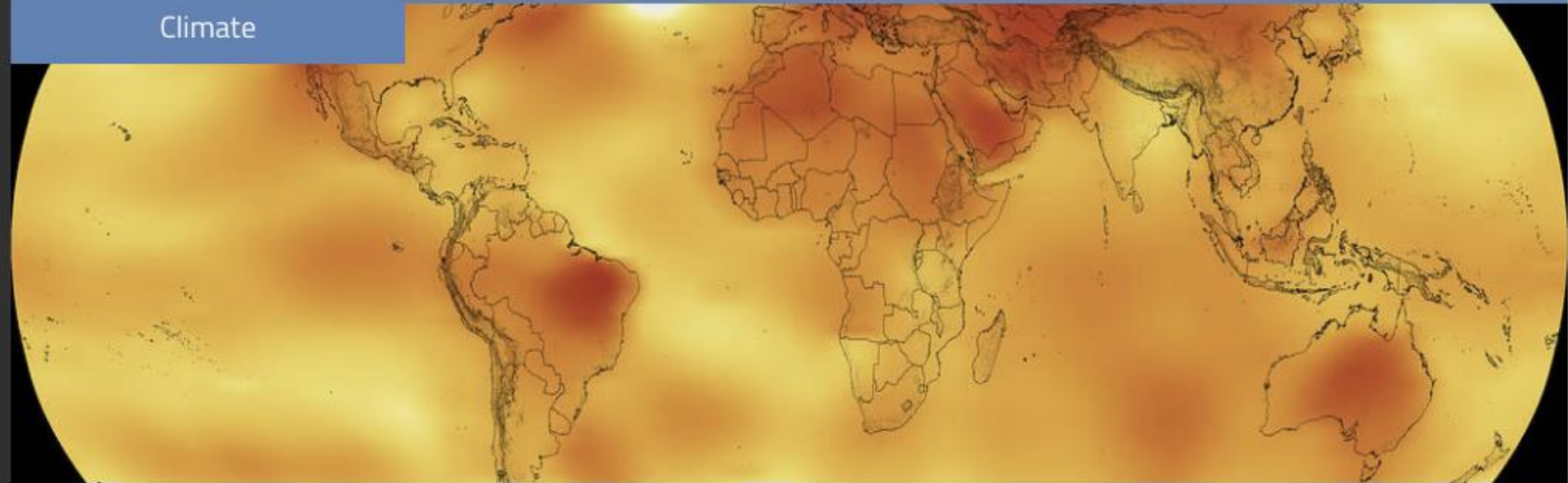


# THE NUMBERS and THE SCIENCE



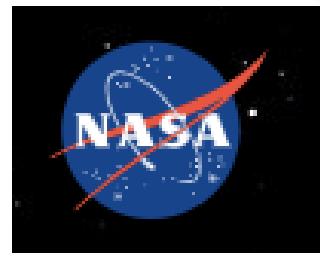
# 2016 – The Hottest Year on Record

Climate



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**NASA, NOAA Data Show 2016 Warmest Year on Record Globally**



# Impacts of Climate Change

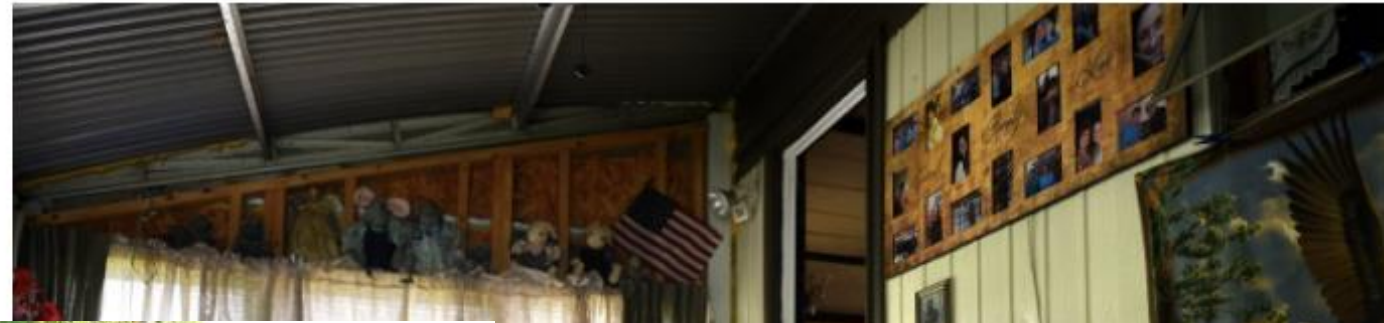
Global ...  
and in Vermont

# Flooding – On Coasts and in Vermont





# Irene's Impact Still Felt Five Years Later



# Poisonous Algae Blooms Threaten People, Ecosystems Across U.S.





# Study: Climate Change Could Outpace EPA Lake Champlain Protections



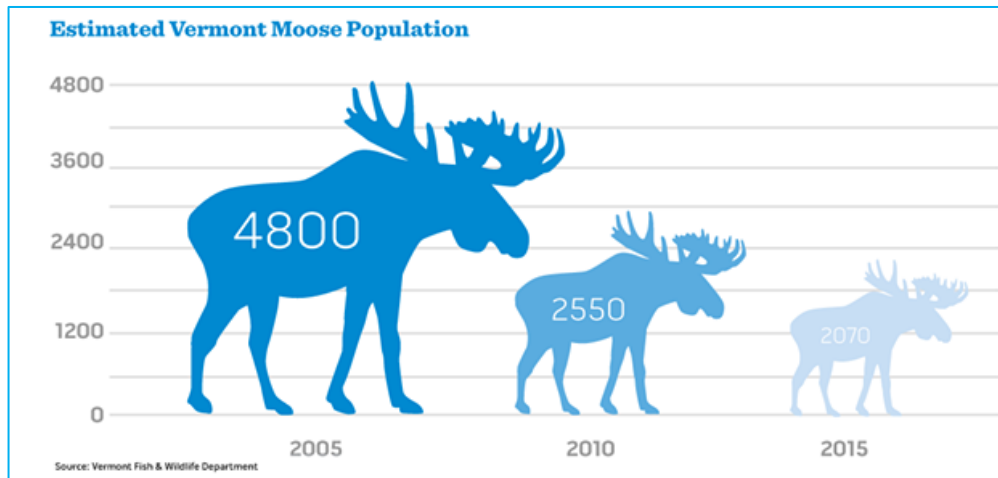
# Vermont expects Lyme disease cases to rise

The Associated Press

Published: May 18, 2016, 1:34 pm



# Ticks are Causing a Serious Decline in Vermont's Moose Population





*The National Security Strategy, issued in February 2015, is clear that **climate change is an urgent and growing threat to our national security**, contributing to increased natural disasters, refugee flows, and conflicts over basic resources such as food and water.*

# CLIMATE REFUGEES?



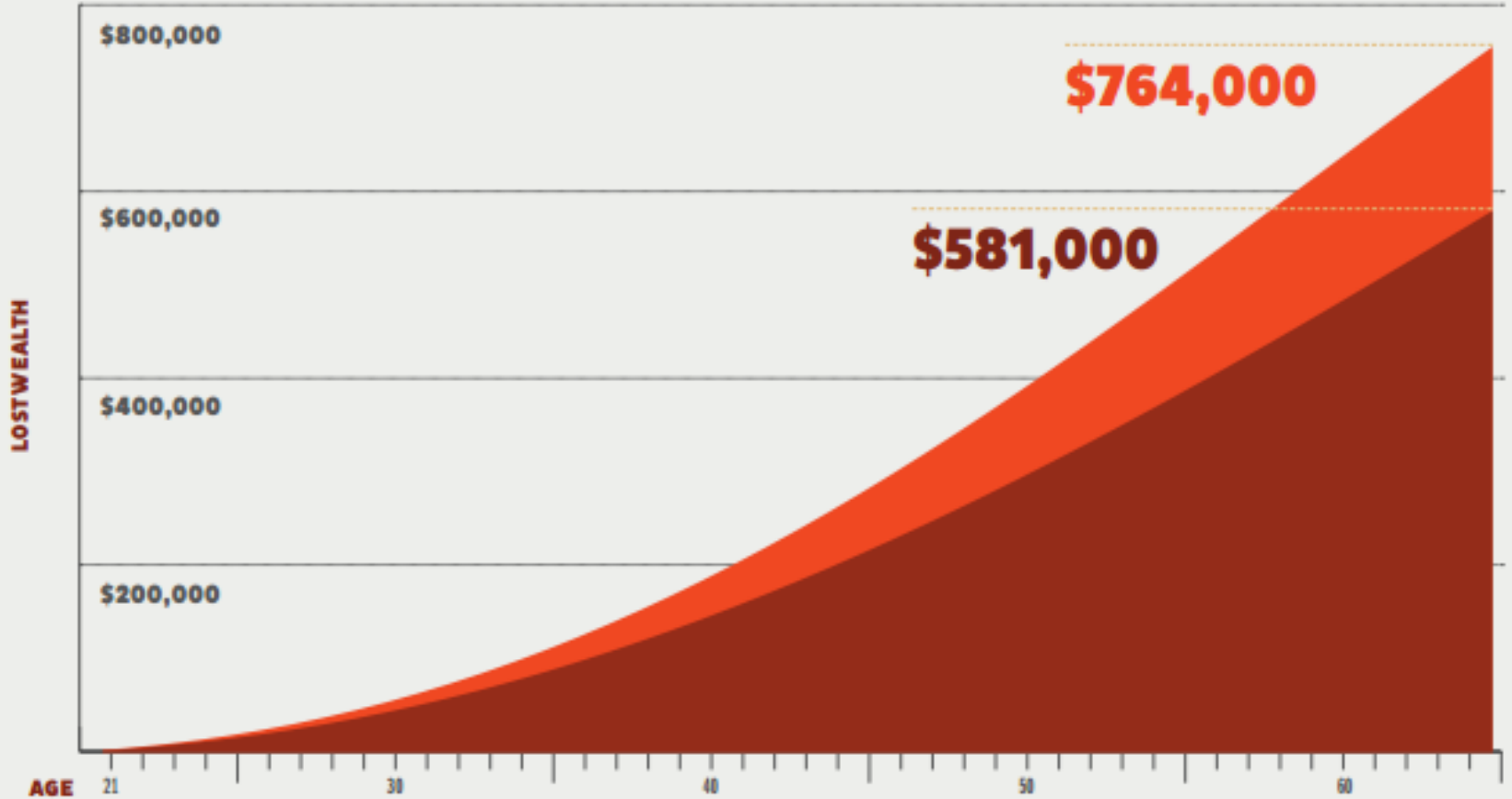
# CLIMATE CHANGE COMES AT A SIGNIFICANT COST



**FIGURE 04**

**LIFETIME LOST WEALTH FROM CLIMATE CHANGE,  
WORKERS WHO ARE BORN IN 2015**

- MEDIAN EARNER
- MEDIAN COLLEGE DEGREE EARNER







# STATE-LEVEL ACTION ON CLIMATE MATTERS MORE THAN EVER



**THE DONALD TRUMP INTERVIEW**

**"I'M NOT A BIG BELIEVER IN GLOBAL WARMING"**

**CNN**

# **What We've Done... and More to Do**

# Vermont Town Energy Committees



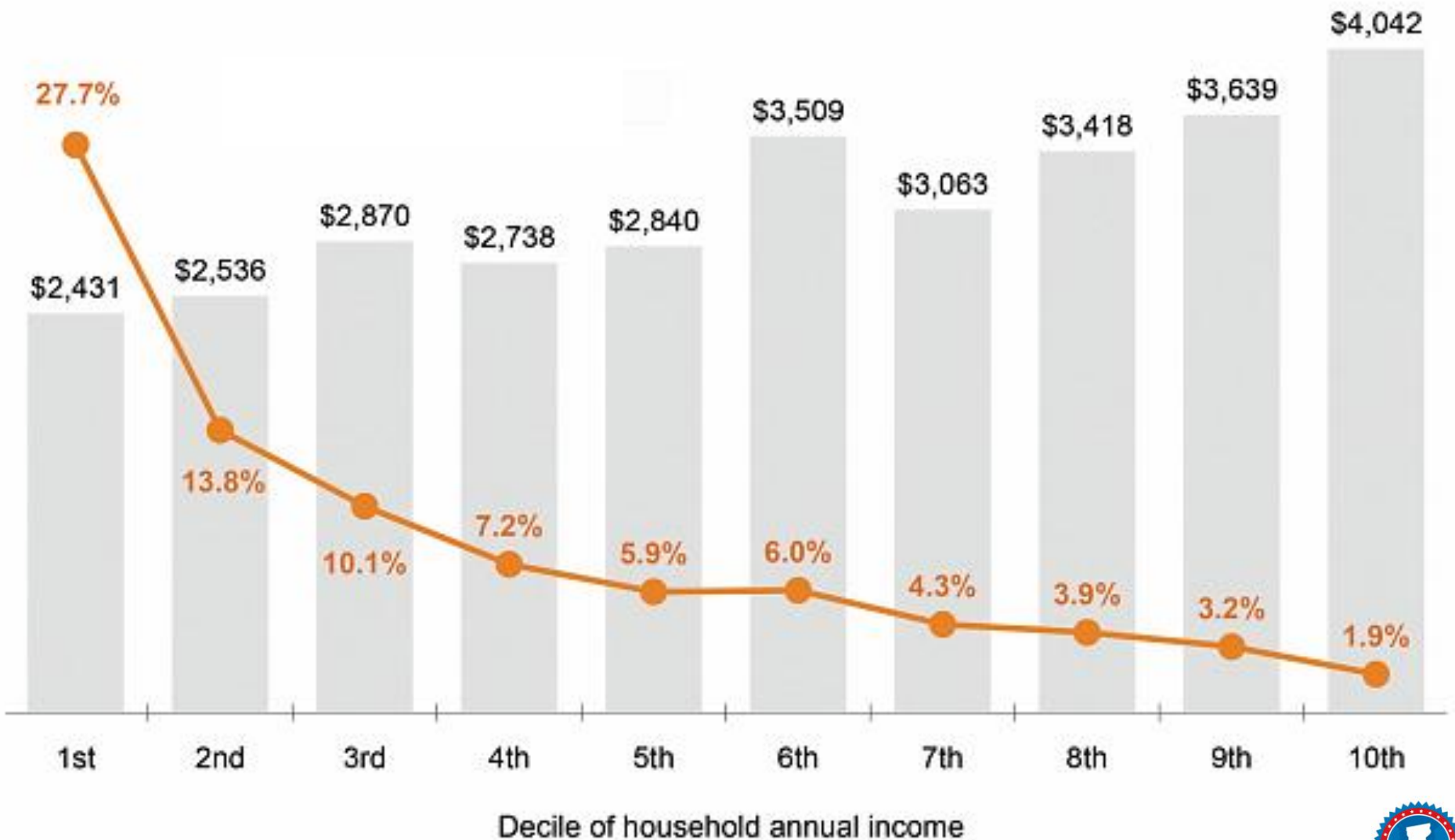
# Vermont Innovation and Energy Independence



# Vermont's Fast-Growing Clean Energy Sector



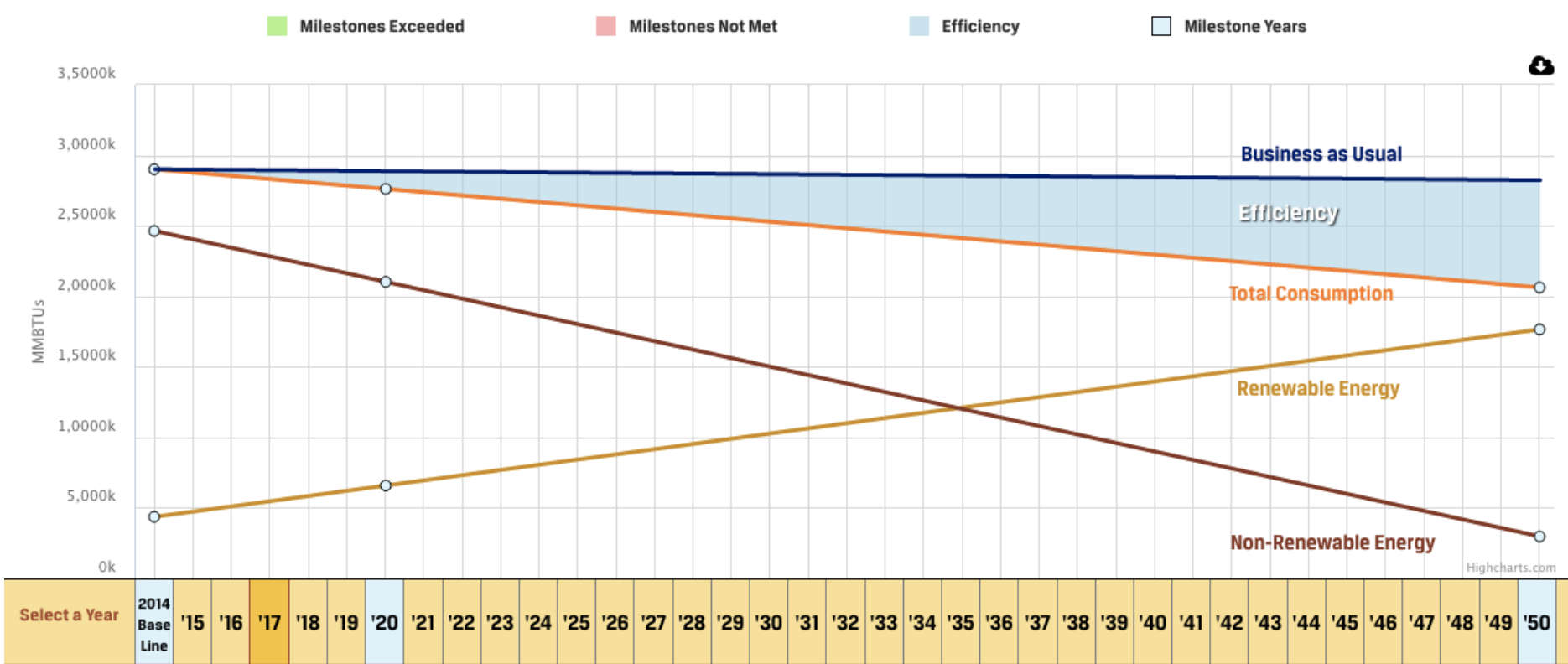
Figure 2b: Average annual expenditures for all energy used in the household in Vermont, by decile of household income, 2012 (in 2013\$)



# How this transition happens *matters*.

## Vermont must balance:

- Cost considerations
- Community concerns
- Protecting natural resources and other cultural/historic values



2017 Goals

# MOVING FORWARD

