

**NH Climate Change Action Plan  
DRAFT Action Plan Implementation Process  
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**Overview**

Implementation of the New Hampshire Climate Change Action Plan will occur at multiple levels in an ongoing fashion and will require a high degree of coordination, integration and advanced planning. As has been noted by Task Force members as well as members of the public, a robust implementation process for the Plan is needed. Such a process should allow for flexibility, accountability, transparency, ongoing progress assessment and reporting, and routine re-evaluation of existing and potential actions.

The goal is to implement a dynamic process that will facilitate the implementation of the most highly prioritized elements of the Action Plan while leaving room for the inclusion of actions that were previously omitted and the development of new actions as time, resources and new developments/innovations/technology permit.

**NH Energy and Climate Solutions Collaborative  
(italics indicate options not being recommended)**

Our recommendation is to form a group to oversee and guide implementation of the NH Climate Change Action Plan in function and representation similar to the Task Force. In addition, we recommend that the technical/policy working groups continue as advisors to the Task Force on the development and implementation of existing actions, identification of new opportunities as well as re-evaluation of low-priority actions.

1. Purpose:
  - a. An entity could be formalized with the overall charge to oversee and guide implementation of the plan VT; CT; AZ
  - b. The committee could be further guided by overarching principles and have interim reduction targets to achieve against which to monitor progress
2. Formation:
  - a. Could be formed by executive order or legislation such that formal roles and deliverables are specified AZ
  - b. *Could be formed by inviting participation and convening informally* CT
3. Membership:
  - a. Could reflect balance of Task Force representation VT
  - b. *Could be Commissioner level (top down option)* CT; AZ
4. Responsibilities:
  - a. Identify those actions that will pursue from the plan and revisit old actions and consider new actions as appropriate CT (ME staff)
  - b. Develop a yearly priority list and submit to the agencies and to the legislature and other interested parties (ME staff)
  - c. Provide guidance and approval for agency level work products and identify potential areas of research and economic development VT
  - d. Report on progress against goals
  - e. Hold an annual meeting to report on progress and provide opportunity for public input

5. Agency Support:

**Composition**

- a. Department of Environmental Services- designated as lead agency or coordinator
- b. Department of Administrative Services- provides lead on government leading by example actions
- c. Office of Energy and Planning - provides lead in communication and education recommendations.
- d. Public Utilities Commission -assists in the development of actions that will require regulations regarding energy
- e. Department of Transportation - assists in the development of planning for the transportation system
- f. Department of Resource and Economic Development - serves as lead of Business Council and on actions relative to forestry

**Work Plan**

- a. Integrate existing efforts
  - i. Inventory existing climate and energy efforts
  - ii. Determine how to best amend or complement actions or coordinate with relevant entities
- b. Identify Work Plans for specific actions
- c. Submit project and plans to Council for review and approval
- d. Implement actions through relevant parties
- e. Conduct routine GHG inventories of the emissions associated with the entire NH economy
- f. Track the progress of specific actions that have been implemented
  - i. Track where it stands in terms of the implementation process
  - ii. Track what the impact and result of implementation is
- g. Draft and release routine progress reports
- h. Develop additional action
  - i. Revisit and re-evaluate actions developed during the Climate Change Action Plan process
  - ii. Work with stakeholders to identify new opportunities

6. Partners

- a. Business Council - form a business group (perhaps based on the group convened by Stonyfield Farm in June) to help direct the implementation of the plan towards maximizing economic development
- b. Regional Planning Commissions - assist in the develop of actions that will be implemented at the regional and local level
- c. Local Energy Committee Working Group and Regional Coalitions – assist in implementation at the community level
- d. Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board - to ensure the coordination of energy efficiency, demand response, and sustainable energy programs in the state

7. Technical consultant available to provide analysis as needed (e.g., ongoing, annual) – University of New Hampshire (including Carbon Solutions New England) could provide ongoing analysis as needed including:

- a. Evaluation of new opportunities
- b. Economic analysis of large projects (e.g., rail expansion)

8. Funding - Establish funding stream that is supplemental to the state budget funds to ensure continuity of resources

- a. Enable continued technical support
- b. Fund economic studies