

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. In the foreground, a house's roof is covered with a large array of blue solar panels. The surrounding area shows other houses, trees, and a clear blue sky with some light clouds. In the background, there are mountains under a bright sky.

**WHEN THERE IS A HUGE  
SOLAR ENERGY SPILL**

**IT'S JUST CALLED  
A NICE DAY**

## SIGNIFICANT 2019 CLIMATE LEGISLATION

[H.51](#) & [S.66](#) – A ban on new, large-scale fossil fuel infrastructure

[H.91](#) & [S.75](#) – Authorizes Vermont to join a multi-state carbon pricing program

[H.423](#) – Effectively lifts the 500 kw net metering cap on towns and schools

[H.462](#) – A Global Warming Solutions Act to make Vermont's climate goals requirements

[H.463](#) – [The Economy-Strengthening Strategic Energy eXchange \(ESSEX\) Plan](#)

[H.477](#) – A 10-year/\$1.6 billion [plan](#) to benefit equity, the economy and the environment

Find far more info about these and other climate bills at: [vnrc.org/climateupdate2019](https://vnrc.org/climateupdate2019).

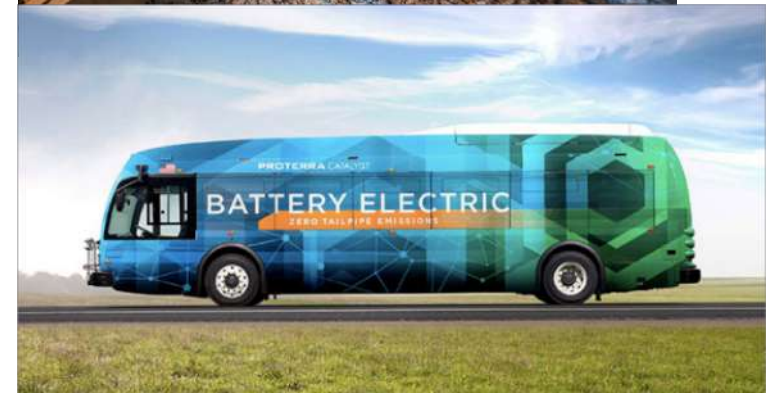
While you're there, check out the broad coalition's [Climate Action Plan 2019](#) priorities.

Upcoming “crossover” deadlines. March 15 is the date by which policy bills must leave their committee of origin to be considered for passage by both the House and Senate in 2019. Bills impacting revenue or carrying an appropriation must also move through the “money committees” by March 22.

# Climate Action Plan for 2019

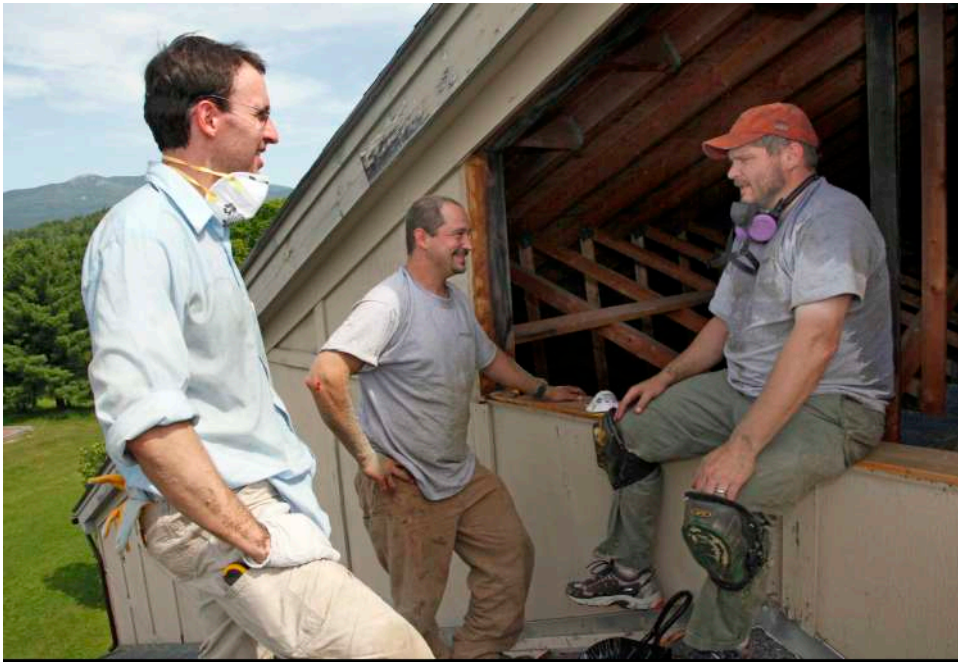
A BLUEPRINT FOR PROGRESS

- Double the number of low- and moderate income homes weatherized every year
- Create an electric or hybrid vehicle incentive program, prioritizing low- and middle-income Vermonters, starting by using VW settlement dollars
- Enact a Global Warming Solutions Act like other New England states to require progress on climate goals
- Analyze the JFO-led decarbonization study and advance the policy that works best for Vermont to reduce emissions, grow jobs and protect the most vulnerable



# Double the number of low- and moderate income homes weatherized every year:

- Help Vermonters stop wasting money
- Make homes more comfortable
- Enhance public health



## Some of our partners calling for this:

- NeighborWorks of Western VT
- VT Affordable Housing Coalition
- Capstone Community Action
- VT Low Income Advocacy Council
- VT Climate and Health Alliance

# Use VW Settlement Dollars Strategically: Start an Incentive Program for Low- to Middle Income Vermonters



Enact a Global Warming Solutions Act – like MA and CT – to *require* progress on our climate goals (H.462).

- Turns our 2005 GHG reduction goals into requirements
- Not prescriptive; sets a framework for action, led by ANR



# CLIMATE CHANGE COMES AT A SIGNIFICANT COST



So glad that one of my state reps -- Rep. [Selene Colburn](#) -- is a co-sponsor of H.477: The Vermont Equity & Infrastructure Act along with Rep. Diana Gonzalez!

I hope [Brian Cina, Vermont State Representative](#), [Sen. Tim Ashe](#), [Philip Baruth, State Senate.](#), [Sen. Debbie Ingram](#), [Sen. Christopher Pearson](#), [Senator Michael Sirotkin](#) and [Sen. Ginny Lyons](#) will support ambitious climate action too. It's too late for continued delay. [#ActOnClimateVT](#)



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Here is a video of me talking about H.477 Equity and Infrastructure to address climate change. It's long, and a shorter one will come soon. Enjoy!



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By **Ellie French**

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Youth from the US will be striking on March 15 to demand that our lawmakers put an end to climate change. For press inquiries; pressyouthclimatestrike@gmail.com

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We can't stop climate change alone. We need to build a coalition 🙌🏻

JOIN MHS, HARWOOD, AND U-32  
AT THE VERMONT STATE HOUSE

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**MARCH 15TH - 2:00 PM**

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A Climate Solutions Walk **APRIL 5-9, 2019** Middlebury to Montpelier

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