



Resource Provider Summary

SPONSORS



Green Mountain Power (GMP) serves 266,000 residential and business customers in Vermont and is partnering with them to improve lives and transform communities with integrated energy services that help people use less energy, save money and reduce their carbon footprints, while continuing to generate clean, cost-effective, reliable power in Vermont. GMP is the first utility in the world to get a B Corp certification, meeting rigorous social, environmental, accountability and transparency standards and committing to use business as a force for good. Visit greenmountainpower.com to learn more about rebates and discount rates to help you save.



VSECU is a Vermont-based credit union that offers specialized green finance options designed for energy improvement and renewable projects and purchases. We work collaboratively with organizations and individuals so they can share the information with their communities on how to access local, affordable financing that fits their needs and meets their goals.

VSECU financing can be used for a variety of projects and purchases from electric bikes to weatherization and solar installations. Our loan application process is easy and all can be done electronically (or at one of our 9 branch locations) -- We help Vermonters achieve their climate action goals with 100% project financing, discounted loan rates and features that maximize the economic benefit of the energy saving purchase. VSECU is a lender in the Efficiency Vermont Home Energy Loan program where Vermonters can access subsidized rates based on household income for qualified projects using Efficiency Excellence Network contractors. VSECU also offers the Business Energy Loan for any business entity located in Vermont to access discounted rates and technical guidance and incentives from Efficiency Vermont for qualified projects/purchases.

Learn more at www.vsecu.com/vgreen. For more information, contact Laurie Fielder, VGreen Program Director lfielder721@vsecu.com, 802-371-3136 or Lisa LaSante, Sr. VGreen Program Associate llasante@vsecu.com 802-371-3170.



Norwich Solar was founded in 2011 with a vision of developing and commercializing leading-edge innovations in Clean Technology. We provide complete end-to-end solar solutions to businesses in Vermont and throughout New England. Based in White River Junction, Vermont, our mission is to rapidly advance the integration and deployment of affordable Solar Power to help New England companies improve their Triple Bottom Line – Financial, Social and Environmental. Visit <https://norwichsolar.com/> to learn more, and [explore our blog](#) for insightful articles, personal reflections and ideas that inspire action on the topics you care about.



Efficiency Vermont supports grassroots efforts to advance sustainable energy solutions at the community level by providing guidance and educational materials to catalyze action. We work with our partners to provide incentives, technical advice, and efficient products to help customers save money, and lower carbon emissions. Energy committees and leaders can turn to us for free educational materials and information on rebates, and financing options for energy efficient upgrades for homes and businesses in their community.

Vermont municipalities and schools turn to us for help improving the efficiency of their streetlighting, public buildings, and water and wastewater treatment plants. This directly benefits local taxpayers by reducing municipal energy costs while improving public infrastructure. In addition, we partner with the Vermont Energy Education Program to promote energy literacy in schools and support infrastructure improvements, turning schools into laboratories to inspire learning on sustainable energy.

[Please sign up for our partner newsletter here.](#) For more information, contact Michelle McCutcheon-Schour, mmschour@veic.org, 8025407831



Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) is Vermont's statewide electric transmission provider, with our sights set on creating a sustainable Vermont through our people, assets, relationships and operating model. Formed in 1956 when local Vermont utilities established the nation's first "transmission only" company to access clean hydro power from New York, VELCO's system now includes: 738 miles of transmission lines, 55 substations, switching stations and terminal facilities, 13,000 acres of rights-of-way and a 1,500-mile fiber optic network that monitors and controls the electric system and serves as a key link for Vermonters' high-speed data internet access. We are owned by the state's 17 distribution utilities and a benefit corporation. VELCO is a for-profit company with a financial structure designed to return value to our owners, their customers, and to every Vermonter. For more information, visit www.velco.com.



Encore Renewable Energy is a Burlington, Vermont-based leader in commercial renewable energy with a proven track record in solar development from concept

to completion. Founded in 2007 as Encore Redevelopment, their team specializes in the design, development, financing, permitting, and construction of solar and energy storage projects on landfills, brownfields, rooftops and carports. As a values-led company, Encore is committed to revitalizing communities and creating a cleaner, brighter future for all. For more information about Encore please visit www.encorerenewableenergy.com. Stay connected via [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



At **Green Mountain Solar**, our goal is to provide the best solar experience in Vermont. With significant industry knowledge and experience, we excel at finding the best resilient energy system for our customers. Green Mountain Solar proudly serves residential, commercial, and municipal clients throughout the state of Vermont. We are a small, local solar business which means we have low overhead and can pass those savings on to our customers. We make energy systems accessible and affordable to Vermonters, and promote sustainability throughout our community. For more information, visit www.greenmtnsolar.com.



Nationally recognized for innovative and advanced use of technology, **Vermont Electric Cooperative** is a member owned electric distribution utility that provides safe, affordable, and reliable energy services to over 32,000 members in 75 communities. VEC believes in meeting the needs of our members by practicing the cooperative principles in a transparent manner. VEC is committed to operating in a safe manner that is socially and environmentally responsible. We achieve success through the continuous development of a highly skilled and engaged workforce. Visit www.vermontelectric.coop.



Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) provides municipal electric utility members with a broad spectrum of services and solutions, including regulatory assistance, financial planning, and power supply. VPPSA members include Barton Village, Village of Enosburg Falls, Hardwick Electric Department, Village of Jacksonville Electric Company, Village of Johnson Electric Department, Ludlow Electric Light Department, Lyndonville Electric Department, Morrisville Water & Light Department, Town of Northfield Electric Department, Village of Orleans, and Swanton Village Electric Department. For more information, visit www.vppsa.com.



Building Energy works to reduce the carbon footprint of buildings and preserve healthy building environments. Our “Whole Systems Approach” to building performance incorporates conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy.

We offer a complete range of building and weatherization services including various forms of insulation, roofing, siding, doors, windows, and a holistic array of solutions including solar panels and heating system alternatives.

We are recognized as a “Building Analyst Professional” and “Envelope Professional” by the Building Performance Institute. This is a national training and certification agency dedicated to the advancement of sound building practices and promotion of energy conservation technologies.

Learn more about Building Energy’s services at

<https://www.buildingenergyvt.com/>



3E Thermal is a trusted partner for improving energy performance, helping to sort the real deal from the hype in claims by manufacturers, vendors and contractors. 3E Thermal also sponsors occasional free or low-cost workshops to share expertise with owners, developers, project managers, contractors, architects and anyone interested in improving the energy performance of their buildings. We offer both cash incentives and technical support for installing energy efficiency upgrades in qualified Vermont apartment buildings. We work with all owners – nonprofit, for-profit, and municipal – across Vermont.

We’re a small team of consultants and green-building advisors who:

- analyze a building’s energy performance
- work with the building’s owner to develop energy efficiency solutions
- offer cash incentives to create greener buildings
- provide contractors with effective, leading-edge techniques
- educate building professionals about state-of-the-art energy efficiency
- serve as the central communication hub on energy upgrade projects

Learn more about 3E Thermal at <https://3ethermal.org/>



Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies (VAPDA) is the organization that supports Vermont’s eleven regional planning commissions (RPCs). Each of the RPCs has staff available to support the development of local energy plans and the implementation of projects that support energy efficiency and climate resilience and adaptation. The RPCs are a source of information that supports analysis of local energy supply and demand data while connecting energy committees with resources that support implementation projects. Regional energy coordinators at each RPC facilitate sharing of ideas through regional energy committee roundtables as well as through webinars, bulletins, and reports that are available to local committees anywhere in the state.

Find your RPC and regional energy coordinator contact at VAPDA’s website:

<https://www.vapda.org/regions.html>

Examples of current activities provided through RPCs:

- Supporting towns that are establishing new local energy committees and connecting them with existing committees in their region;
- Working with community action organizations, nonprofits, and Efficiency Vermont to promote home weatherization and alternative heating programs and incentives;
- Organizing Drive Electric events and helping towns identify locations and obtain funding for EV charging infrastructure;
- Providing geographic information and other support for appropriate siting of new renewable energy facilities.

Contact your regional planning commission to obtain regular updates on new programs and opportunities for local energy committees. A recent example is the Window Dressers initiative that was rolled out in several regions this fall, with local energy committees and volunteers producing hundreds of energy-saving window inserts for residents.



Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) assists energy committees with the energy element of their town plans. As a regional organization, we also regularly convene local energy committees to provide information and networking events. Additionally, we work collaboratively with Drive Electric Vermont to promote the widespread adoption of electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure. CCRPC provides planning and implementation support for energy plans and climate change action. We also research and provide resources and technical information to energy committees as they work on education, outreach, projects, and energy plan implementation.

We will be convening the next Regional Energy Committee Forum Monday, January 31 at 6pm. Possible topics:

- Educating the public about electrification and weatherization
- The role of capital planning in implementation

[Click here](#) to find a link to clean home heating and cooling to view the latest presentation on electric vehicles. [Sign up for the CCRPC newsletter here](#). For more information, contact Melanie Needle, Senior Planner, mneedle@ccrpcvt.org, 802-846-4490 (ext. 127) or Ann Janda, Senior Energy Project Manager, ajanda@ccrpcvt.org, (802) 846-4490 (ext. 133)



Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) works with its 30 member municipalities, state agencies such as the Department of Public Service, and organizations such as Efficiency Vermont to plan for and implement strategies to meet the State's energy goals. This includes drafting Enhanced Energy Plans and connecting municipalities with technical and financial resources. TRORC recently hired an Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC) to work with six towns to implement their energy plans. By overseeing energy-saving improvements in municipal buildings and

recommending energy-related strategies and policies, TRORC and the IREC hope to make a meaningful impact on the energy use, costs, and greenhouse gas emissions of participating towns. Learn more about our programs at trorc.org.

PARTNERS



With member and partner support, the **Vermont Natural Resources Council** works from the grassroots to the Legislature to advance policies and programs that protect Vermont's air, water, farms, forests, wild places and communities in a rapidly changing world. VNRC serves as the coordinator of VECAN, working to start and strengthen pivotal grassroots energy and climate action efforts. VNRC also serves on the Vermont Climate Council and will work in the 2022 legislative session and beyond to build the policy, political and public support necessary to equitably transform our outdated energy system and do our part to combat the climate crisis. Learn more about VNRC, how you can get involved and stay tuned for timely action-oriented updates via VNRC.org and the weekly Climate Dispatch – vnrc.org/category/climate-dispatch/.



Energy Action Network (EAN) is a diverse group of energy stakeholders working to end Vermont's reliance on fossil fuels and create clean, affordable and secure electric heating and transportation systems for the 21st century. Each year, the EAN team releases an annual progress report showing where Vermont stands on reducing our greenhouse gas emissions relative to our renewable energy goals and emissions reduction commitments. Learn more at eanvt.org



Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) helps Vermont citizens build prosperous and resilient communities through democratic engagement, marshaling resources, and collective action. New in 2020, VCRD has formed the Vermont Community Leadership Network, providing free learning, resources and networking opportunities to any Vermonter working on initiatives that strengthen our communities. [Learn more at www.vtrural.org/leadership](http://www.vtrural.org/leadership). VCRD also hosts the Climate Economy Model Communities Program and Climate Catalysts Leadership Programs. Both programs will have new opportunities in 2021 for participating towns and individuals. Learn more at www.vtrural.org/programs/climate-economy. Please feel free to be in touch directly with Jon Copans about any of these opportunities - jon@vtrural.org



Vital Communities is a nonprofit organization serving 69 towns in the Upper Valley region of Vermont and New Hampshire. We cultivate the civic, environmental, and economic vitality of the Upper Valley by bringing people together, bridging boundaries and engaging our whole community to create positive change. Much of Vital Communities' work around energy,

transportation, and climate involves close collaboration with the Upper Valley's 40+ town energy committees. Learn more at vitalcommunities.org/



Efficiency Vermont is helping our state transition to a more affordable and cleaner future. Since 2000, Efficiency Vermont has brought Vermonters together to reduce the cost of energy, saving more than \$2.6 billion in energy costs and keeping more than 12 million tons of CO2 out of the atmosphere. We work with our partners to provide incentives, technical advice, and efficient products to help customers save money, and lower carbon emissions. For more information, contact Efficiency Vermont at 888-921-5990 or visit www.encyvermont.com/