



Vermont Council on Rural Development's Summit on:

Creating Prosperity and Opportunity Confronting Climate Change

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Vermont Technical College

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Agenda

8:00 – 9:00 *Registration, Coffee and Muffins*Judd Hall

9:00

Welcome and Introductions

Dan Smith, *President, Vermont Technical College* and Greg Brown, *VCRD Board Chair*

“Vermont as a Climate Economy Leader” ~ Governor Peter Shumlin

Introduction: Climate Economy, VCRD Mission & Goals, and Agenda for the Day

Paul Costello, *Executive Director, VCRD*

9:20

Climate Science Fishbowl

“How will Regional & Global Climate Change Affect Vermont’s Future?”

MODERATOR: Mark Johnson, *WDEV Radio*

PANELISTS: Jon Erikson, *Rubenstein School, UVM* | Alan Betts, *Atmospheric Research* | Gillian Galford, *VT Climate Assessment, UVM*

10:20

Break

11:00

Breakout Sessions 1: Climate Economy Policy Panels Assigned Rooms

A. Marketing Vermont as the Innovative Climate Economy Destination

MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: Lisa Gosselin, *Commissioner of Economic Development*

PANELISTS: Matt Dodds, *Brandthorology* | Duane Peterson, *SunCommon* | Bill Shouldice, *VT Teddy Bear Company*

B. Advancing Community-Based Climate Action

MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: Johanna Miller, *VECAN, VT Natural Resources Council*

PANELISTS: Jamison Ervin, *Waterbury Energy Committee* | Jeff Forward, *Richmond Climate Action Committee* | Sarah Simonds, *Vital Communities* | Joshua Schwartz, *Mad River Valley Planning District*

C. Promoting a Vision for Transportation Renewal

MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: Sue Minter, *Deputy Secretary of Transportation*

PANELISTS: Karen Glitman, *VEIC Transportation* | Richard Watts, *CDAE and the Center for Research on Vermont* | John Hollar, *Mayor, Montpelier, VT* | Matt George, *Bridj*

- D. Innovating for Renewal, Recycling and Resource Limits**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Joe Fusco**, *Casella Waste Management*
 PANELISTS: **Tom Gilbert**, *Black Dirt Farm* | **Tom Longstreth**, *ReSource*
- E. Developing Ubiquitous Distributed Energy**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Chuck Ross**, *Secretary of VT Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets*
 PANELISTS: **Kerrick Johnson**, *VELCO* | **Josh Castonguay**, *Director of Generation, Green Mountain Power* | **Nathaniel Vandal**, *Green Peak Solar* | **Asa Hopkins**, *Director of Energy Policy and Planning at the VT Department of Public Service*
- F. Improving Education, Workforce Development, and Youth Entrepreneurship**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Pat Moulton**, *Secretary of VT Agency of Commerce & Community Development*
 PANELISTS: **Dan Smith**, *President, VT Technical College* | **Emily Piper**, *Launch Vermont* | **Andrew Savage**, *All Earth Renewables* | **Marguerite Dibble**, *gametheory consulting*
- G. Strengthening Farm & Forest Carbon Sequestration and Profitability**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Michael Snyder**, *Commissioner of Forests Parks & Recreation*
 PANELISTS: **Marie Audet**, *Blue Spruce Farm* | **Will Stevens**, *Golden Russet Farm* | **Richard Carbonetti**, *LandVest* | **Lisa Ransom**, *Grow Compost of Vermont*
- H. Seeding a Vermont Climate Investment Strategy**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Bill Schubart**, *Worth Mountain Capital*
 PANELISTS: **Leigh Seddon**, *Energy Action Network* | **Rob Miller**, *VT State Employees Credit Union* | **Cairn Cross**, *Fresh Tracks Capital* | **Peter Adamczyk**, *Vermont Energy Investment Corporation*
- I. Spurring Research and Development for New Technologies in Vermont**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Ted Brady**, *USDA Rural Development*
 PANELISTS: **David Bradbury**, *Center for Emerging Technologies* | **Ken Merritt**, *VT Venture Network* | **Dean Luis Garcia**, *College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, UVM*
- J. Supporting Smart Growth, Reuse, Preservation, & Downtown Redevelopment**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Catherine Dimitruk**, *Northwest Regional Planning Commission*
 PANELISTS: **Paul Bruhn**, *Preservation Trust of Vermont* | **Tad Cooke**, *Moran Plant Redevelopment, Burlington* | **Bob Stevens**, *Brooks House, Brattleboro* | **Noelle MacKay**, *Commissioner of Housing and Community Development*
- K. Coordinating State Governmental Policies & Regulations**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Greg Brown**, *VCRD Board Chair*
 PANELISTS: **Chris Brooks**, *Vermont Pellet Company* | **Geoff Hand**, *Dunkiel Saunders Elliott Raubvogel & Hand, PLLC* | **Gabrielle Stebbins**, *Renewable Energy Vermont* | **Deb Markowitz**, *Secretary of Agency of Natural Resources*
- L. Advancing Next Stage in Efficiency & Conservation**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Gaye Symington**, *High Meadows Fund*
 PANELISTS: **Paul Zabriskie**, *Capstone Community Action* | **Beth Sachs**, *Vermont Energy Investment Corporation* | **Jennifer Chiodo**, *CxAssociates* | **Ludy Biddle**, *Neighborhood Works of Rutland County*
- M. Adapting Outdoor Recreation & Tourism**
 MODERATOR/FACILITATOR: **Megan Camp**, *Shelburne Farms*
 PANELISTS: **Johannes Von Trapp**, *Trapp Family Lodge and Nordic Center* | **Louise Lintilhac**, *Lintilhac Foundation* | **Bob Ackland**, *Steep Management* | **Laura Peterson**, *VT Dept of Tourism and Marketing*

1:00 **Business Leadership Panel**.....Judd Hall
*“As you look to the future, how will your business respond to Climate Change?
What does Vermont need to do to support businesses in the sector?”*
MODERATOR: **Chris Graff**, *National Life Group*
PANELISTS: **Joe Fusco**, *Casella Waste Systems* | **James Moore**, *SunCommon* | **Brian Otley**,
Green Mountain Power | **Stuart Hart**, *UVM and Enterprise for a Sustainable World*

2:00 **Breakout Sessions 2: Ideas for Action**..... Assigned Rooms
*A - M Breakout groups from the morning will reconvene to define “What practical
actions, business ideas, or policy directions make most sense for Vermont to
advance today.”*

3:15 *Break*

3:30 **Work Group Conclusions:** Moderators report key ideas from their sessionsJudd Hall

4:00 **Next Action: The Vermont Climate Change Economy Council**
Paul Costello

4:10 **Award Presentations**
Presented by: **Greg Brown**, *VCRD Board Chair* and **Tim Smith**, *Franklin County Industrial
Development Corporation*

- 2015 Community Leadership Award: **St. Albans Community Leadership:**
Dominic Cloud, *City Manager* | **Liz Gamache**, *Mayor* | **Warren Hamm**, *St. Albans Historical
Society* | **Emerson and Suzanne Lynn**, *St. Albans Messenger*
- Lifetime Achievement Award: **John Ewing**

4:20 **Climate and the Innovation Economy**
Keynote Speaker: **Jigar Shah**, *Founder, SunEdison*

5:00 *Adjourn*



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Breakout Rooms

10:30-12:00 and 2:00-3:15 ~ Concurrent Climate Economy Breakout Sessions

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