MOBILIZING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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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 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**: New Hampshire: 25% by 2025
- **2011**: Vermont: 90% by 2050
- **2014**: New Hampshire 10-year Strategy
- **2016**: Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan
Energy Committees

- Municipal Energy Use
- Local Energy Policy
- Community Outreach
- Regional Collaboration

2002

2005

2011

[Logos: SERG, Local Energy Solutions, Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network]
RAISE YOUR HAND if....

Your town has an energy committee
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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.
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
Questions?

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