

CLIMATE ECONOMY ACTION CENTER

of Addison County



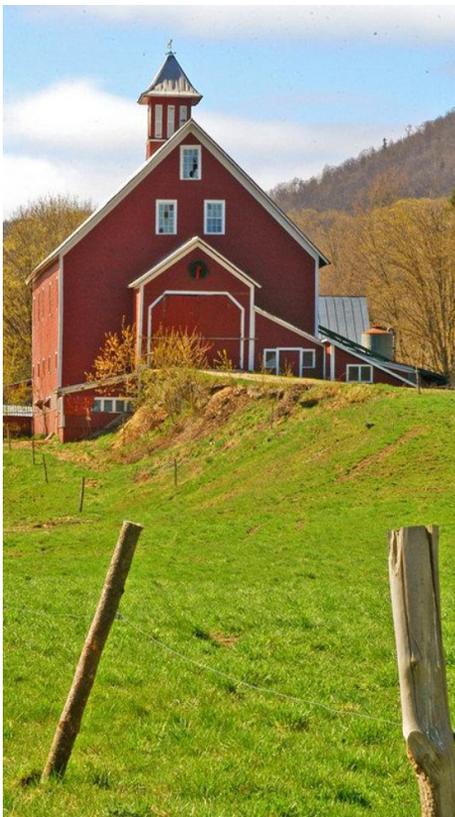
OUR MISSION

The Climate Economy Action Center (CEAC) works with partners to promote a healthy, sustainable local economy. Our mission is to achieve deep reductions in local greenhouse gas emissions as a result of community awareness and actions. We are a non-profit that is dedicated to supporting a thriving ecosystem of people, businesses and institutions in our rural area.

OUR VISION

The climate crisis is the foremost challenge facing the planet. We work to raise awareness and motivate local action by:

- Establishing CEAC as the county's information clearinghouse for efforts to reduce local emissions of greenhouse gases
- Supporting community work that links economic and social health with greenhouse gas reduction
- Collaborating on projects and public education with entrepreneurs, activists and organizations
- Advancing economic opportunities that arise as our county sustainably adapts to climate change.



OUR STORY

Middlebury was chosen to participate in the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Climate Economy Model Communities Program in 2017. This months-long process involved more than 150 area participants and resulted in the formation of CEAC, which expanded to a county-wide focus.

Addison County is home to a world-renowned college that is an environmental leader, a growing local food network, extensive open space, a working landscape and an economically diverse and engaged community. CEAC has emerged as the only organization that encourages and coordinates locally based, climate-sensitive efforts throughout the county.

OUR WORK

CEAC's goals include:

- (1) Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Addison County
- (2) Building our capacity to grow and sustain this important work by adding part-time staff and increasing community outreach.

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MORE ABOUT OUR WORK

We will continue to:

- Expand our public EV Charger program
- Support renewable-energy projects
- Work with local businesses to implement low-emission and net-zero-emission opportunities
- Partner with other county organizations to pursue significant grant initiatives.

CEAC will also build upon our past successes:

- Co-creating the new “LiveGreenVT: Champlain Valley Climate and Renewable Energy Guide” (LiveGreenVT.org)
- Conducting an extensive, unique baseline study of county greenhouse-gas emission sources and volumes
- Producing a twice-monthly e-newsletter with over 200 subscribers
- Forming an active Community Advisory Board of over 25 local leaders
- Advocating publicly for Middlebury College’s 30-acre solar energy field.

OUR FUTURE

CEAC is developing relationships with partners and funders to create a thriving organization ready to meet challenges of the next decade. We will:

- Increase our staffing and volunteer capacity
- Offer more public education activities around climate resilience in Addison County
- Continue research aimed at achieving our goals
- Expand projects with our education, business and agricultural communities
- Support programs to nurture healthy downtowns and working lands
- Expand our *Champlain Valley Climate and Renewable Energy Guide*.

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