

Guiding Principles for a Just Transition

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Just Transitions Sub Committee Origins

Develop Principles to guide and evaluate the work of other Subcommittees to ensure that recommendations *benefit and support all residents of the State fairly and equitably.*

“...ensure that strategies consider the disproportionate impact of climate change on rural, low income and marginalized communities and that programs and incentives for building resilience are designed to be accessible to all Vermonters and do not unfairly burden any groups, communities, geographic locations or economic sectors.... May adopt a measurement tool to assess the equitability of programs and strategies considered by the Council.” 10 V.S.A. § 591(c)(3)

Sub Committee Charge

In service to all VCC sub-committees

Rely on an environmental justice framework, and work to uncover underlying assumptions that may have historically contributed to and produced differential exposure and unequal protection

Policy decisions must acknowledge past harms done and seek a path forward which is reparative and restorative

Establish guiding principles, and:

- Offer tools or processes for evaluating recommendations
- Participate in other Sub-committees to help fully integrate Principles into the Work
- Review recommendations from other Sub Committees (e.g., consult)

Leading role in designing and guiding public participation, with attention to engaging rural, low-income and marginalized communities meaningfully.

Guiding Principles – Development Timeline



Our Process

We came together in March, though some members joined later

We came to consensus on our draft principles at the end of May

We looked at other state and national models

We listened to each other and co-created these draft principles

We are trying to live these principles in our own process

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Definitions

Equity



Distributive



Procedural

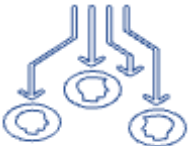


Contextual



Corrective

Justice



Environmental



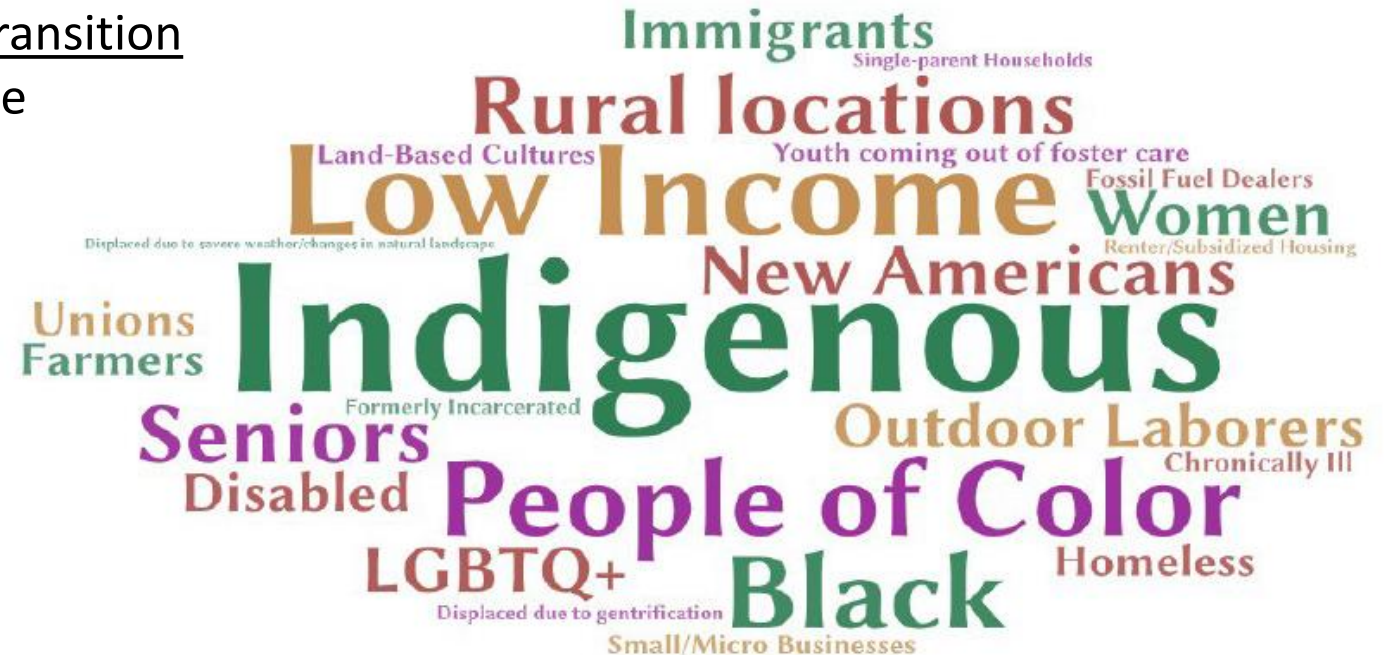
Climate/Energy

Impacted & Frontline Communities

Key Criteria

Those who ...

- Are highly exposed to climate risks, such as health impacts, flooding, and extreme temperatures;
- Experience oppression and racism, are excluded from opportunities, or have less resources to adapt to climate and economic change;
- Bear the brunt of pollution and negative effects from today's fossil fuel and extractive economies; and
- Are more likely to experience a job transition as Vermont addresses climate change



Principles



INCLUSIVE, TRANSPARENT &
INNOVATIVE ENGAGEMENT



ACCOUNTABLE & RESTORATIVE



MOVING AT THE SPEED OF TRUST



SOLIDARITY



THE MOST IMPACTED FIRST



SUPPORTS WORKERS, FAMILIES &
COMMUNITIES

Self-Assessment Questions & Scoring Rubric

IMPACTED &
FRONTLINE
COMMUNITIES?

ANALYZING
BURDENS &
BENEFITS?

ENSURING
EQUITABLE & JUST
ENGAGEMENT?

FUNDING & DATA?

IMPLEMENTATION
& OUTCOMES?

Remember, Guiding Principles Set Expectations about...

How we do
our work

What recommendations
we make

How investments, implementation
and oversight occurs

Resources

June 17th - Guiding Principles Workshop with Just Transitions: [Video of Meeting](#)

April 7th Just Transitions, Climate and Environmental Justice Workshop; [Video of Meeting](#); [Presentation Slides](#)

Final Version: [Guiding Principles for a Just Transition](#)
[Summary of Feedback & Response](#)