



# Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County

## Our Vision

The Climate Economy Action Center (CEAC) works with community partners to promote a healthy economy through deep carbon reduction. As a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, we focus on strengthening Addison County's economic, environmental, and social resilience. We are dedicated to supporting a thriving ecosystem of people, businesses, and institutions.

## How Will We Get There?

- The Climate Economy Action Center nurtures connections between economic/social health and carbon reduction.
- We work to sustain our vibrant communities by organizing *Focus Projects* that address critical challenges facing Addison County.
- We cooperate synergistically with interested parties, organizations, entrepreneurs, and advocates.



## History

In late 2017 Middlebury was chosen to participate in the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) *Climate Economy Model Communities Program*. This initial stage was a citizen-driven effort with VCRD and many community partners to begin cultivating economic development, innovation, and affordability in the face of climate change.

Over 150 participants attended a series of public meetings to identify strategies and develop action plans. Task forces prioritized the topics of energy, transportation, and agriculture.

## Contact Us!

Do you have more questions or ideas for us? We would love to hear from you. Email Steve Maier: [sbmaier55@gmail.com](mailto:sbmaier55@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.CEACAC.org](http://www.CEACAC.org)

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## Moving Forward

Now that CEAC has a Board of Directors and is incorporated as a nonprofit, we are seeking partners and funders who share a mutual passion for our vision and want to support our next steps:

- **Secure funding to further develop the center** Goal Date: Dec. 2019
- **Hire a part-time Executive Director** Goal Date: 2020
- **Continue the current Focus Projects and establish selection criteria for new projects** Goal Date: Ongoing

## What Are Focus Projects?

The Climate Economy Action Center organizes around specific Addison County-based projects that have significant and sustained social, environmental, and economic impact. We also seek to set precedents for our region, state and beyond in the emerging economy that can thrive in the face of ongoing climate change.

### Focus Projects to date include:

- Innovative carbon reduction projects in Middlebury (<https://bit.ly/2Vo3OAS>)
- Collaboration on a Business Energy Efficiency Grant Program (<https://tinyurl.com/yy7atsjj>)
- Campaign to celebrate and build ridership for Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR)

### Future Focus Projects could include:

- Facilitating energy retrofit and solar for schools
- Creating a Green Revolving Loan Fund for Addison County towns
- Greenest Street Award program
- Piloting local energy efficiency manufacturing
- Nurturing healthy downtowns and working lands



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