

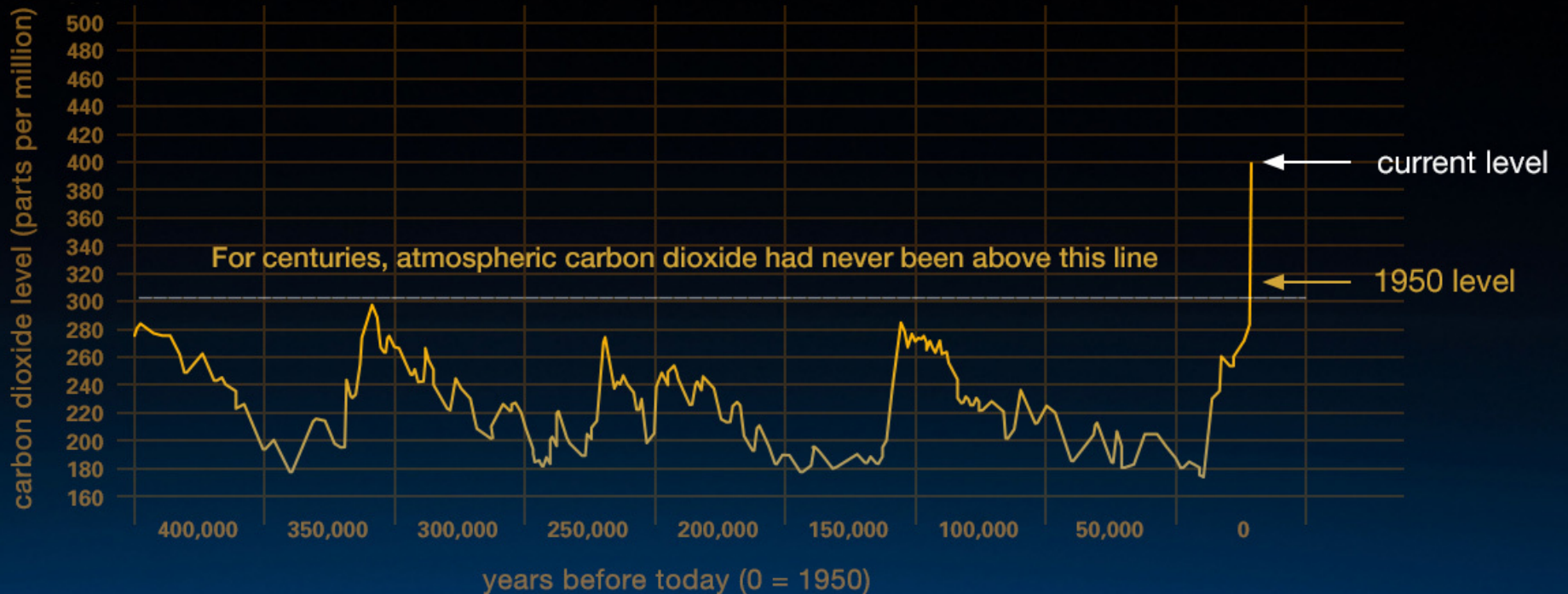
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On-the-Ground – VECAN Town Energy Committees

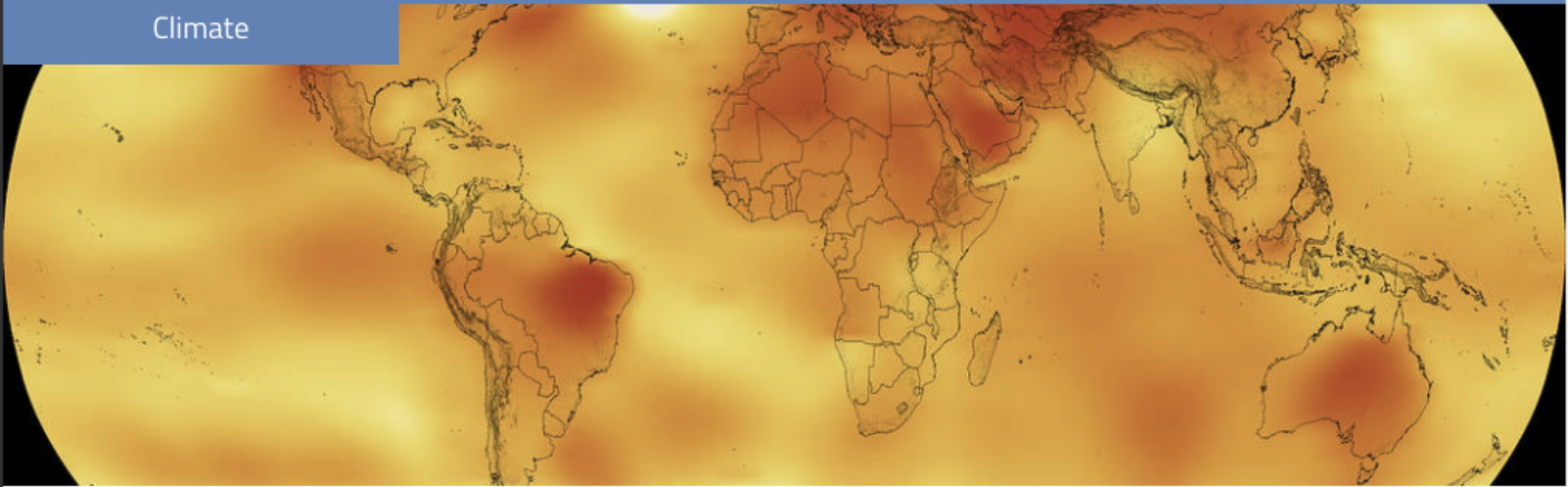


THE SCIENCE of CLIMATE CHANGE



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

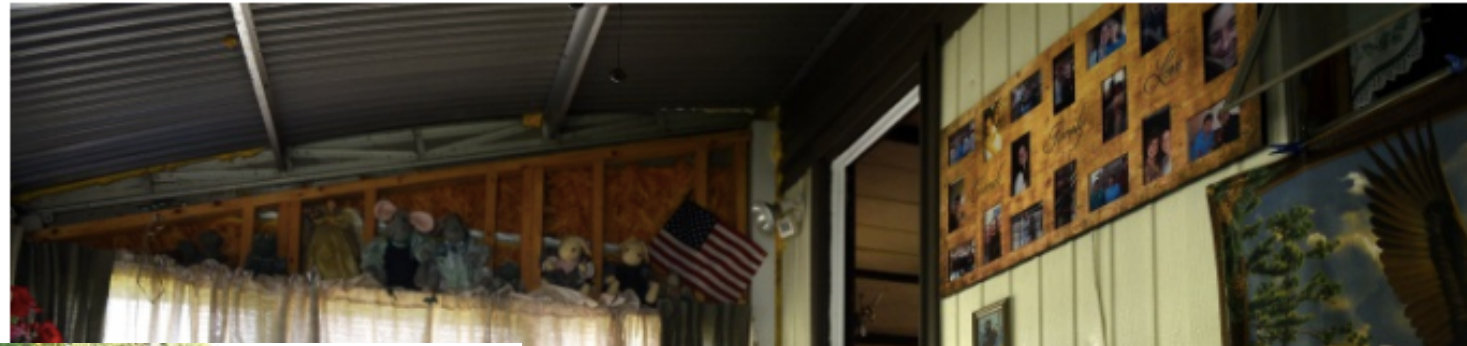
Global ...
and in Vermont

Flooding – On Coasts and in Vermont





Irene's Impact Still Felt Five Years Later



Study: Climate Change Could Outpace EPA Lake Champlain Protections



International, National, State Reports: We haven't seen anything yet...



RECOMMENDATIONS: Changes to Act 250 to Respond to and Help Address Climate Change



RECOMMENDATIONS:

Criterion 1: Air and Water Pollution

- Support specifically adding greenhouse gas emissions as currently in draft
- Recommend adding that any new development complies with our statutory greenhouse gas emission reduction goals: 10 V.S.A. § 578



RECOMMENDATIONS:

Criterion 1(D): Floodways

- We support the Act 250 Commission's recommendations to enhance protections for flood hazard areas and river corridors



RECOMMENDATIONS:

Criterion 5: TRANSPORTATION

- Support the Act 250 Commission's recommended changes to this criterion
- Recommend adding support for electric vehicles and EV charging infrastructure



RECOMMENDATIONS:

Criterion 9F: Energy Conservation

- Expand to specifically include energy efficiency, as Act 250 Commission recommended





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