

# Planning for Climate Migration in the Upper Valley

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# What is Planning?

Process to identify:

- Current state
- Future predictions
- Common **goals**
- **Vision** for the community
- Challenges

Who is involved?

Planning professionals,  
local leaders, businesses,  
**members of the community**



Action and Implementation

Identify **feasible and impactful strategies and actions** to reach common goals. Define specific actions, responsible parties, timelines, and costs

**Implement!**

In the sense of climate migration, we look at the current state of the Upper Valley and what it may look like with an increase in population. *What can we do now to ensure we can survive these changes?*

# Planning Challenges

- We don't have all of the answers (yet!)
- We DO know that the Upper Valley is a great place to live!
- We DO know that it is very likely that we will see an in-migration to our region in the coming years.



# What questions should we be asking?

- Where will people live?
- How many people can we take?
- What kind of housing and support services will be needed?
- Who do we need to fill our vacant jobs and create sustainability?
- How can we incentivize all types of people to live here?
- How do we stay resilient?
- What are we missing?



# Planning Opportunities! The Time is Now!



- Housing - what types of housing do we need?
- Transportation - is our transportation system able to accommodate more users?
- Land Use - how do we want to build? Density of downtowns vs. rural sprawl
- Solid Waste - can our current facilities and practices accommodate more people?
- Recreation - Can we improve our recreation facilities to attract tourism?
- Infrastructure - do we need to upgrade? Can we share services?
- Development - Where should we develop? How to do it sustainably
- Equity - how to we ensure we encompass and support diversity for a sustainable community - all jobs filled, all services sufficient

Climate migration is going to happen. How can we take this opportunity to ready ourselves now?

# We Can Shape the Planning Process! What Do We Want?

- Participate in surveys
- Attend events and forums
- Join regional boards or committees to bring knowledge to your communities
- Join a mailing list

**Start Planning at a Local level but don't stop there!  
Take in the regional perspective**

*Planning does not stop at political borders!*



# Examples of Plans

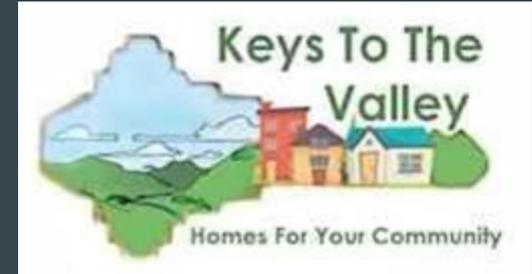
- Keys to the Valley Housing Initiative
- Regional Transportation Plans
- Local Master Plans
- Climate Action Plans
- Emergency Operations Plans
- Hazard Mitigation Plans



Planning can be less formal too! There is a culvert that failed. Let's plan to fix it!

# Examples of What UVLSRPC is doing?

- Keys to the Valley and Regional Housing Needs Assessment
- Speaking with Federal Delegation on how the Infrastructure Infrastructure and Jobs Act can help with preparing for migration
- Transportation planning - focus on multimodal transportation
- Economic development and workforce development programs
- Collaborating local, regional, statewide, and bi-state efforts
- Making sure climate migration is considered!



# Thank You

Planning Leaders in the UVAW Region

Municipal Planners

Municipal Planning Boards/Commissions

Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (VT)

Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission (VT)

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (NH)