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Powering community driven energy

The mission of Energize Vermont is to educate and advocate for establishing renewable energy solutions that are in harmony with the irreplaceable character of Vermont, and that contribute to the well-being of all her people.

We achieve our mission by researching, collecting, and analyzing information from all sources; and disseminating it to the public, community leaders, legislators, media, and regulators for the purpose of ensuring informed decisions for long term stewardship of our communities.

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Community Energy Solutions that Work For Vermont

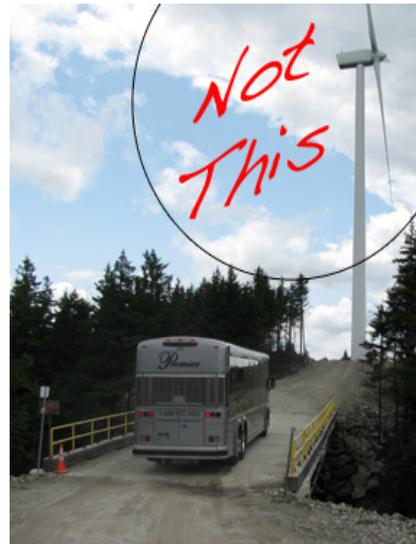
What Does the Solution Look Like?

Energize Vermont is committed to protecting our environment, conserving energy, and developing clean energy sources – all at the same time. We want to be part of the solution.

We are committed to the idea that you do not have to destroy the environment to save it. We do not have to destroy our communities either. Energize Vermont is working to use our collective imagination, ideas, effort and ingenuity to develop suitable forms of energy production that can work in collaboration with the land that we all value so much.

First, we have to identify the problems and find solutions that can make a meaningful difference and work for Vermont. Together, we can develop new ways to meet our energy needs that support Vermont's communities and bring people together.

American renewable energy development is usually done on a very large scale. The projects are large – even huge – and they produce electricity on a large scale. Regulations and politicians encourage production with incentives and tax credits. We are trying to generate our way out of the problems that short-sighted policy created.



We need community-supported projects that are part of a mix of solar, wind, conservation, and other energy sources — and the policies to make that happen.

Instead we need to connect energy consumers with production to protect the environment and make conservation efforts even more effective. Solar, small-scale hydro, biomass, and small and medium wind generation all have a place. All can be developed, and developed better, with community engagement and support.



Community support will lead to solar panels on every suitable building – and to energy conservation in every business and home. Community discussions will lead to biomass projects that employ Vermonters in the plants and in the forests – and protect our landscape for generations to come.



Under such a concept, not just energy is created – community is built and strengthened. Local solutions to our energy and environmental challenges are more democratic and resilient. If “consumers” become producers, managers, and innovators, perhaps the world can be saved.

Community-supported projects, designed and developed in collaboration with local people, part of a mix of solar, conservation and others — and the policies to make that happen – this is **Energize Vermont's** vision.



Join us in making it a reality.