

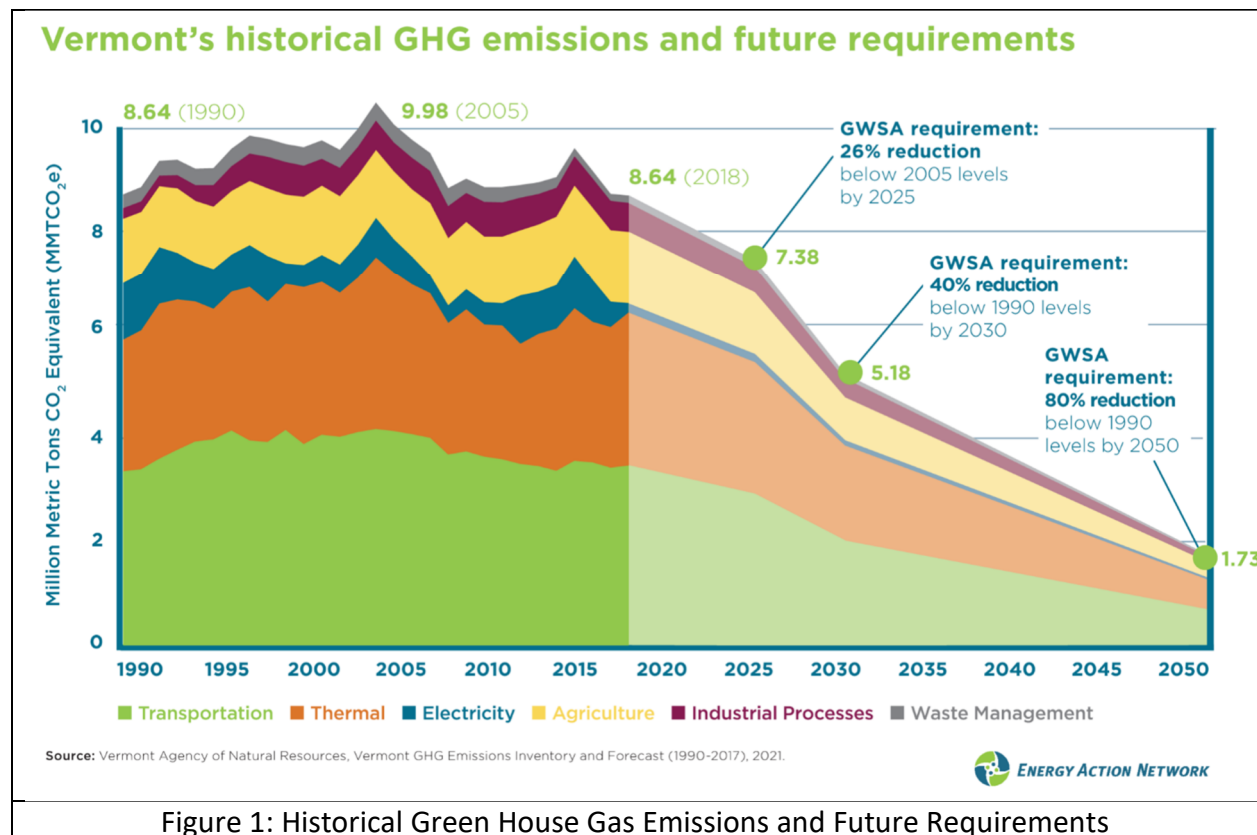
Government Affairs Committee

Pathways and Strategies: A Roadmap to Reducing Vermont's Carbon Emissions

The Global Warming Solutions Act requires green house gas emissions to be 26% below the 2005 level by 2026 [Figure 1]. Now, three of Vermont's five subcommittees that make up the Climate Council are tasked with developing the Comprehensive Energy Plan. These measures to reduce GHG emissions impact industries across the board, from transportation to housing and development. Of particular interest to ASHRAE members will be the Cross Sector Mitigation Panel – focusing on the building sector with a suggested "Clean Heat Standard." ASHRAE members should take note that public comment periods are taking place, with a Draft Comprehensive Energy Plan to be available October 2021 with the final updates made by January 2022 [Figures 2 & 3].

Key Dates:

- Draft Climate Action Plan Available for Public Comment – OCT 1, 2021
- Council Adopts Climate Action Plan – DEC 1, 2021
- Council Submits Second Annual Progress Report – JAN 15, 2022
- Proposed ANR Rules Provided to the Council – MAY 15, 2022
- Proposed ANR Rules Shared with the Committees of Jurisdiction – JUN 1, 2022
- ANR Adopts and Implements Rules – DEC 1, 2022



The Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan Timelines are displayed below [Figure 2, 3]

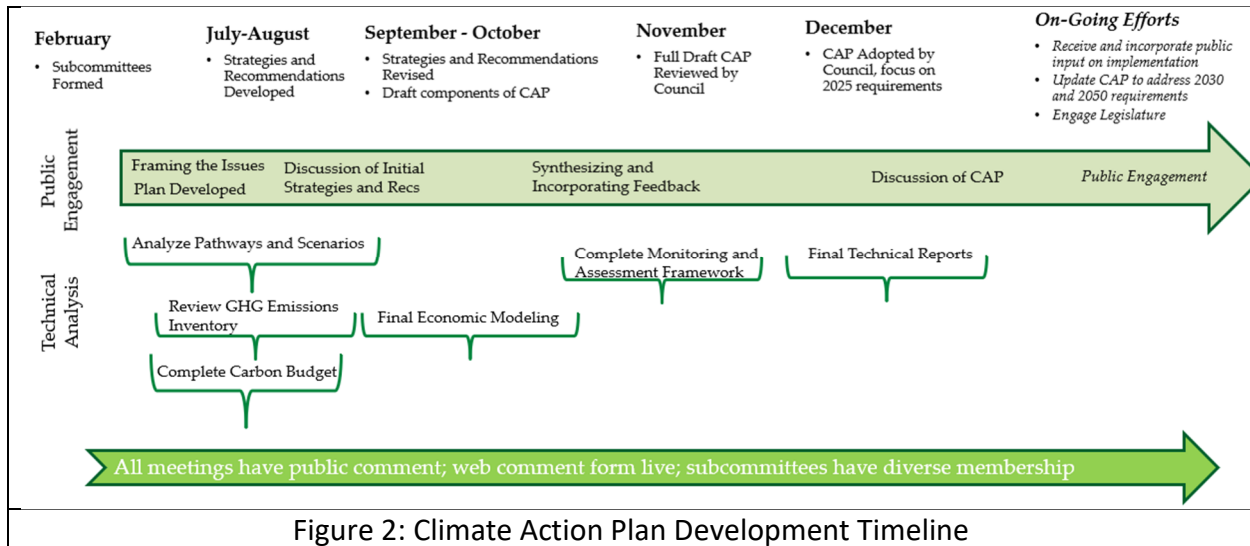


Figure 2: Climate Action Plan Development Timeline

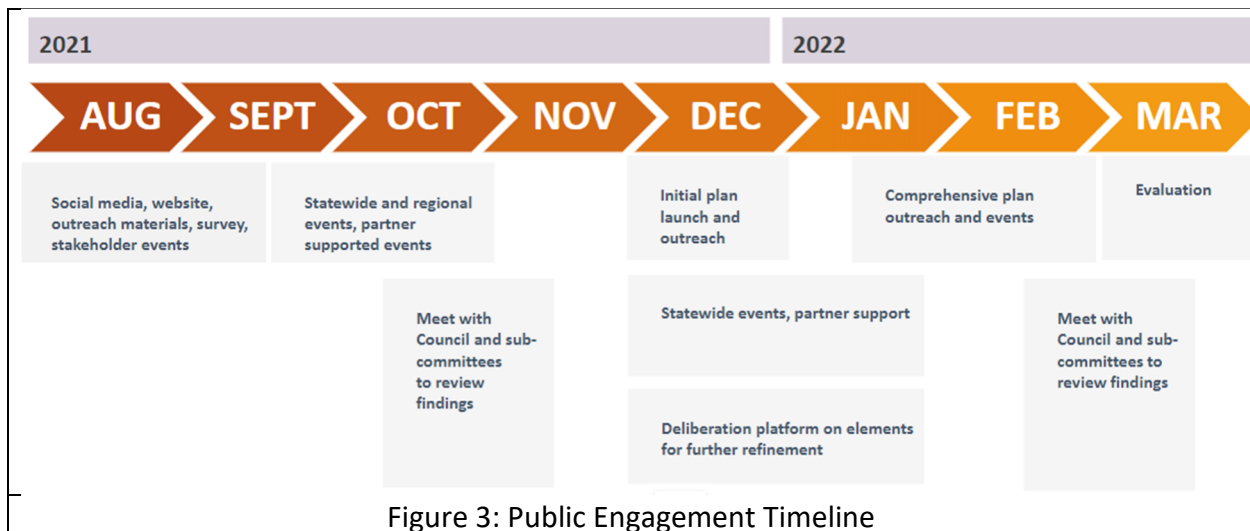


Figure 3: Public Engagement Timeline

Links to Calendar of Events and Public Engagement Sessions and the Vermont Climate Council:

<https://climatechange.vermont.gov/getinvolved/calendar/month>

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US Government Affairs Updates

(As reported by ASHRAE.org, 5/27/21, partial topics listing)

Government Outreach

- ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force Vice-Chair Delivers “Back to School” Presentation
- Infrastructure Package and Budget Update Released 10-AUG-2021

Federal Government Affairs

- Department of Energy (DOE) Seminar Series Released
- DOE Releases Proposal for Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Commercial Water Heaters

- DOE Announces \$83 Million to Increase Buildings Energy Efficiency and Cut Consumers' Energy Bills

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