

The Climate Action Plan

How Far Have We Come?

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The New Hampshire Climate Action Plan

A Plan for New Hampshire's Energy,
Environmental and Economic Development Future

Released in March 2009



67 Recommendations

- Maximize Energy Efficiency
- Renewable and low CO₂ emitting energy
- Reduce greenhouse gases
- Reduce vehicle emissions
- Support land use to reduce vehicle miles traveled
- Protect natural resources for carbon fixation
- Lead by example in govt
- Plan and prepare for impacts
- Outreach and education

New Hampshire Climate Change Policy Task Force

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and Economic Development Future



Prepared by NH Department of Environmental Services
March 2009

The NH Energy & Climate Collaborative

- The Collaborative provides support to help integrate efforts across the State's network of energy and climate leaders, organizations, and groups.
- Leverages opportunities and removes barriers to implementation of the most significant recommendations in the Climate Action Plan that will secure the State's energy, environmental and economic future.

Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board (EESSE Board)

- Created by the NH legislature to promote and coordinate energy efficiency, demand response, and sustainable energy programs in the state
- **The New Hampshire Independent Study of Energy Policy Issues - *The “VEIC Study”***
 - Independent Study of Energy Policy Issues conducted for the NH Public Utilities Commission (NH PUC) at the direction of the Legislature.
 - The 300+ recommendations focus on the 7 most important next steps to have a significant and lasting difference on energy efficiency and sustainable energy market development in New Hampshire.

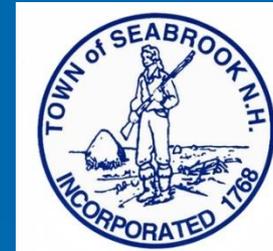
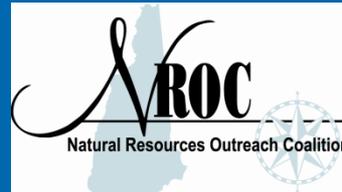
Additional Efforts

- Local Energy Working Group
 - State-wide group providing technical support and guidance to local energy committees & commissions, municipalities, schools and others seeking to reduce energy use, energy costs and fossil fuel consumption
- Department of Environmental Services
 - Programmatic integration of Energy, Land Use and Climate Change

State-wide Adaptation Efforts

- No overall Adaptation Plan
 - Sector based initiatives
 - Excellent Partnerships
 - Homeland Security & Emergency Management
 - Public Health, community health services etc...
 - Strategic Plan to Address Health Impacts of Climate Change – July 2010
 - State public health system
 - Wildlife Action Plan
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NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup Partners



NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup

- Working with coastal communities
 - Series of educational workshops
 - Utilizing Hazard Mitigation Planning to initiate Adaptation Planning
 - Vulnerability Assessments
 - Examples of what other communities have done
 - Resources - funding, research, data
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So how far have we come?

Excellent work has been and is being done across the state

We are continuing to move forward

Today's process will inform us

Let's continue today's agenda and find out

Get on with the show!