

What is the Climate Action Office?

Climate action work is happening across state government.

- The Climate Action Office leads, coordinates, and tracks climate action across government.
- This supports the goals and requirements of the Global Warming Solutions Act.
- Supported by an Inter-Agency Advisory Board



Objectives of the Inter-Agency Advisory Board to the CAO

- 1. To provide a space for proactive coordination on climate action across state government.
- 2. Articulating where policy and financial implications overlap around climate action to ensure resources are maximized.
- 3. To support the monitoring of progress over time in meeting the state's climate goals.
- 4. Identification and framing up of gaps where the climate action office might prioritize support.
- 5. Development of state positions on issues related to climate change.

Agencies:

- PSD
- AOT
- ANR
- VEM
- AAFM
- BGS
- AHS (DCF and VDH)
- ACCD
- DOL
- StateClimatologist



What does the Climate Action Office do?

Provide expertise and capacity on state-led climate initiatives.

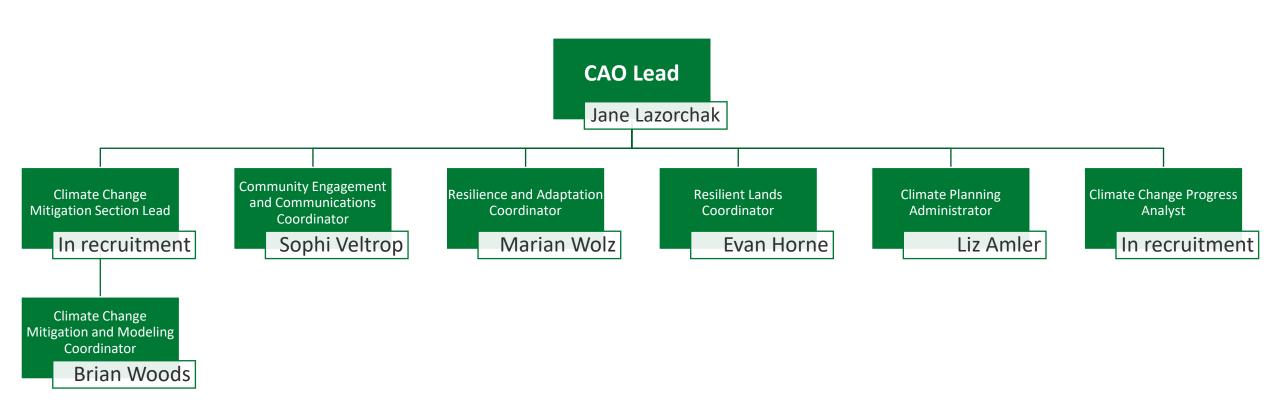
Track and assess climate actions and communicate those findings.

Provide transparent, reliable information to Vermonters.

Meaningful conversations between Vermonters and government about the felt impacts of climate change itself and of state actions to address climate change.



Who are we?





Examples of Work in the Climate Action Office





Reduce Emissions

Technical Analyses

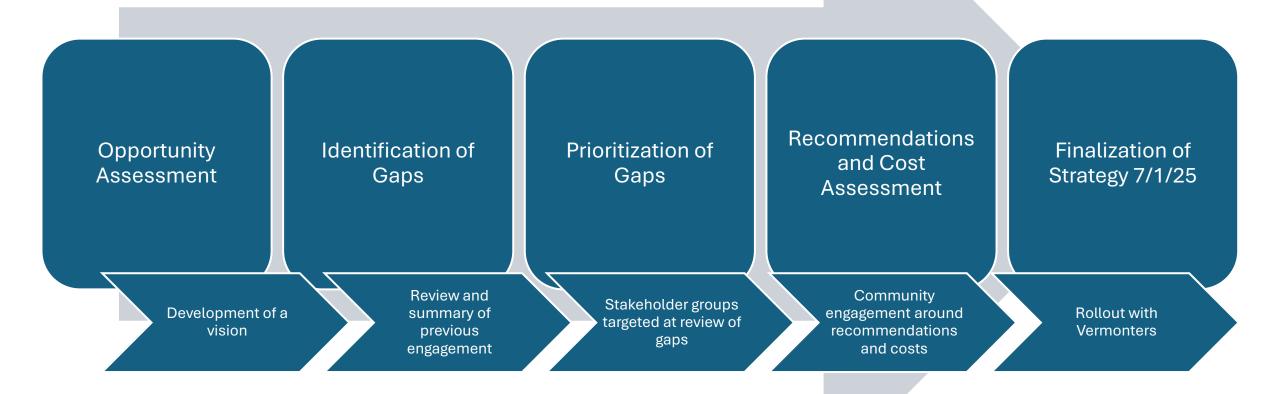
- Foundational to good policy
- Climate Policy Study
- Business-as-Usual Model and Scenario Planning

Programmatic Work

- Support rulemaking for Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks
- Refrigerant management
- Energy navigators bridge funding



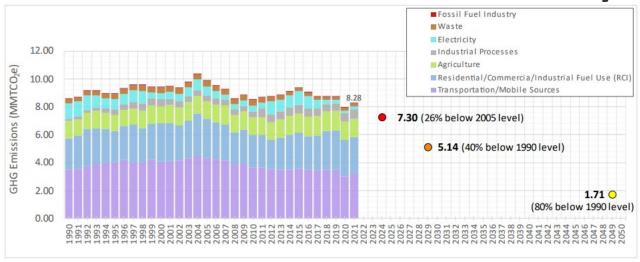
Resilience and Adaptation: Resilience Implementation Strategy





Tracking Progress

Annual Greenhouse Gas Inventory



Measuring and Assessing Progress Tool

Developing a tool for monitoring and evaluating progress on key strategies and activities intended to drive emissions reductions and adaptation actions in line with the GWSA

Community Engagement

Objectives of <u>climate action outreach</u> are:

- **Provide information and knowledge** that helps people prepare for climate impacts, take action, and access programs that can benefit them.
- Lift up the voices and viewpoints of communities into the implementation of climate-related initiatives and the ongoing work of the Climate Action Office and other key entities, including the Vermont Climate Council, so that a diverse group of Vermonters can influence this work.
- **Build relationships and communication channels** that will help Vermonters work collaboratively on future climate action with the state.



GWSA and Climate Council

- Administrative support for the Climate Council
- Manage contractual services in support of GWSA
- Support the Climate Action Plan Process
 - Update due July 1, 2025



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Learn about future engagement opportunities:

- Sign up for the Climate Action Office's newsletter
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