



Vermont Proposition

Recovery, Resilience, Renewal for Vermont

The Vermont Proposition, built with ideas contributed by thousands of Vermonters, is designed to drive action over the next few years that will optimize our future for the next generation. Its ten elements provide the guideposts for a thriving Vermont.

Background

For 25 years the non-partisan Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) has led conversations with Vermonters about their challenges, opportunities and dreams while helping them reinvigorate their communities and come together for statewide change. The Vermont Proposition reflects the ideas most often expressed to VCRD by thousands of Vermonters when describing the future they want to work towards. With Vermont at a turning point in its history, the Vermont Proposition provides a platform for common action to advance a prosperous and resilient future that works for everyone.

The Vermont Proposition is an opportunity to bring Vermonters together at a time when the undercurrents of divisiveness are so prevalent. It captures the themes VCRD hears in towns across the state —renew our rural vitality, advance equity, fairness and opportunities for all, protect and enhance our environment and working landscape, and build the sustainable economy necessary for a thriving Vermont.

The [Vermont Proposition](https://futureofvermont.org) is the foundation of VCRD's Future of Vermont initiative: futureofvermont.org

The Future of Vermont Action Team

The [Future of Vermont Action Team](#) is a diverse, dynamic group of 23 leaders from around the state that will lead a strategic implementation effort in the coming months and years to drive forward public awareness and non-partisan advocacy to advance Proposition elements. It will start by identifying the groups already working on these key issues, bringing them together, and developing more effective ways to create change.

The Proposition is the common framework to:

- Shape new policies
- Launch public and private action
- Empower partnerships of community volunteers, voters, investors, consumers and donors
- Support enterprises and initiatives that work towards its goals.

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Principles and Values

VCRD and the Future of Vermont Action Team will be guided by a common set of principles and values. The Team is committed to:

- Openness, intellectual curiosity and non-partisanship
- Deep listening, empathy and respect for all voices
- Democracy and strengthening the fabric of Vermont civil society and community
- Fairness, justice, and equity
- Inclusion that engages the full diversity of Vermonters

The Partnership for the Future of Vermont

The Partnership for the Future of Vermont is a broad coalition of individuals, organizations and businesses working together to advance the Vermont Proposition through communications, advocacy, and collective action. The Partnership was started by participants at the virtual Summit for the Future on Vermont in May of 2021. Even before its official launch in September, over 235 members have joined the Partnership at futureofvermont.org.

VCRD's Role

VCRD will continue to manage this initiative for the Future of Vermont Action Team.