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## Late July 2021 E-News

Dear Local Energy Leaders,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful Vermont summer! We wanted to share several timely events and opportunities with you all. Find more information about the following below...

### EVENTS

- **Climate Council Subcommittees to Present Strategies for Climate Action Plan - July 26, 8:30 AM** - After months of hard work, the Subcommittees of the Vermont Climate Council will present their draft strategies to meet the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act at the full Council meeting on Monday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. [Find more information, including the full meeting agenda and how to join here](#) and below.
- **EAN Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Model Presentation - August 3, Noon** - Join EAN to learn more about its Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Pathways Model and white paper with Mei Butler, EAN's Data and Dashboard Manager. [Register to attend here.](#)
- **Vital Communities' Upper Valley Local Energy Showcase - August 3, 7 PM** - Join Vital Communities on Tuesday, August 3, 7-8 pm for its Upper Valley Local Energy Showcase, featuring five stories of local energy action from across the Upper Valley. [Register here](#) and find more information below.
- **Green Energy Workforce and Energy & Climate Equity Research - August 12, Noon** - EAN's 2021 interns Raquel Smith and Ellie Curtis will showcase their research on Green Energy Workforce, and Energy and Climate Equity on Thursday, August 12 at noon. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### NEWS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Vital Communities Seeks Transportation Program Manager - Apply by July 26!** - Vital Communities seeks a full-time Transportation Program Manager to develop and implement community-based projects that work toward a safe, efficient, reliable, equitable, affordable, and multimodal transportation system in the Upper Valley. [Click here for a full job description](#) and find more details below.
- **Last Chance to Register for VEEP Virtual Summer Institute - August 9, 10, 12** - The Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP) is

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## Share

We are always looking for great stories of local action for our blog, social media and as helpful resources for our network. Please consider sending along anything you or others have accomplished or are working on by responding to this email or emailing [rkuster@vnrc.org](mailto:rkuster@vnrc.org)

## About Us

VECAN is a network of statewide Vermont organizations helping communities across the Green Mountain State to reduce energy costs and climate impacts through conservation, increased energy efficiency and conversion to renewable energy sources.

VECAN's mission is to start, support and strengthen town energy committees.

## Committee Changes?

Help us keep our network up to

inviting all Vermont and New Hampshire educators to join the 2021 VEEP Summer Institute, which will explore local connections to energy & climate. [Register here by July 26](#) and find more details below.

date! Email changes in committee leadership or contact info to [rkuster@vnrc.org](mailto:rkuster@vnrc.org)

- **Get to Know the VECAN Partners and How They Can Support Your Efforts** - The VECAN Partners are available to provide online consultation and support to individuals and full energy committees working on local energy transformation. [Check out our new webpage](#) to learn about how we can best support your work.
- **Efficiency Vermont Joins Effort to Reduce Energy Burden of Transportation** - With the passage of Act 151, which allows the state's electric energy efficiency utilities to use a portion of existing funds for greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs, Efficiency Vermont plans to launch an EV education campaign and dealer support program this fall. [Learn more about this exciting initiative here.](#)
- **President Biden and Senate Democrats Introduce \$3.5 Trillion Budget Resolution** - President Biden and Senate Democrats have vowed to push forward a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution framework that would fund a clean energy transition and policies to combat climate change. [Learn more about this plan here.](#)

As always, thanks for all that you do.

Best,

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## EVENTS

### Subcommittees of the Climate Council to Present Draft Strategies for Climate Action Plan - July 26, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM



On Monday, July 26th the Rural Resilience and Adaptation, Agriculture and Ecosystems, and Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittees of the Vermont Climate Council will present their initial strategies for achieving the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at noon, providing an initial chance to share your thoughts, feedback, and questions on the recommendations.

[Find the full agenda with the link to join here.](#)

We will keep you posted on more opportunities to engage in this process as this work and the Climate Action Plan develops.

### Upper Valley Local Energy Showcase - August 3, 7 PM



Join Vital Communities on Tuesday, August 3, 7-8 pm for an Upper Valley Local Energy Showcase, featuring stories to inspire, connect and re-energize anyone working to promote clean, efficient energy and address climate change

at the local level.

This summer's showcase will feature five stories of local energy action from across the Upper Valley, including:

- Mow Electric Day and other projects from the new energy committee in Rochester, VT;
- An annual town-wide update and outreach to businesses in Hanover, NH;
- An Electric Vehicle Ambassadors program in Thetford, VT;
- Audits on town buildings led by the new energy committee in Newbury, NH;
- Outreach to mobile home residents in Hartford and other Vermont towns.

The event is free, online, and open to all! [Register here.](#)

## NEWS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### Vital Communities Seeks Transportation Program Manager



Vital Communities seeks a full time Transportation Program Manager to develop and implement community-based projects that work toward a safe, efficient, reliable, equitable, affordable, and multimodal transportation

system in the Upper Valley. Successful candidates will have a passion for working collaboratively with community partners, volunteers, and organizations. Qualifications include excellent project management, communication, and collaboration skills, and an understanding of our transportation system as a complex, dynamic system.

[Click here for a full job description.](#)

To apply, email a resume and cover letter to [hr@vitalcommunities.org](mailto:hr@vitalcommunities.org). **Vital Communities will begin reviewing applications on July 26, 2021.** Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

### Register Today for 2021 VEEP Summer Institute - August 9, 10, 12



The Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP) invites all Vermont and New Hampshire educators to the 2021 VEEP Summer Institute: Local Connections to Energy and Climate!

The virtual program will take place August 9, 10, and 12 with each day's online session lasting no more than 3 hours. Participants may expect some asynchronous work prior to and between virtual sessions. After the conclusion of the synchronous program, participants may then collaborate


with VEEP educators to bring to fruition custom curricula. Through the program, participants earn PD hours and may also enroll for 1 graduate credit. **The registration deadline is July 26.** Scholarship funds are available if cost is a barrier.

[Click here to learn more and register!](#)

Contact Nial Rele, [Nial@veep.org](mailto:Nial@veep.org) with questions.

### Get to Know the VECAN Partners and How They Can Support Your Efforts


As a part of the VECAN network, you, and the other 120+ energy committees across the state, are supported by a diverse group of partner organizations.



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The VECAN Partners, consisting of the Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC), Vital Communities, Energy Action Network (EAN), Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) and Efficiency Vermont (EVT), are available to provide online consultation and support to individuals and full energy committees working on local energy transformation.

Each of the VECAN partners brings different expertise, connections, and perspectives to the vital work you are doing and your communities, and we are eager to support you however we can.

[Visit our newly launched webpage](#) to learn about how each of the partners can assist you!

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