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Upper Valley Adaptation Work Group

MOBILIZING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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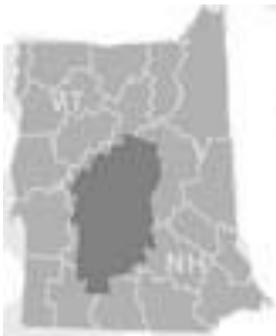


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Who is Vital Communities?



We bring people together to take on issues where an independent voice and regional approach are essential



Energy



Smart **C**ommute **U**pperValley
Working to Reduce Reliance on Driving Alone





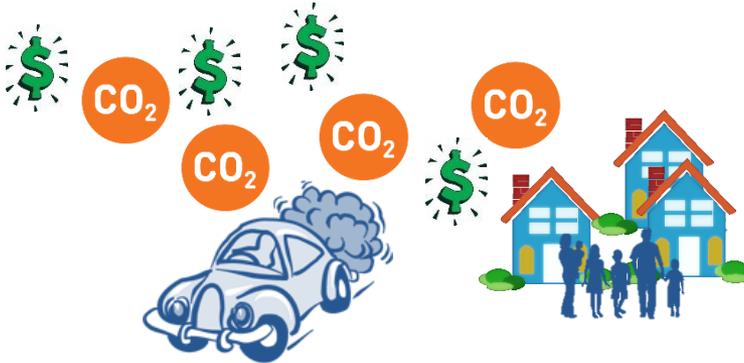
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Energy Program

GOAL: 90% Renewable Energy by 2050



Investment in **Renewables Energy** and **Energy Efficiency** is **GOOD** for our Communities...

Not Happening Fast Enough

State Energy Goals

2006

2011

2014

2016

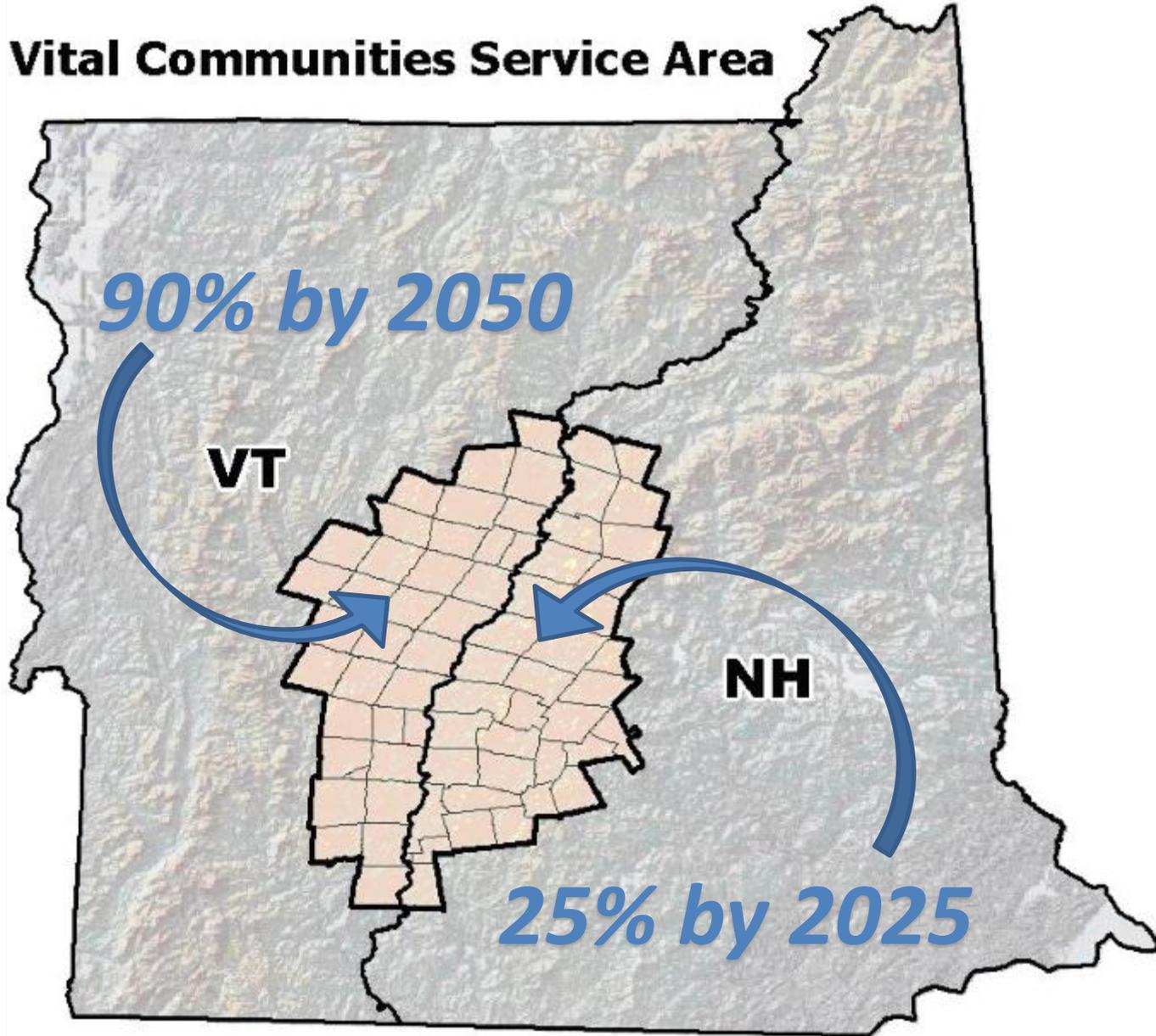
*New Hampshire:
25% by 2025*

*Vermont:
90% by 2050*

*New Hampshire
10-year Strategy*

*Vermont
Comprehensive
Energy Plan*

Vital Communities Service Area



90% by 2050

VT

NH

25% by 2025

Energy Committees

Municipal
Energy Use

Local Energy
Policy

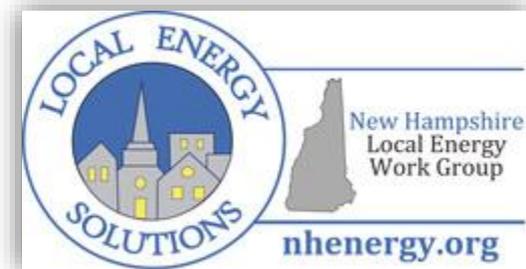
Community
Outreach

Regional
Collaboration

2002

2005

2011



**Vermont Energy &
Climate Action Network**
Energizing Vermont Communities

RAISE YOUR HAND if....

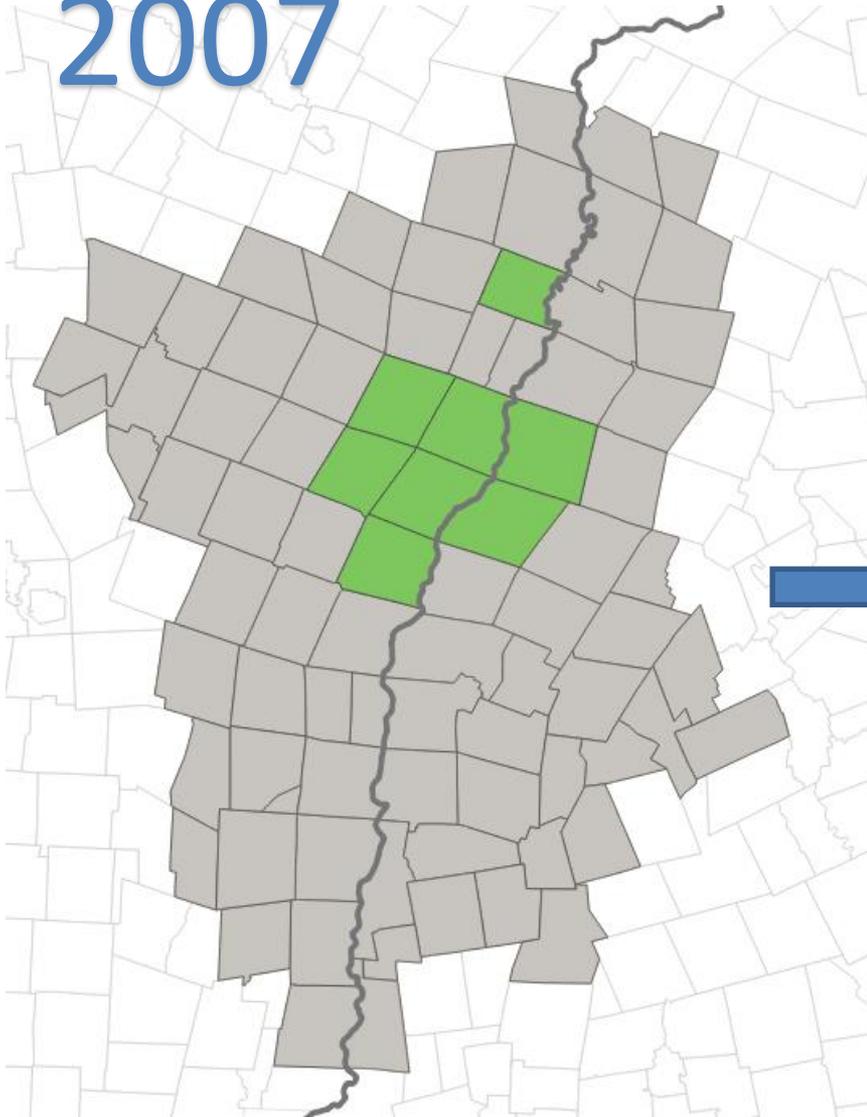
Your town has an energy committee

RAISE YOUR HAND if....

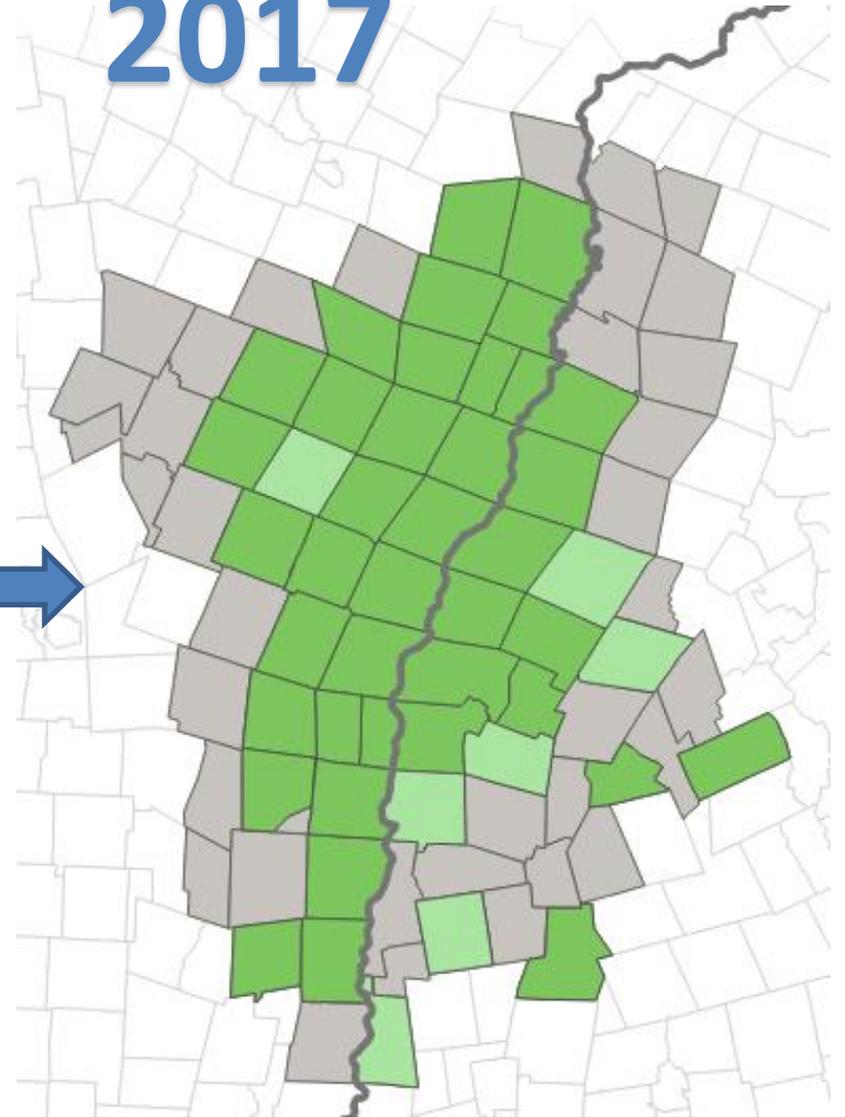
**You know which NEIGHBORING towns
have an energy committee**

Town Energy Committees

2007

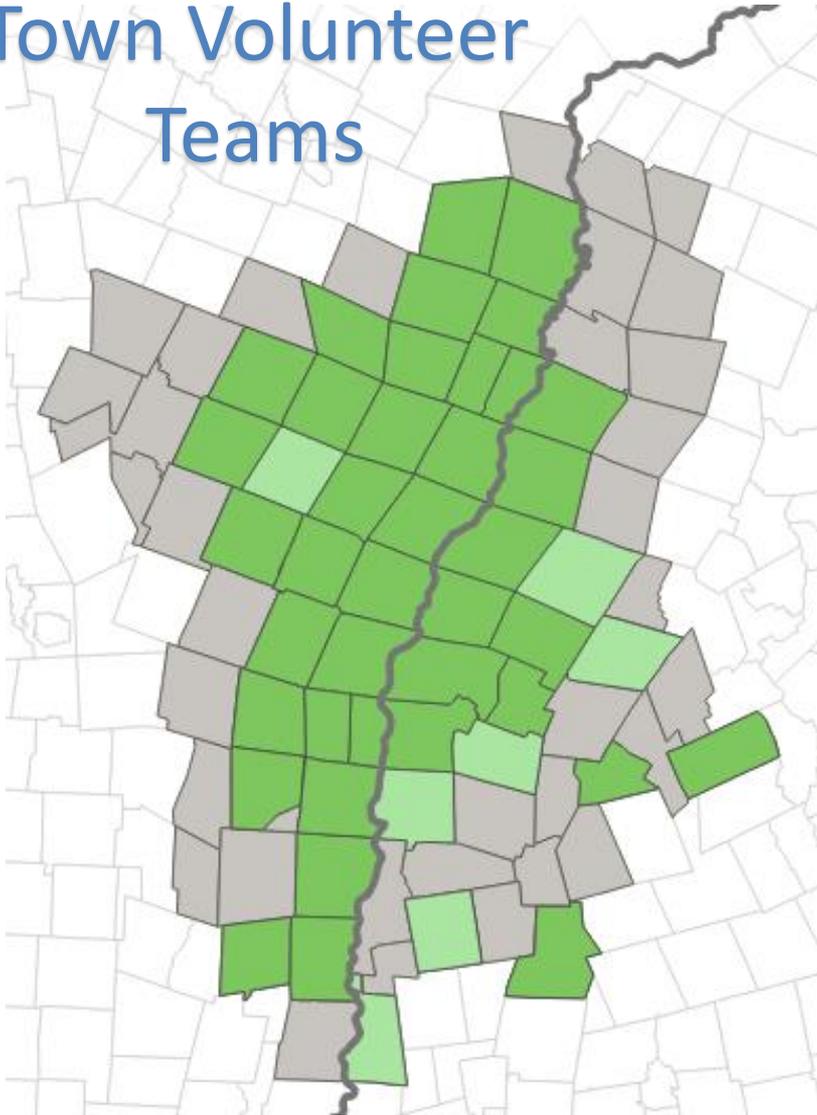


2017

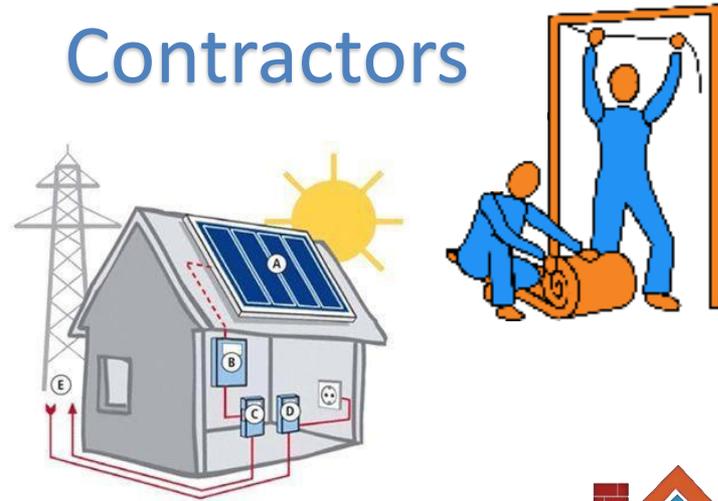


Our Strategy: Bring People Together

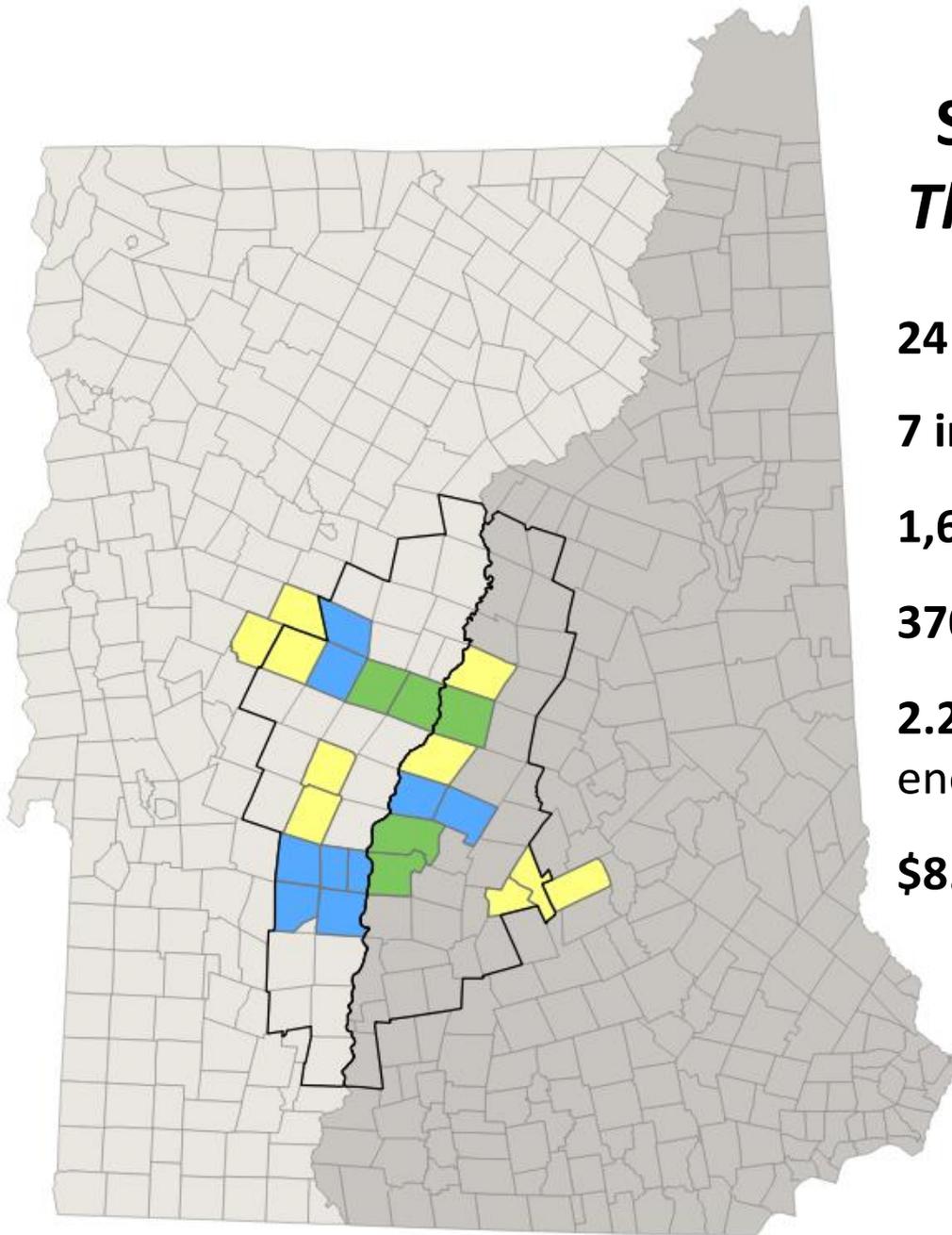
Town Volunteer
Teams



Local
Contractors



Residents



SOLARIZE UPPER VALLEY

Three Rounds in Two Years

24 towns

7 installers

1,600+ site visit requests

370 signed solar contracts

2.2 Megawatts of local, renewable energy

\$8.5 Million in economic activity

Nearly **DOUBLE** the number of solar homes in the **ENTIRE UPPER VALLEY** in just two years



WEATHERIZE UPPER VALLEY

Pilot Round Underway

14 towns

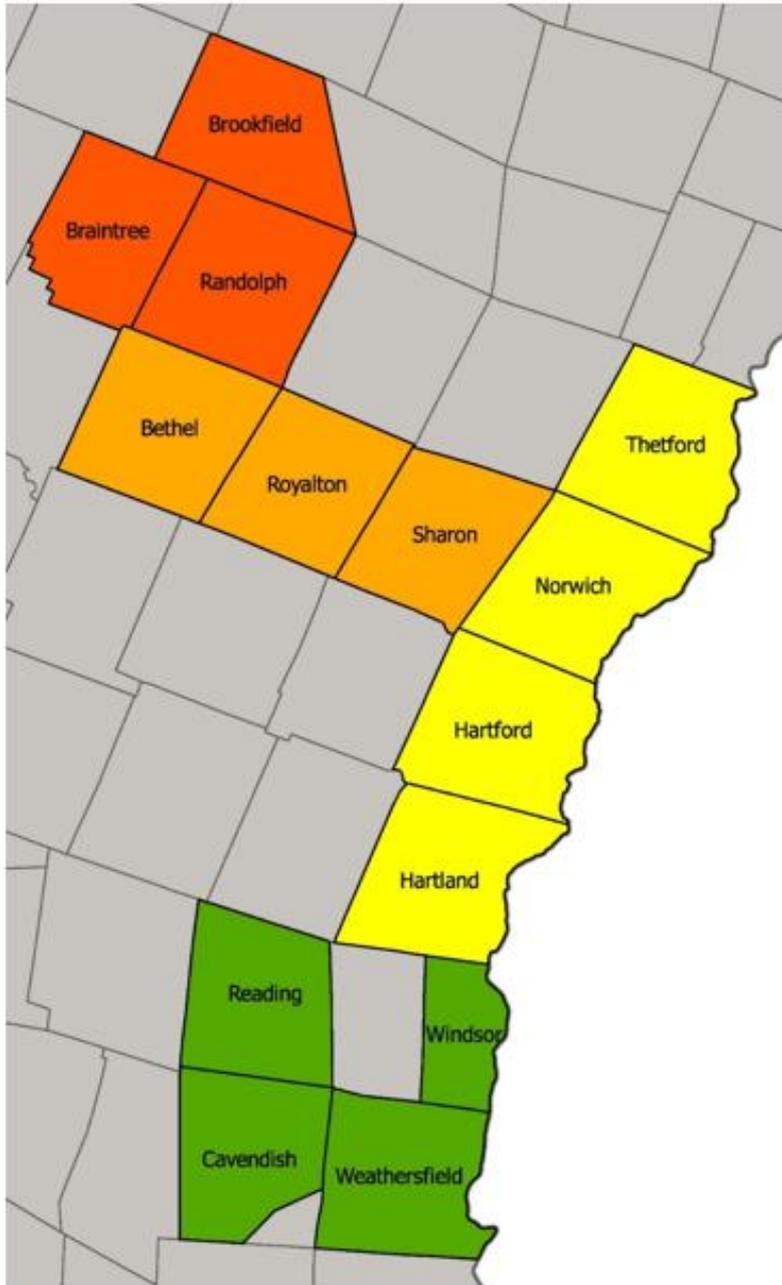
7 contractors

350+ sign ups

145+ home energy profiles completed

37 contracts signed (and counting)

Goal: **DOUBLE** the number of home energy projects completed each year in the Upper Valley.





WEATHERIZE Upper Valley





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Upper Valley



SOLARIZE
UPPER VALLEY

WHAT's the SECRET?

- **Partnerships** with Other Towns and Local Contractors
- Focused on a Specific **Action**
- **Start** and **End** Date
- **Motivation** to get ON and OFF the Fence
- **Simple** and Well Packaged



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