

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - MINUTES
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4 DATE: Tuesday, November 30, 2021
5 TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
6 PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom with link as published on the agenda; and a Physical location at 110 West
7 Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski VT
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9 **Members Present:**

10 Abby Bleything, Alt Board Rep from Winooski
11 Annie Costandi, CWAC Rep from Essex
12 Tracey Delphia, Alt Board Rep from Essex
13 Dana Hanley, Board Rep from Charlotte
14 Bob Henneberger, TAC Rep
15 Sandy Thibault, TAC Rep, CATMA
16 Eric Vorwald, PAC Rep from Winooski
17 Andy Watts, Board Rep from Williston

Staff:

Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Engineer
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Manager
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Regina Mahony, Planning Program Manager
Melanie Needle, Senior Planner
Taylor Newton, Senior Planner

18 **1. Welcome and Introductions**

19 Regina Mahony welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) at 4:03pm.
20 All attendees introduced themselves.

21 **2. ECOS Plan Overview**

22 Regina Mahony provided the LRPC with the **attached presentation**. This included information on the process that
23 went into the original 2013 ECOS Plan, including the leadership team, 65 member steering committee and content
24 from other existing plans. Regina also described the content of the plan, including the strategies. Regina also
25 explained the annual reporters and indicators that are kept up to date annually.

Regina Mahony then described what the 2023 Plan update will include. The process with the LRPC will be to bring a
topic to the LRPC each month for review and comments. The topics will follow the strategies, but will also include
the goals, indicators and actions for review. Regina also added that staff will engage other key partners for input
before the content is brought forward to the LRPC. The draft schedule is as follows:

Month	Topic: Goal, Indicators, Strategy & Actions
January	Water Quality/Hazard Mitigation
February	Housing
March	Economic Development
April	Land Use
May	Ecosystems/Working Lands
June	Equity
July	Energy
August	Health
September	Education
October	Transportation
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26 **3. Set up regular meeting schedule**
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1 Regina Mahony stated that Max is another Board member and he is only available on Tuesday and Thursday
2 evenings. Regina Mahony asked the rest of the members about their availability, and they expressed various conflicts
3 with Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Regina Mahony stated that she would find a time that works best and email out
4 calendar appointments.

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6 **9. Adjourn**

7 Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.

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9 Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony

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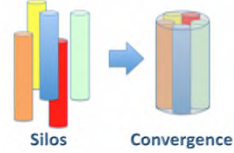
ECOS Vision: to achieve a more healthy, inclusive and prosperous community.

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ECOS Guiding thoughts

- Don't start planning from scratch
- Data driven decisions
- Collective Impact & Alignment: Shared strategies = shared success
- Accountability



The ECOS Project is both a process and a plan for managing sustainable growth in Chittenden County to achieve a more healthy, inclusive and prosperous community.

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ECOS Partnership



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3 Plans → 1 Collective Plan

- **The Regional Plan is.....**
A document that protects the County's resources and guides its development.
- **The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is.....**
A document that identifies the short and long term (20 to 25 years) strategies, actions and projects that will lead to "an integrated multimodal transportation system to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods..."
- **The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is.....**
A document developed by the community to inventory economic development activities taking place within the county to better understand the ways in which our county is growing and where it may be headed..."

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17 GOALS with Indicators

<p>NATURAL SYSTEMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS 2. SCENIC, RECREATIONAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES 3. CLIMATE CHANGE 	<p>ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. ECONOMY 11. HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL SECURITY 12. WORKING LANDS AND LAND-BASED INDUSTRIES
<p>SOCIAL COMMUNITY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS 5. HEALTH 6. PUBLIC HEALTH, CRIMINAL JUSTICE & HAZARD MITIGATION 7. SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS 8. ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION 9. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT 	<p>BUILT ENVIRONMENT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. LAND USE 14. HOUSING 15. TRANSPORTATION 16. INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES 17. ENERGY



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Eight ECOS Strategies



Improve and strengthen the economic systems of our region to increase opportunities for Vermont employers and employees.



Strive for 80% of new development in areas planned for growth, which amounts to 15% of our land area.



Improve the safety, water quality, and habitat of our rivers, streams, wetlands and lakes in each watershed.

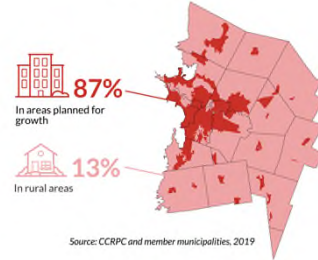


Increase investment in and decrease subdivision of working lands and significant habitats, and support local food systems.

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Strategy 2: Smart Growth

Homes Built in Chittenden County 2015-2019
5-Year Average for Net New Units



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Eight ECOS Strategies cont.



Increase opportunity for every person in our community to achieve optimal health and personal safety.



Equip our residents with the education and skills they need to thrive.



Develop financing and governance systems to make the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars and reduce costs.



Ensure that the projects and actions in all ECOS strategies assess equity impacts, and that the design and development of programs are inclusive of all and engage underrepresented populations.

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Ongoing Commitment

Annually monitoring trends via the [ECOS Scorecard](#)



Published in an [Annual Report](#)

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Questions?

Before we talk about the 2023 Plan update...

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2023 Plan Update

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Maintain

- ECOS Brand
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- Collective Impact & Alignment:
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Update

1. Metropolitan Transportation Plan – will be updated to incorporate the I-89 Study, the Active Transportation Plan, the Park & Ride Plan, project list and financial analysis. Will work with the Transportation Advisory Committee on this content as well.
2. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy – will be updated to incorporate the West Central VT CEDS.
3. Energy – will be updated based on the State Comprehensive Energy Plan and the Climate Action Plan.
4. Strategies & Actions – will be updated to ensure they are focused on key issues

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