

MINUTES

Thursday – November 21, 2019

5:00 PM

Dorset Field Club - Dorset, VT

Commissioners Present: Walt Klinger (Pownal), Nancy Faesy (Dorset), Dixie Zens (Sunderland), Suzy dePeyster (Sandgate), John LaVecchia (Dorset), Representative Cynthia Browning (Arlington), Janet Hurley (Manchester), Wayn Goodman (Energy), James Salerno (Economic Development), John LaVecchia, Jr. (Rupert), Megan Harrington (Public Health), Bruce Lierman (Transportation), Sheila Kearns (Sandgate), Stephanie Lane (Housing)

Others Present: Ellen Maloney, Rob Gaiotti, Jim Hand, Andrew McKeever, Senator Brian Campion, Jim Salsgiver, Tyler Yandow, Gaye Squire, Helen Fields, Robert McCafferty, Nancy McCafferty, Bob Faesy, Thea Kelly, Patricia Grip, Richard Grip, Harry Chandler, Scott Steward, Daniela Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Kit Wallace, Billy Brownlee, Jordan Dickinson, Lindy Bourden, Lee Romano, Susan Romano, Kelly Hudson, Stephen Greene, Lu French
Towns represented: Dorset, Stamford, Manchester Village, and GNAT-TV

BRC Staff: Jim Sullivan, Mark Anders, Catherine Bryars, Jonathan Cooper, Jim Henderson, Madison Kremer, Bill Colvin

I. Welcome and Introductions - Chair, Janet Hurley, welcomed commissioners and guests to the meeting at the Dorset Field Club.

II. Approval of September 19, 2019 Minutes

Upon recommendation by Chair Hurley, the Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. Presentations

Jonathan Cooper thanked the Dorset Field Club for hosting this evening's event. He noted that the BCRC likes to hold meetings in communities around the region and we are delighted to meet in Dorset this evening. He then introduced the evening's presenters.

- Dorset Village Center Pedestrian Plan

Presentation by Mark Anders, Transportation Program Manager at the BCRC, on Dorset Village pedestrian improvement plan (presentation attached). Noted the importance of outdoor recreation to the state's economy, public health benefits of walking and biking, importance of transportation alternatives to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Reviewed existing conditions, describing sidewalk and shoulder conditions, lack of crosswalks, and other issues. Reviewed plans developed as part of a municipal planning grant project. Improvements include bulbouts and traffic calming measures, reduced turning radii, crosswalks, sidewalk upgrades, enhanced separation between pedestrian facilities and traffic, potential connections to HN Williams and Manchester, and use of "Complete Streets" law to get some of the improvements incorporated into an upcoming paving project.

- HN Williams Expansion

Billy Brownlee, owner of HN Williams store on Route 30, described his family's work to expand their business by putting on a significant addition, adding gas pumps, and more. The store carries a wide variety of clothing and home products, as well as a deli and a gas station. Reviewed construction techniques and energy efficiency, permitting process.

- Energy Plans and Section 248

Catherine Bryars, BCRC's senior community planner, reviewed the municipal energy planning process and the use of energy plans in the Section 248 process (presentation attached). Noted that Dorset has developed a new enhanced energy plan that currently is going through the adoption process.

- Community Values and Recreation at Raptor Lane and Owl's Head

Rob Gaiotti, Dorset Town Manager, described a variety of recent planning projects that the town has worked on with the BCRC. Rob remarked on the fact that the Northshire is an economic center, but many people have to commute into the area to work because of the high cost of housing. He then described the Owl's Head town forest and work to develop recreational assets there, as well as land off Raptor Lane recently acquired by the town. The town currently is surveying residents about preferences for future development and use of the Raptor Lane property. A committee has been formed and one thing being considered is the potential for housing development at the Raptor Lane property – a possible way to help address the workforce housing needs of the area.

- Visualization Tools for Bylaw Amendments

Madison Kremer, who was a VISTA with the BCRC over the past year, presented information on a project she conducted that dealt with visualizing the relationship between land use regulations

and actual development patterns for Dorset. First analyzed the consistency of land use regulations currently on the books with actual development patterns, noting the large percentage of village area properties that don't conform to one or more bylaw provisions. Also discussed property tax yield by type, size, and density of buildings, finding that financial benefits to the town are best with relatively high density, mixed use buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Dorset MPG Grant

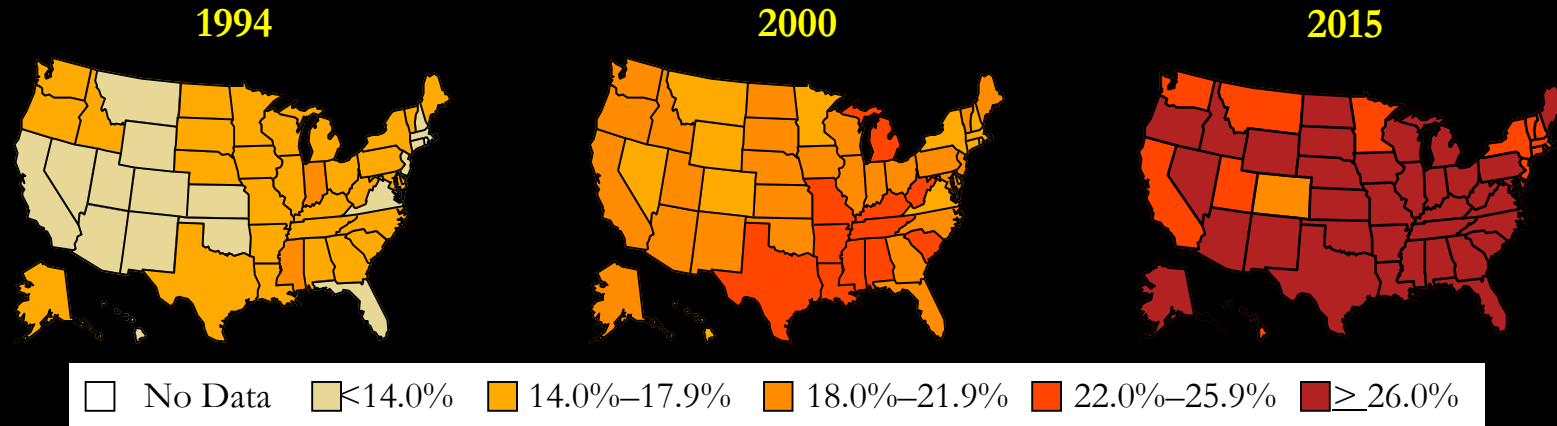
Project Goal

- Generate ideas to make Dorset's village center safer and more inviting for pedestrians and cyclists.

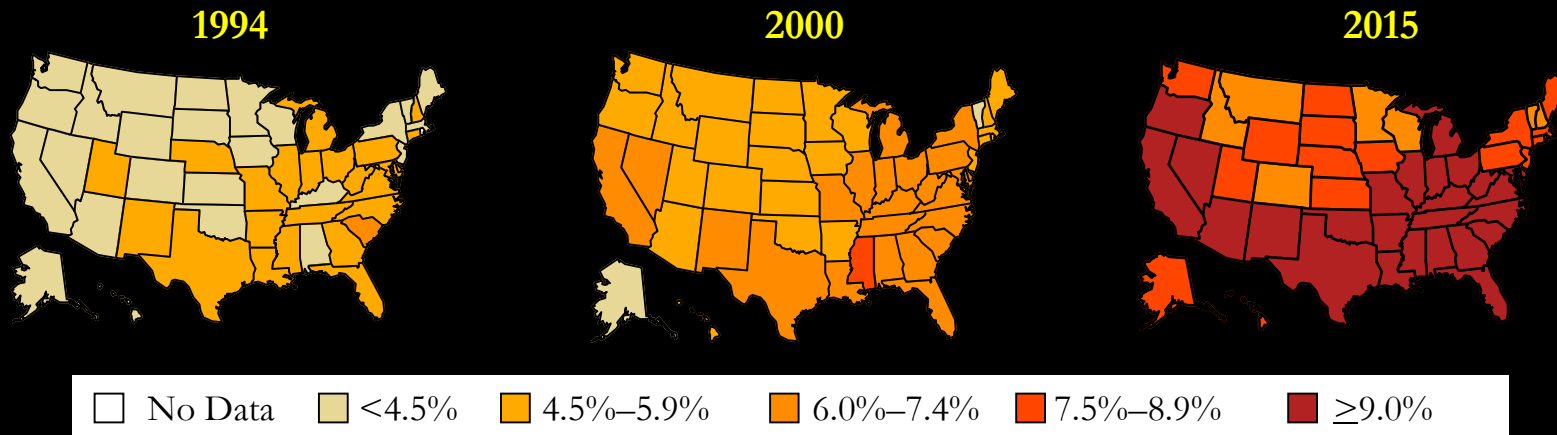


Age-adjusted Prevalence of Obesity and Diagnosed Diabetes Among US Adults

Obesity (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²)



Diabetes



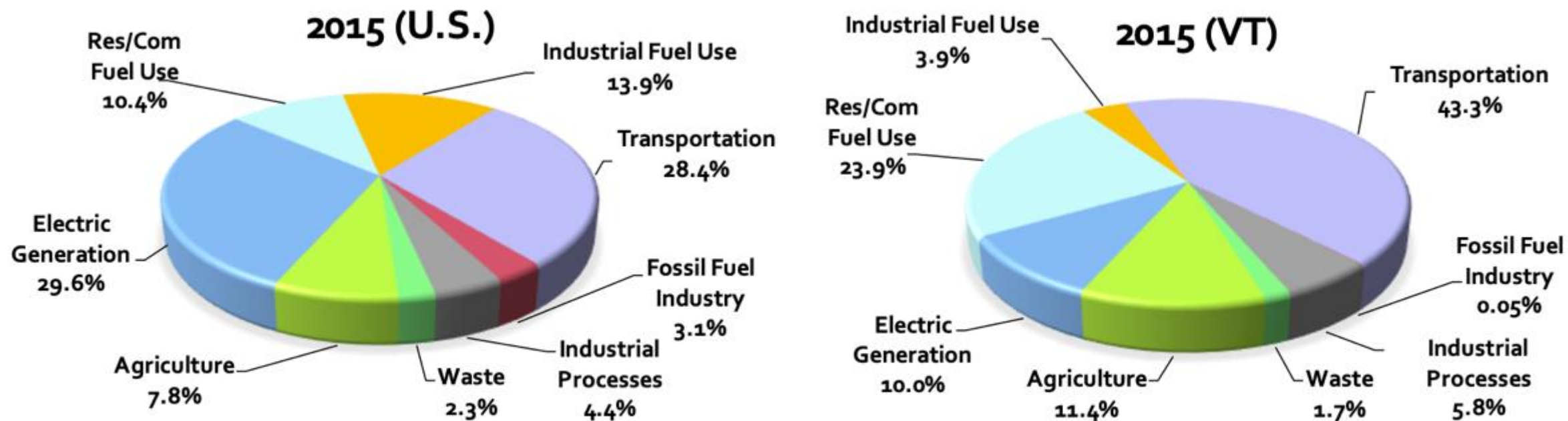


Figure 5. Sector Emissions Contribution Percentages Comparison (2015) – U.S. and Vermont¹²







































Initiative

Dorset Village Pedestrian/Bike Improvement Plan

Draft 10.30.18



Barro's Market
Dorset Village

Dorset Village B&B
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Dorset Inn

Concrete pedestrian
refuge island

R15'

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23.5'

24'

29'

27'

Church St

Library

30

construct sidewalk

Alternate: sloped,
accessible walk

Curbed grass
neckdowns

Extend new sidewalk
across driveway

New x-walk

Parking

New bike/ped path

6'

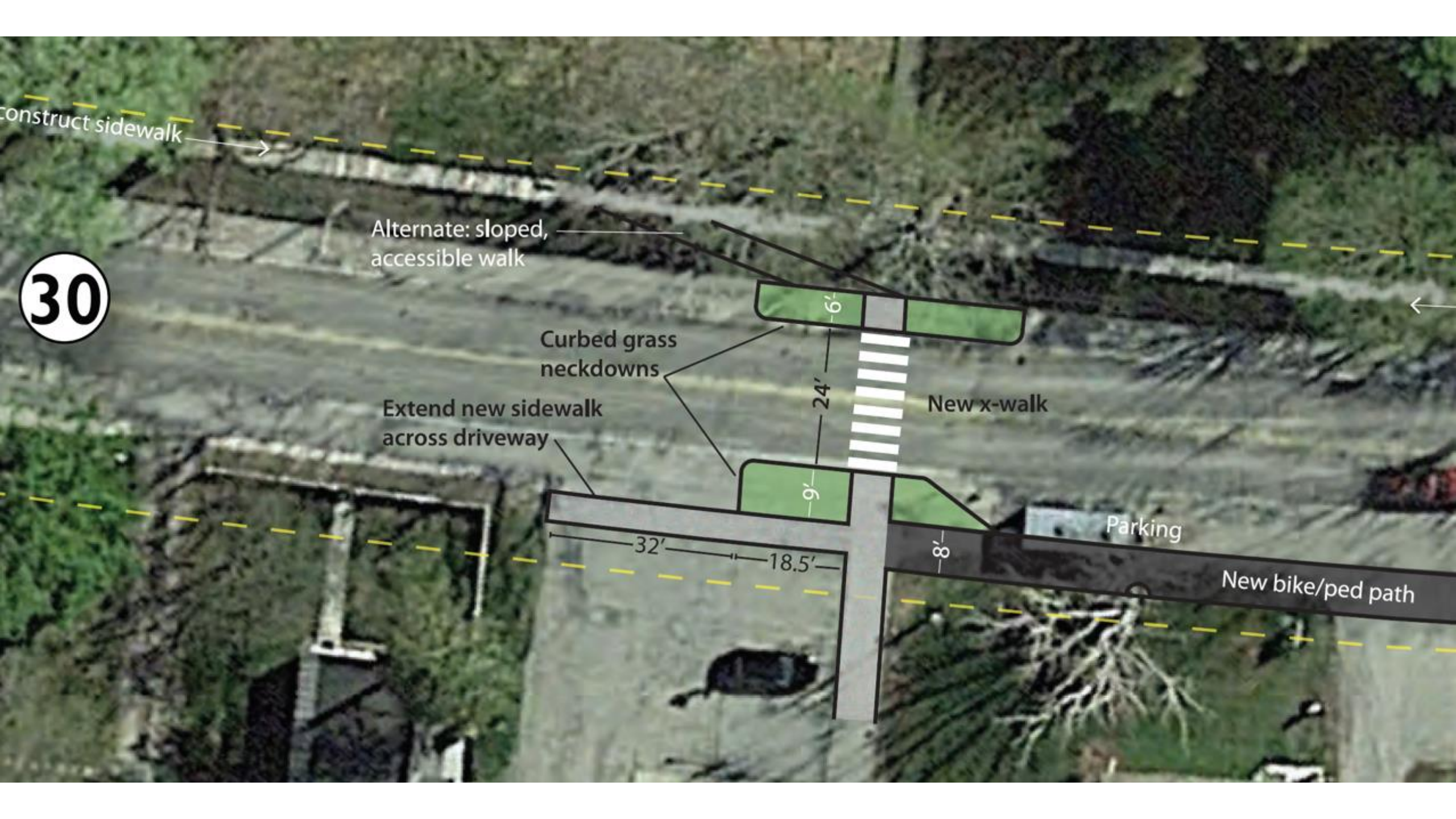
24'

9'

32'

18.5'

8'











New sidewalk

Dorset Hollow Rd./VT 30 Intersection: reduce radii with new curbs and curb extensions to calm traffic, reduce crossing distances and replace excessive pavement with grass areas. Install new crosswalks at logical crossing locations.

ROW Boundary

Reconstruct sidewalk →

New bike/ped path

Continue path to HN Williams →

Meadow Ln





Restaurants / Businesses & Distance from Billy's

- 1 Rosie's Deli & Market • 362 Periwinkle Way 239-472-6656 • 1.9 miles
- 2 Lighthouse Café • 362 Periwinkle Way 239-472-0303 • 1.9 miles
- 3 Pinocchio's Ice Cream • 362 Periwinkle Way 239-472-6566 • 1.9 miles
- 4 The Bait Box • 1041 Periwinkle Way 239-472-1618 • 0.9 miles
- 5 Lazy Flamingo 2 • 1036 Periwinkle Way 239-472-6939 • 0.8 miles
- 6 Dairy Queen • 1048 Periwinkle Way 239-472-1170 • 0.7 miles
- 7 Schnapper's Hots • 1528 Periwinkle Way 239-472-8686 • 292 feet
- 8 Traders • 1551 Periwinkle Way 239-472-7242 • 0.2 miles
- 9 Island Pizza • 1619 Periwinkle Way 239-472-1581 • 0.2 miles
- 10 Bank of the Islands (ATM) • 1699 Periwinkle Way 239-472-7211 • 0.3 miles
- 11 Cheeburger Cheeburger • 1975 Periwinkle Way 239-472-6111 • 1.6 miles
- 12 Bailey's General Store • 2477 Periwinkle Way 239-472-1516 • 1.7 miles
- 13 Island Cinema • (at Bailey's Center) 535 Tarpon Bay Road 239-472-1701 • 1.8 miles
- 14 Over Easy Café • 630 Tarpon Bay Rd. 239-472-2625 • 1.8 miles
- 15 Doc Ford's • 975 Rabbit Rd. 239-472-8311 • 3.7 miles
- 16 Lazy Flamingo • 6520 Pine Ave. 239-472-5353 • 9 miles

Points of Interest & Distance from Billy's

- a Chamber of Commerce • 1159 Causeway Road 239-472-1080 • 1.3 miles
- b Lighthouse / Fishing Pier • Lighthouse Point • 2.0 miles
- c City Roadside Park • Periwinkle Way • 1 mile
- d Historical Cemetery • Middle Gulf Drive • 1.4 miles
- e The Community House • 2173 Periwinkle Way 239-472-2155 • 1.2 miles
- f Sanibel Community Park • 2221 Periwinkle Way • 1.2 miles
- g City Center (Library/Big Arts/City Hall/Police Dept/Historical Village) • 800 Dunlop Rd • 1.3 miles
- h Tarpon Bay Explorers • 900 Tarpon Bay Road 239-472-8900 • 1.8 miles
- i Bailey Tract • Tarpon Bay Road • 2 miles
- j Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum • 3075 Sanibel Captiva Road 239-395-2233 • 2.6 miles
- k Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SocF) • 3333 Sanibel Captiva Road 239-472-2329 • 4.1 miles
- l JN "Ding" Darling • 3650 Sanibel Captiva Road 239-472-1100 • 4.7 miles + 4 mile loop
- m C.R.O.W. • 3883 Sanibel Captiva Road 239-472-3644 • 4.8 miles
- n Sanibel Recreation Center • 3880 Sanibel Captiva Road 239-472-0345 • 4.8 miles
- + Fire Department Station I • 2351 Palm Ridge Road 239-472-5525
- + Fire Department Station II • 5171 Sanibel Captiva Road 239-472-5525
- + Police Station • 800 Dunlop Road 239-472-3111

Periwinkle Partnership Rest Stops

- Native Garden Rest Area Gazebo Sheltered Rest Area

Captiva Island

San Carlos Bay

Tarpon Bay

Gulf of Mexico

Beaches with Public Parking

- Lighthouse Beach • Point Ybel • 2.0 miles
- Causeway Beaches • Causeway Road • 1.2 miles
- Gulf Side Park (Algiers Beach) • Olde Middle Gulf Drive • 1.7 miles
- Tarpon Bay Beach • West Gulf Drive & Tarpon Bay Road • 2.2 miles
- Bowman's Beach • Bowman's Beach Road • 6.5 miles
- Turner Beach • Sanibel Captiva Road at Blind Pass • 9.7 miles



Eco-Friendly Segway Tours

Enjoy a 2-hour tour of Sanibel Island on Segways.
Minimum age of 14 years and 100 lbs.
No experience necessary. 3 tours available:
9:00, 11:30, & 2:00 Mon-Sat. \$60/person
Please call for advanced reservations. 239-472-3620

Billy's Bike Shop
1509 Periwinkle Way
239-472-3620

Billy's Rentals
1470 Periwinkle Way
239-472-5248

ROADS WITH BIKE PATH
ROADS WITH NO BIKE PATH







MUNICIPAL ENHANCED ENERGY PLANNING IN VERMONT

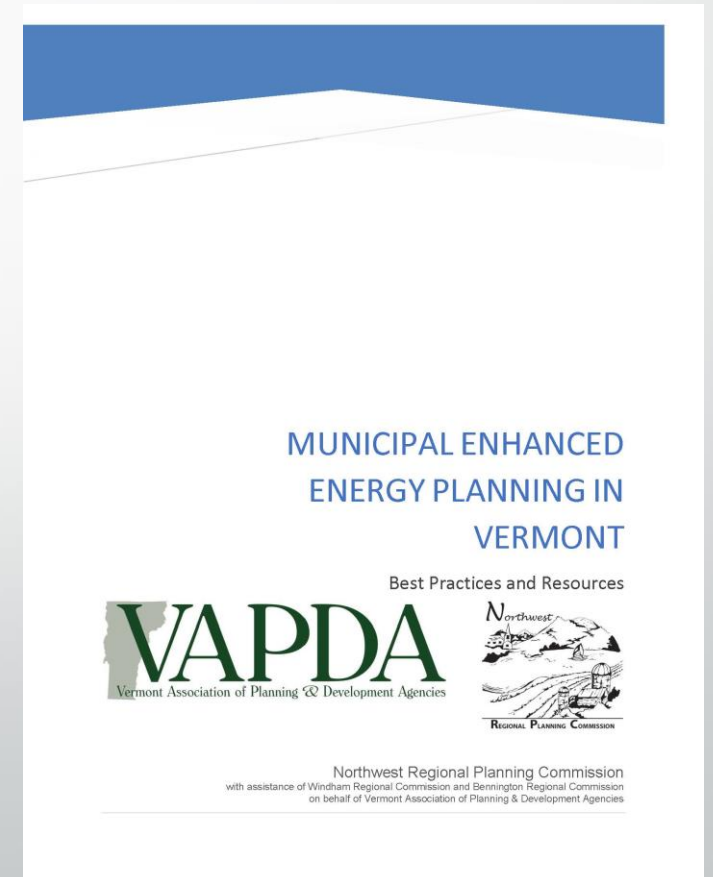
(1) Best Practices for Plan Development & (2) Plans in Section 248 Process

Bennington County Regional Commission

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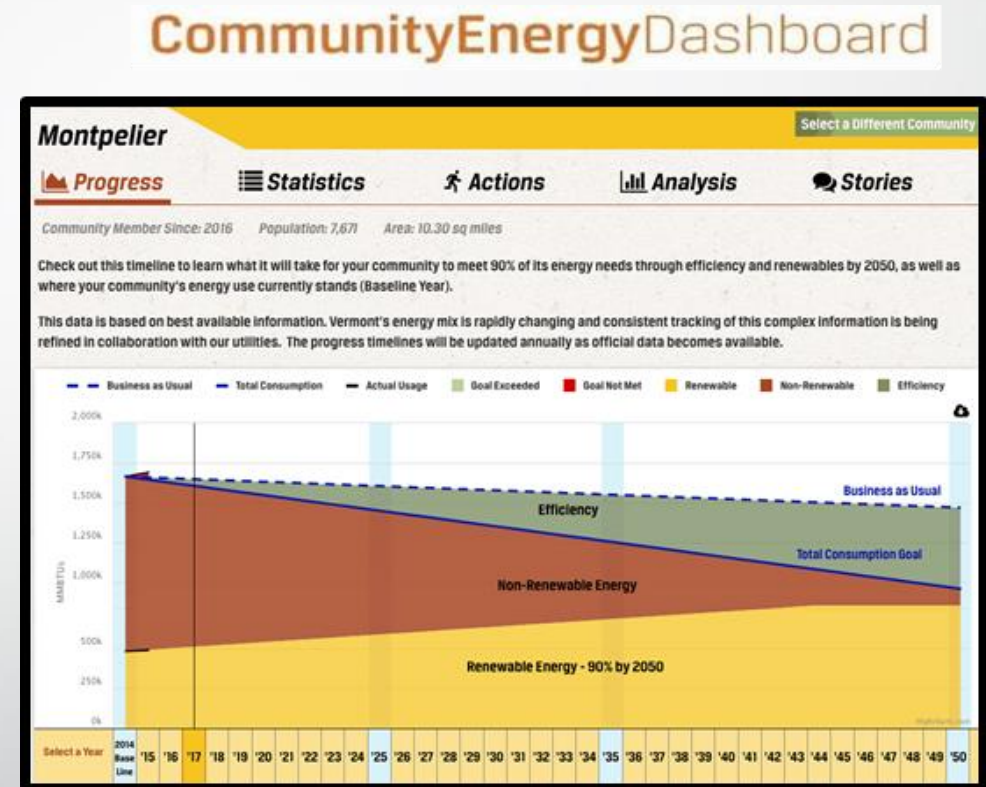
Overview

- Developing a Municipal Enhanced Energy Plan
- Municipal Plans in the Section 248 Process
 - Process Overview
 - Effective Town Plan Policies



Plan Requirements

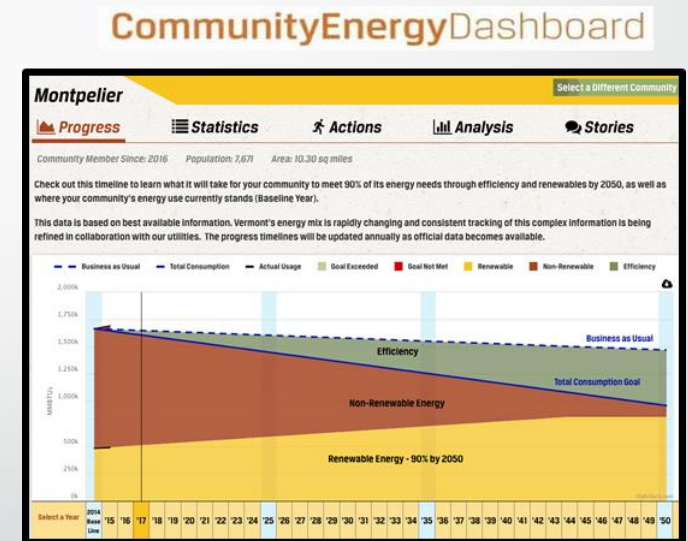
- Analysis and Targets
 - Data
 - Remember: Estimates are OK!
- Pathways
 - Municipal Leadership
 - Major Local Energy Users
- Mapping
 - Preferred Sites
 - Local Constraints
 - Unsuitable Areas



Developing a Municipal Enhanced Energy Plan

Plan Adoption & Next Steps

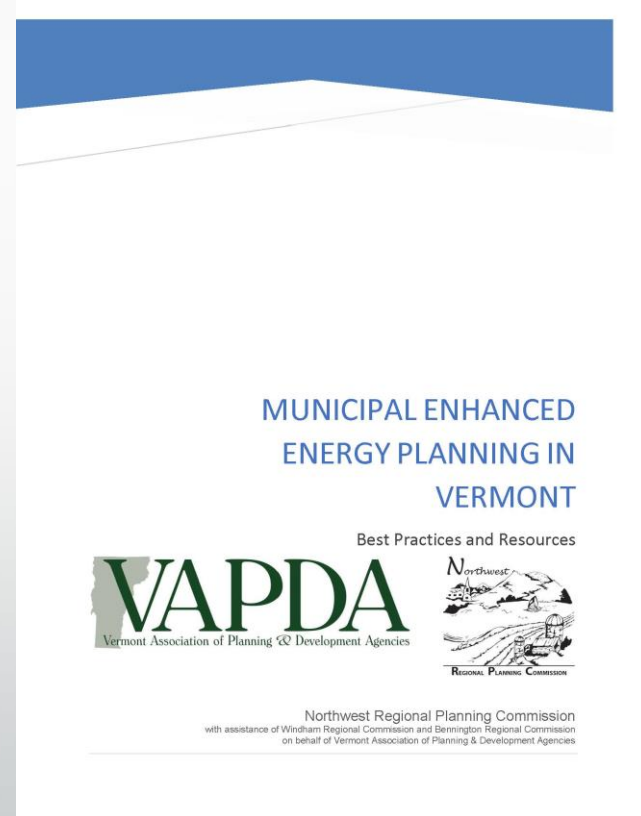
- Adoption
 - Consistency with Municipal Plan
 - Local Support
 - Determination of Compliance
- Next Steps
 - Track Progress - Community Progress Maps
 - - <https://www.vtenergydashboard.org/statistics>
 - Municipal Energy Committees
 - VEIC contract with RPCs for technical support



Developing a Municipal Enhanced Energy Plan

Section 248

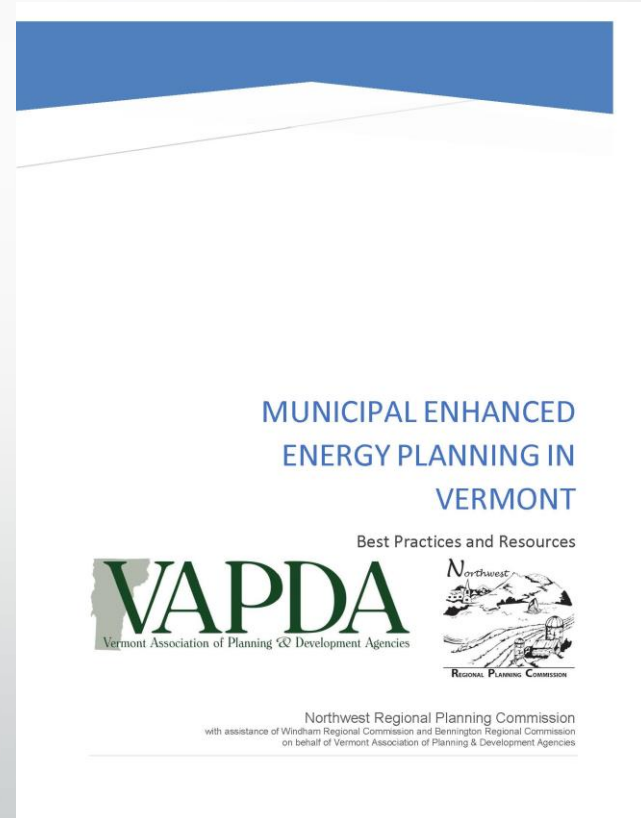
- Provides 11 Criteria to assess if proposed projects serve the public good
 - Certificate of Public Good
 - 2 Criteria for RPCs and municipalities to focus on
- Outlines Process by Type of Application
- Defines Parties



Municipal Plans in the Section 248 Process

Section 248

- Normal plan – **Due deference** to “land conservation measures” in plan
- Act 174 plan – **Substantial deference** to land conservation measures and specific policies in plan



Municipal Plans in the Section 248 Process

Types of Applications

- Net-Metering
 - Classes and Categories
 - PUC Rule 5.100
- Utility Scale Projects
 - Standard Offer Program
 - Power Purchase Agreements with Electric Utilities
 - Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) process

Net-Metering and Net-Metering Categories

“Category I Net-Metering System” means a net-metering system that is not a hydroelectric facility and that has a capacity of 15 kW or less.

“Category II Net-Metering System” means a net-metering system that is not a hydroelectric facility that has a capacity of more than 15 kW and less than or equal to 150 kW, and that is sited on a preferred site.

“Category III Net-Metering System” means a net-metering system that is not a hydroelectric facility, that has a capacity of greater than 150 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW, and that is sited on a preferred site.

“Category IV Net-Metering System” means a net-metering system that is not a hydroelectric facility, that has a capacity of greater than 15 kW and less than or equal to 150 kW, and that is not located on a preferred site.


Who Can Participate and How?

- Types of Involvement:
 - Formal Party to a Case - “Intervenors”
 - Members of the Public
 - Interested Persons
- “Automatic” Formal Parties
 - Applicant
 - Department of Public Service
 - ANR
 - RPCs
 - Municipality
 - Electric Utility



Vermont's Public Utility Commission

Municipal Plans in the Section 248 Process



Formal Party vs. Member of Public

(Intervention) vs. (Public Comment)

- Level of Investment
 - Timing of involvement
 - Cost
 - Local staff capacity

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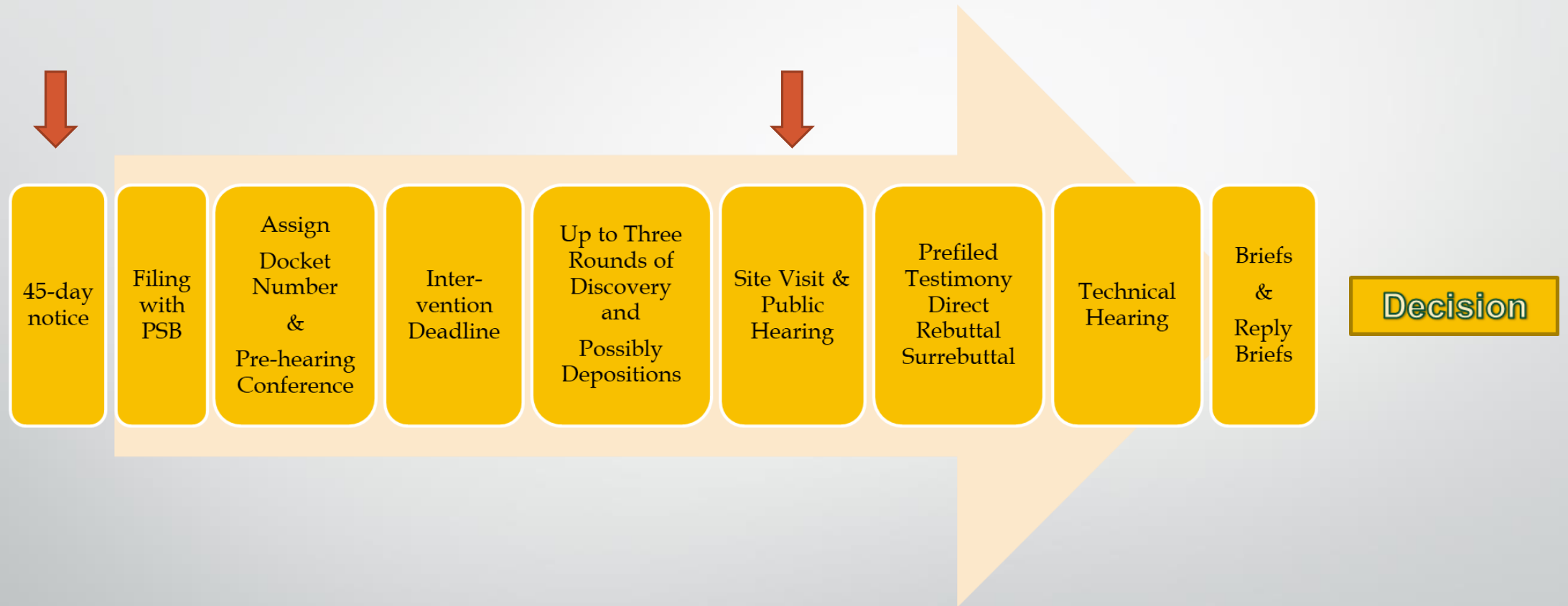
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- BCRC Recommends:
 - 45-Day Notice Period
 - Concerns met through existing Formal Party's position
- PUC Public Participation resources:
 - puc.vermont.gov/public-participation

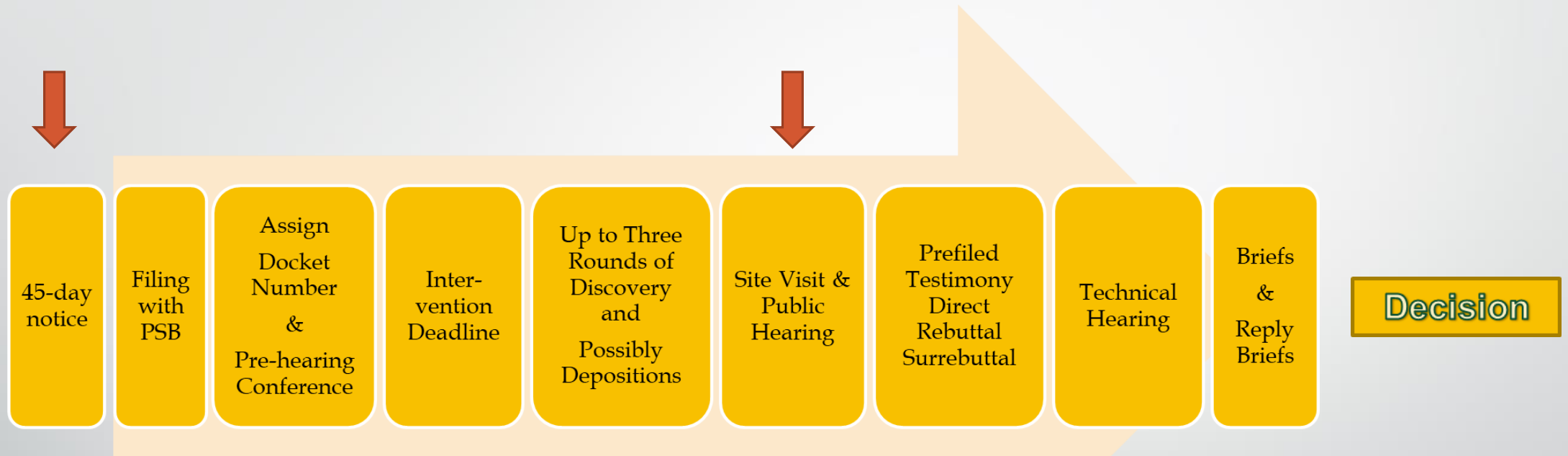
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What are the steps in the process?



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- Public Hearing:
 - Held in effected community
 - Public can make comments about the project
(Cannot ask question like a DRB hearing)

Municipal Plans in the Section 248 Process

Best Practices for Substantial Deference

- Criterion 248(b)(1) Orderly Development
 - “Land conservation measures”
 - “Regional” impacts
- Criterion 248(b)(5) Natural Resources, Aesthetics, Historic Sites
- Getting most out of “Substantial Deference”
 - timeliness and the extent of municipal and regional participation
 - reasonableness of municipal or regional recommendations, and the basis for those recommendations
 - recommendations based on well-established and specific planning goals
 - identify areas and resources intended for conservation as specifically as possible (including through mapping)
 - use mandatory policy language ensure resource protection – “shall” vs. “should”
 - consistency with rest of plan

Questions?

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