



## A JUST TRANSITION FOR VERMONT

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**WE ARE FACING** the interlocking crises of racial, economic, and climate injustice amid a global pandemic that has laid bare the ills of our broken system. Yet this singular moment presents an opportunity for us to respond to these crises with bold and transformative policies.

Launched in January 2020, Vermont Renew's is a statewide coalition of twelve organizations that have come together to develop a legislative agenda and advocacy campaign to pave the way for a just transition to a regenerative economy in our state. To get there, we must make sure that the basic needs of all Vermonters are met, and that means:

- good jobs that pay a liveable wage
- safe and affordable housing
- access to healthy food; and
- clean air and water.

It is time for our state to recover, renew and reimagine a future in which all Vermont communities can thrive.

### THE VERMONT RENEWS COALITION

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**350 VERMONT**  
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**SIERRA CLUB VERMONT**  
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**VERMONT RENEWS WORKS** in coordination with the Renew New England Alliance, a growing coalition spanning six states and over 50 partners including labor unions, racial justice organizations, frontline communities, and environmental advocates. The core of our plan to address the overlapping crises our region faces is a ***Jobs Guarantee***, to ensure that ***every New Englander who wants a good job with dignified working conditions will have one.***

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**NEW ENGLAND STATES WILL** pave the way for the jobs guarantee by advancing new public employment initiatives designed to modernize our region's infrastructure and ensure that everyone's basic needs are met.

In Vermont we are doing this through three key issues areas:

## **FOOD**

***Access to healthy food is a basic need.***

We are working to win legislation that will pilot a model of our region's next food system—a healthy and equitable system centered on ecologically sound farming practices, local production, fair labor standards, and a fundamental right to nutritious food.

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## **GREEN JUSTICE ZONES**

***Access to clear air, water, and soil is a basic human right.***

For too long, low income and BIPOC communities have shouldered the environmental burdens of industrial pollution. Vermont Renews is working to establish Green Justice Zones in municipalities in our state which will:

reduce industrial pollution in frontline and marginalized communities

provide funding to frontline and marginalized communities for environmental remediation projects.

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## **GREEN HOUSING RETROFITS**

***Every Vermonter needs healthy, safe, and affordable housing.***

Heating and electricity costs are an increasing burden for low and moderate-income households and in order to avoid the worst of the climate crisis, we need to improve the energy efficiency of our state's aging housing stock. Vermont Renews is working to increase the energy efficiency of affordable housing and ensure that everyone can afford their energy costs.

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