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Vermonters have reverence for the state's rural landscape, and they hope for economic development that will provide jobs and housing for the future.

They cherish their small communities and value their ability to participate, and they cherish the freedom and privacy afforded each individual.

They value heritage, and they value progress. The final report of the Council on the Future of Vermont, released this week, highlights numerous "balance points" between widely held but apparently contradictory values. The report comes after an extraordinary round of public hearings held in all 14 counties, plus meetings with numerous businesses, organizations and focus groups, all of it designed to hear the myriad viewpoints of Vermonters from all walks of life.

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