## **Climate Action Office**

## **Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation**

**House Committee on Transportation** 



## Climate Action Office (CAO)

Statewide climate action requires a **long-term intergovernmental structure**.

To accomplish this, the CAO works collaboratively within the Agency of Natural Resources and across state Agencies to **lead**, **coordinate, and track climate action** across state government, which support the goals and requirements of the Global Warming Solutions Act.



#### provides expertise and capacity on state-led climate initiatives.

CAO staff are experienced in greenhouse gas mitigation, adaptation and resilience, carbon sequestration and storage, communications, and data analysis.

#### monitors, assesses, and tracks climate actions.

enhance **public access to** influencing climate action, and **public understanding** of these actions.

This work strives to center frontline and impacted communities and is done in close collaboration with Environmental Justice and Civil Rights Unit (ANR Secretary's Office).





## **Resilience & Adaptation in the CAO**







#### Technical Analysis & Tools

Strategy and Program Development

### Communications



DROUGHT STATUS UPDATE

# Drought Early Warning Update for the Northeast

June 9, 2023

#### Air quality in Vermont reached 'very unhealthy' with latest smoke impacts

Vermont Public | By Abagael Giles Published June 27, 2023 at 10:38 AM EDT



Vermont Crop Damage Could Be Far Reaching after Mid-May Frost

May 23, 2023

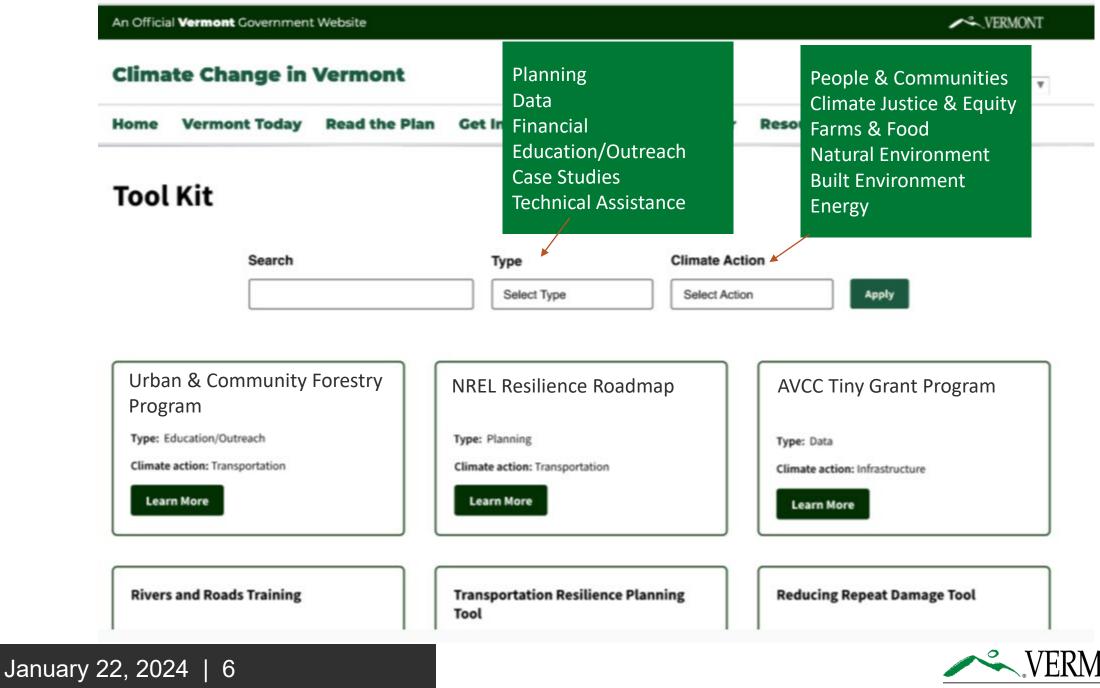
#### Vermont grapples with historic flooding as more rainstorms head for Northeast

It's the worst flooding to hit Vermont since Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

By <u>Morgan Winsor</u> and <u>Emily Shapiro</u> July 12, 2023, 12:28 PM

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## **Municipal Vulnerability Index**

Mapping tool to help municipalities understand and explore their vulnerabilities to climate change.

- **Social/Community** (e.g., demographic factors, municipal staff capacity, distance from emergency services and shelters)
- **Economic/Jobs** (e.g., unemployment rate, income, key economic sectors)
- Built/Physical Environment (e.g., transportation, utilities, mobile homes, impervious surfaces)
- **Natural Environment** (e.g., stream protection, critical habitat, air quality)
- **Natural Hazards** (e.g., flooding, extreme temperatures, drought)



## Work ahead

