

Regional Plan Draft Review Committee
December 19, 2013

Vision and Broad Goals



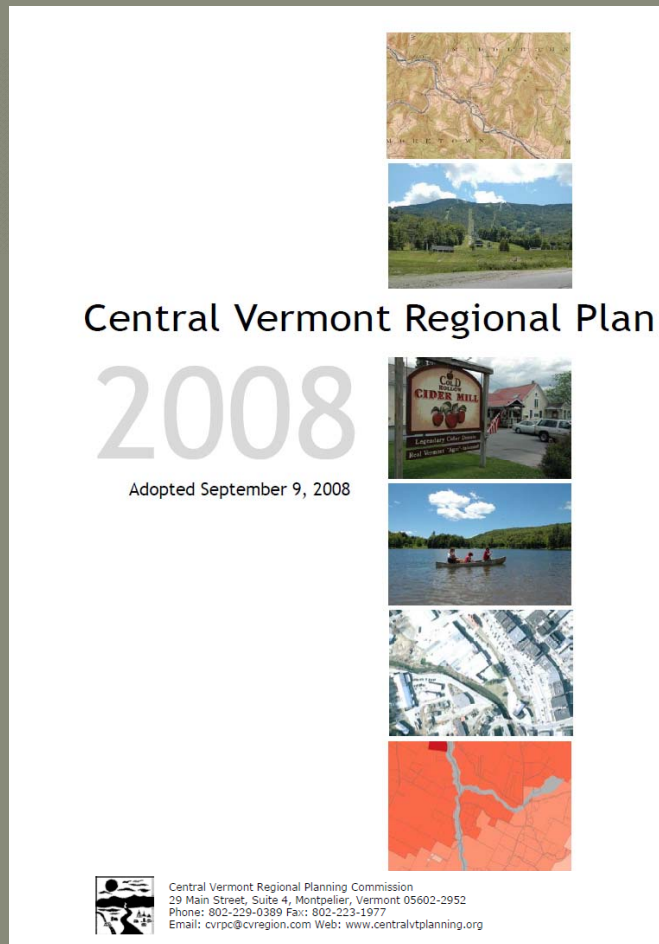
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission



PLAN CENTRAL VERMONT

Shaping
Our Region
from the Ground Up

What is the Regional Plan?



- Purpose: to **guide and coordinate change and development** in the region.
- The Plan **sets regional goals and policies**, and provides a database with the intent of **promoting the health, safety and general welfare**.
- The 2016 Plan (**Plan Central Vermont**) will chart a course for the region through the year 2024.

Statewide Regional Plan Assessment



CVRPC Overall
Score: C+

Examined :

- consistency
- completeness
- effectiveness

in regard to...

- meeting statutory requirements
- implementing the state's planning goals
- fulfilling their prescribed roles

CVRPC 2008 Regional Plan Assessment

- **Main Weaknesses:**

Land Use (F),
Implementation Program (D),
Effectiveness in Act 250 & Section 248 Proceedings (D),

- No documentation of planning process/public participation

CVRPC 2008 Regional Plan Assessment

- CVRPC's 2008 plan's land use element contains general goals and policies such as:

"CVRPC endorses the concept of creating new villages to accommodate new growth,"

- An example from the Rutland Region with slightly more specific policies:

Agricultural and silvicultural activities should continue to dominate the Region's low density areas. Development in low density areas should be unobtrusive and maintain the rural character and scale of the locale."

- The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Plan has the most specific policies to guide development within each planning area:

"Principal retail establishments must be located in Town Centers, Designated Downtowns, or Designated Growth Centers to minimize the blighting effects of sprawl and strip development along major highways and maintain rural character."

Determining Overarching Theme

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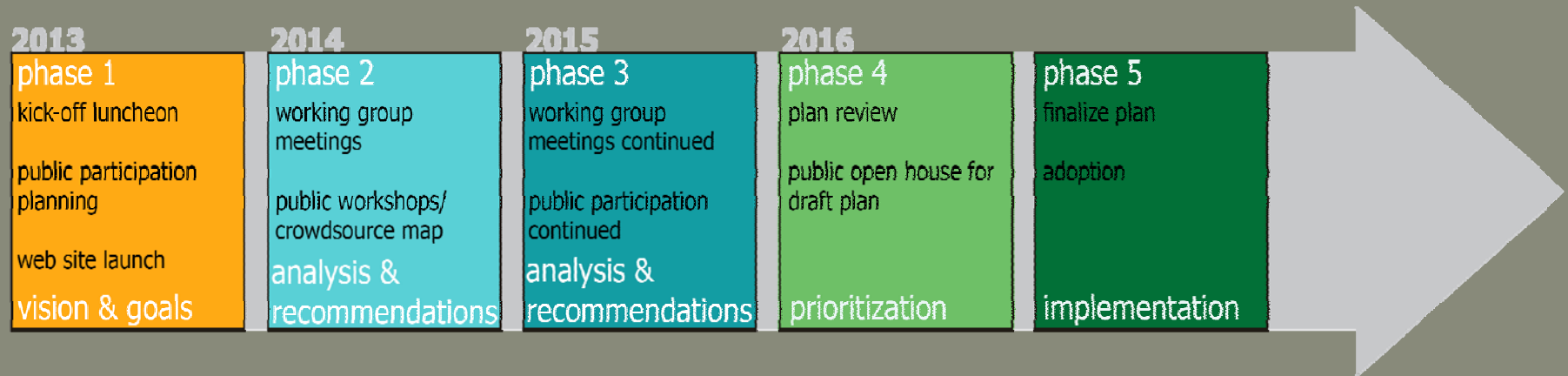


- Need for Future Land Use Map
- Stronger Partnerships for Implementation
- CVRPC/CVEDC Merger Discussions
- Need for Broad Public Input & Consensus
- Emphasis on Local Food Systems

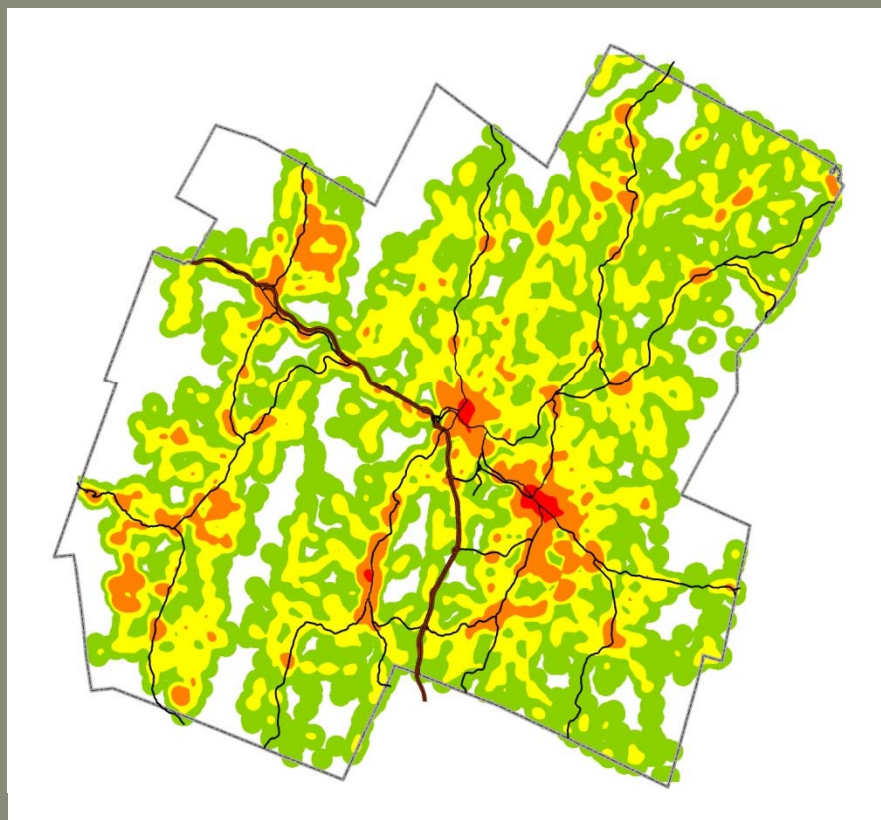
Plan Central Vermont Process



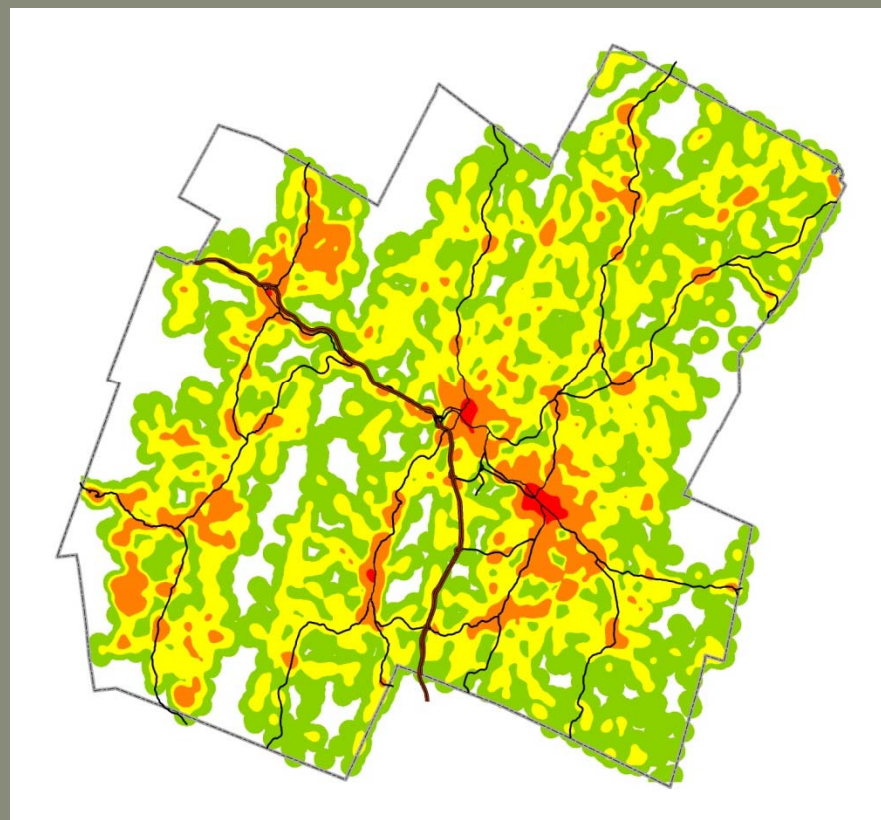
Overall Project Timeline



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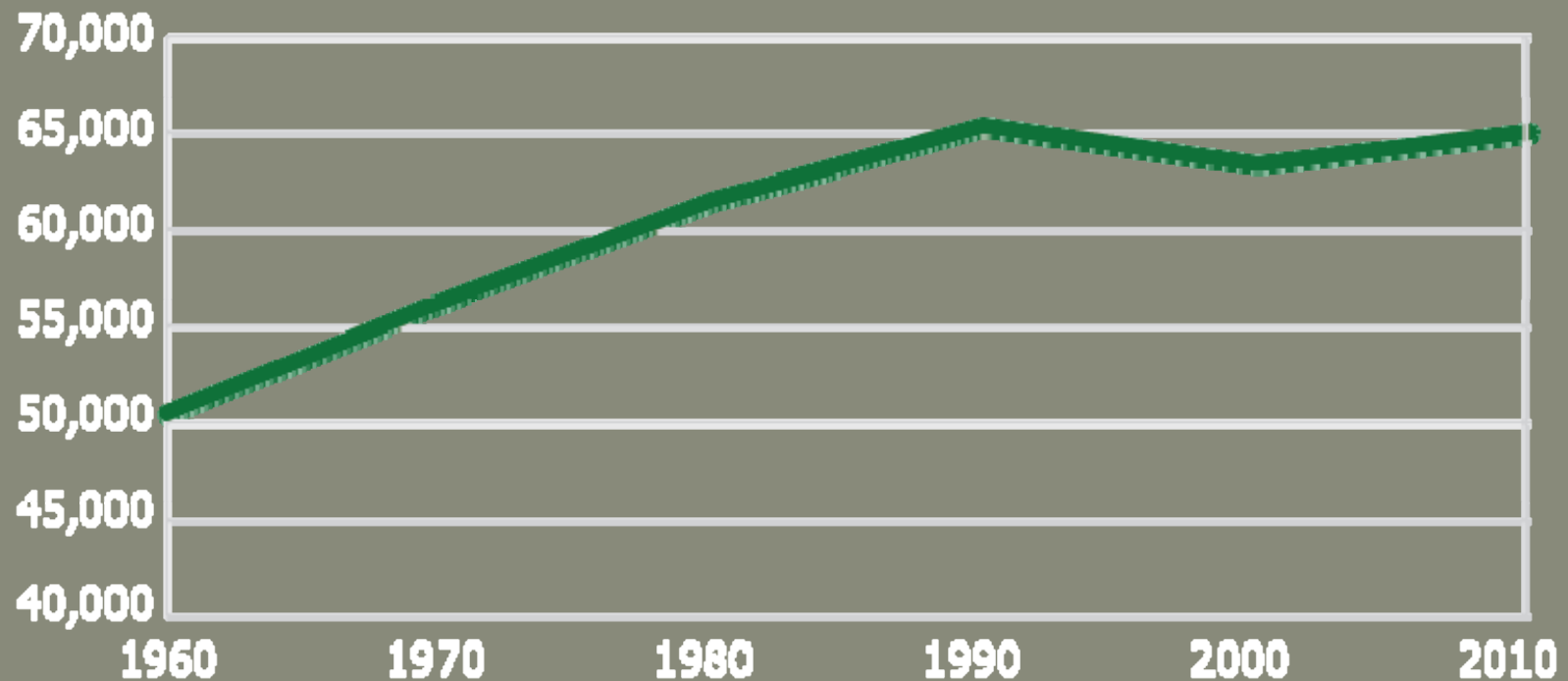
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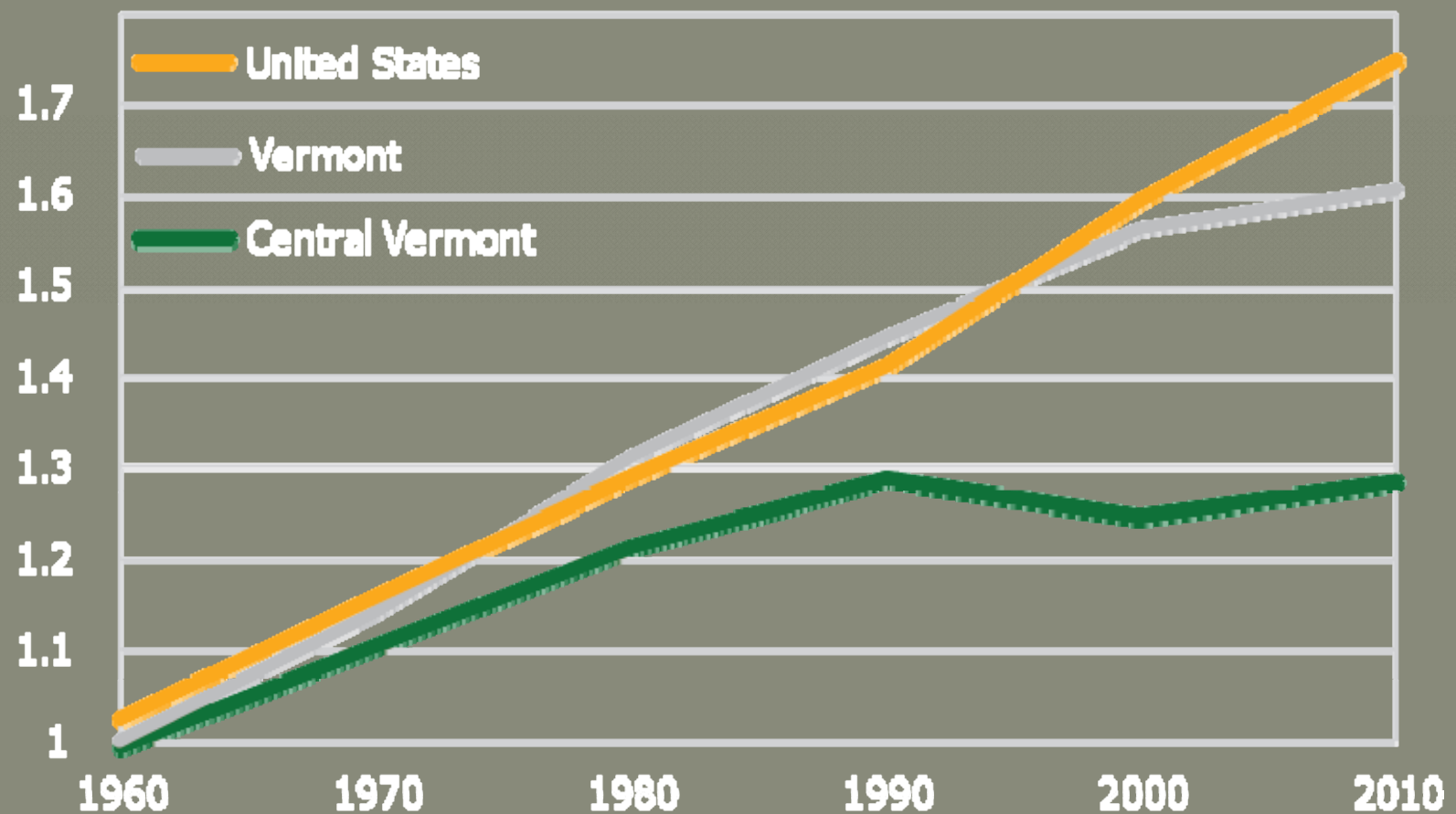
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Central Vermont Regional Population, 1960-2010



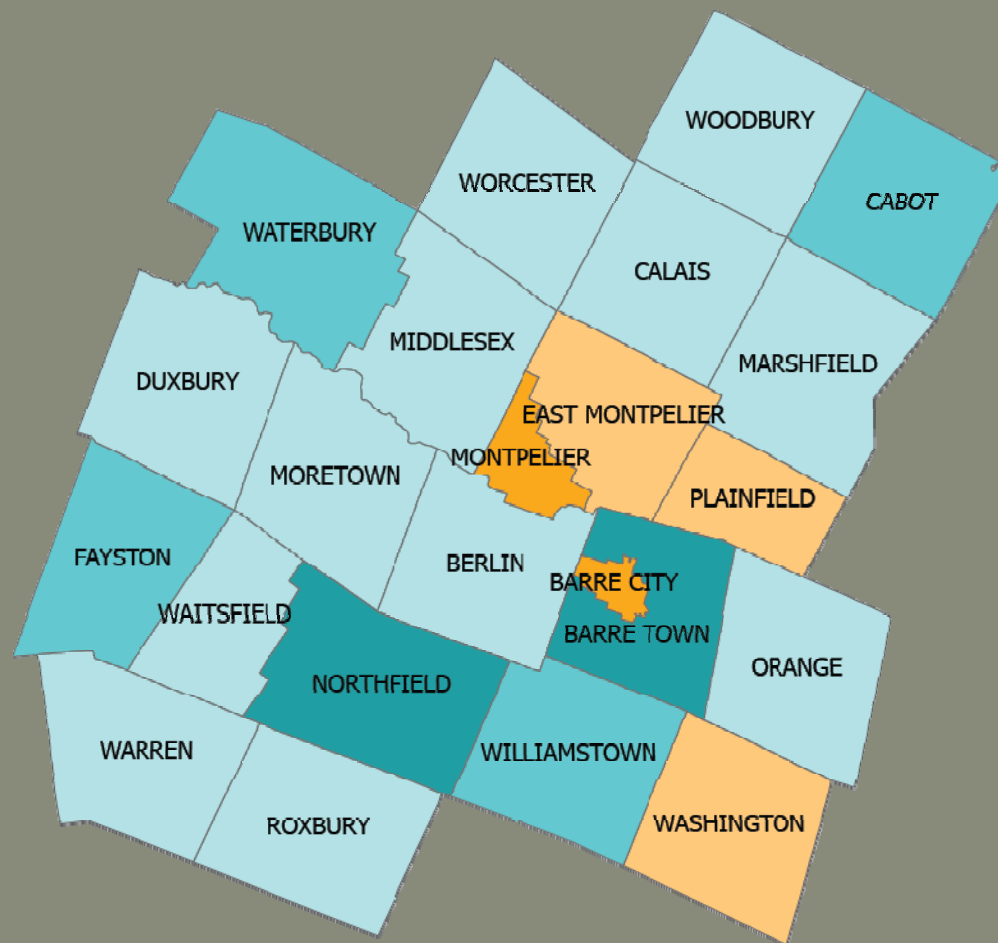
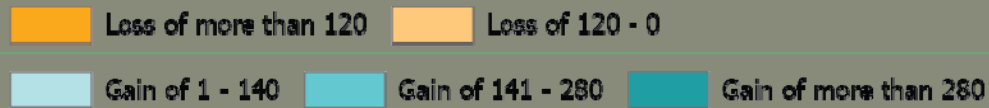
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Comparative Population Growth, Vermont and US, 2010



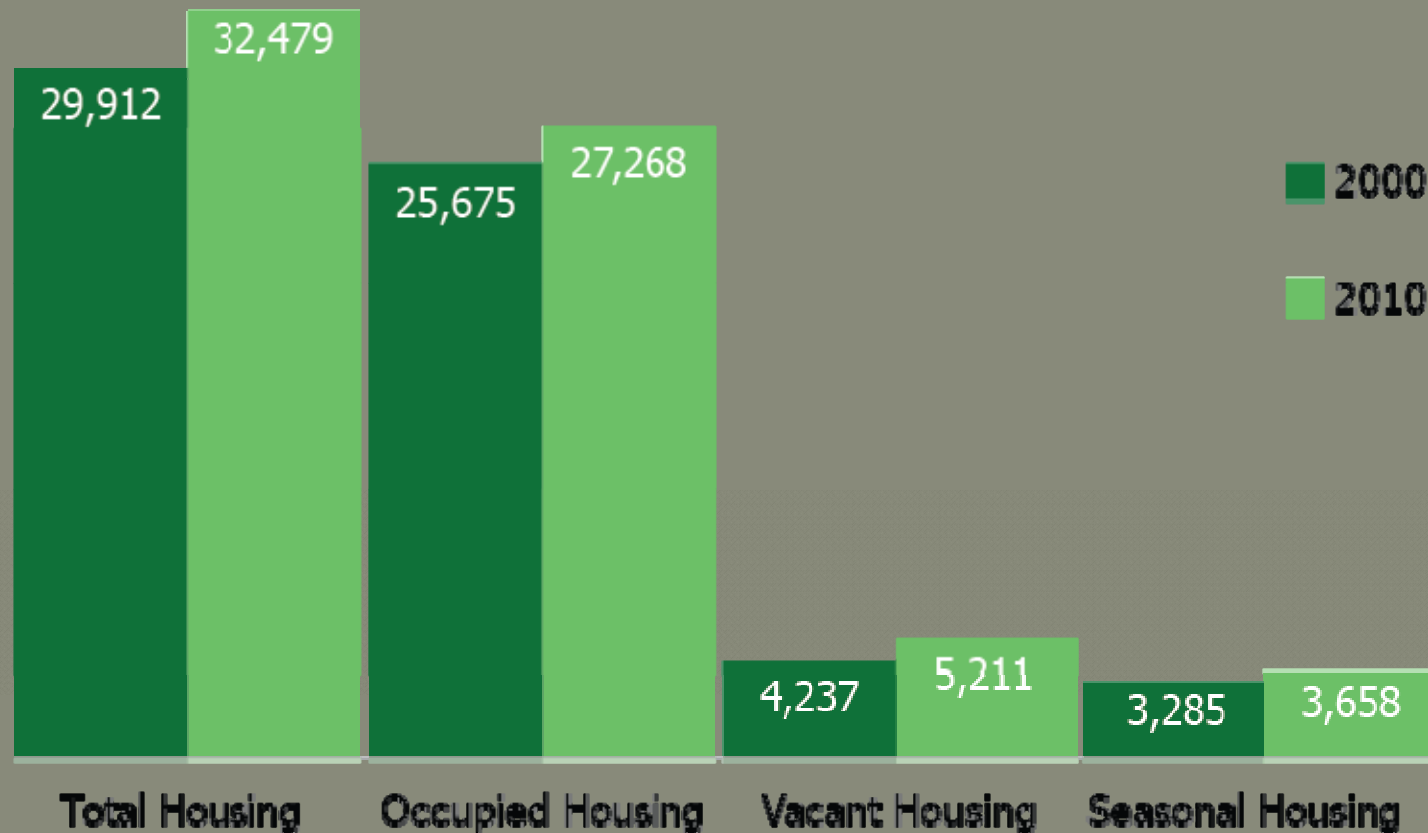
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Central Vermont: How are we growing?

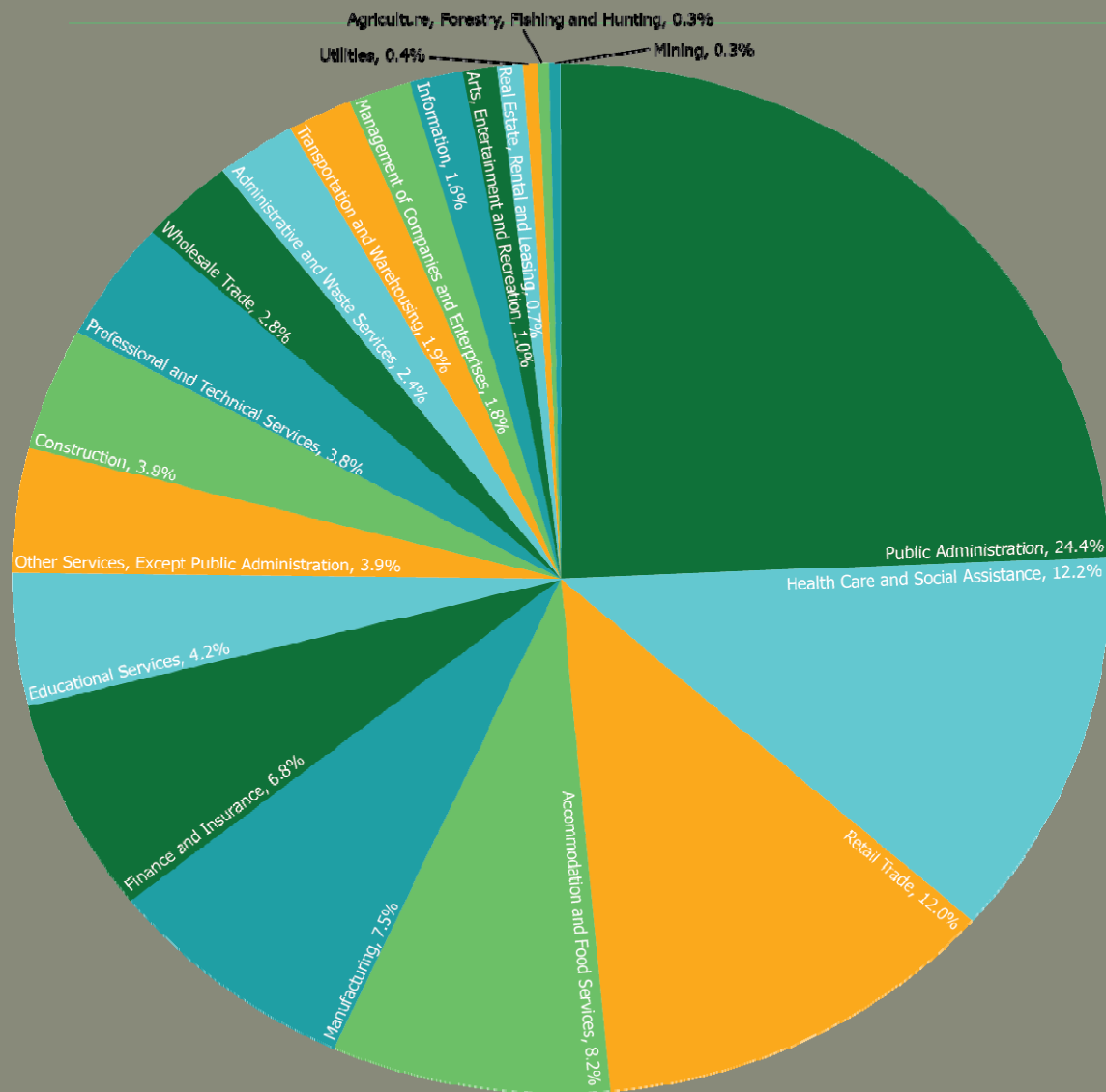


Central Vermont: How are we growing?

Regional Housing Units, 2000-2010



Central Vermont: In What Industries Do We Work?

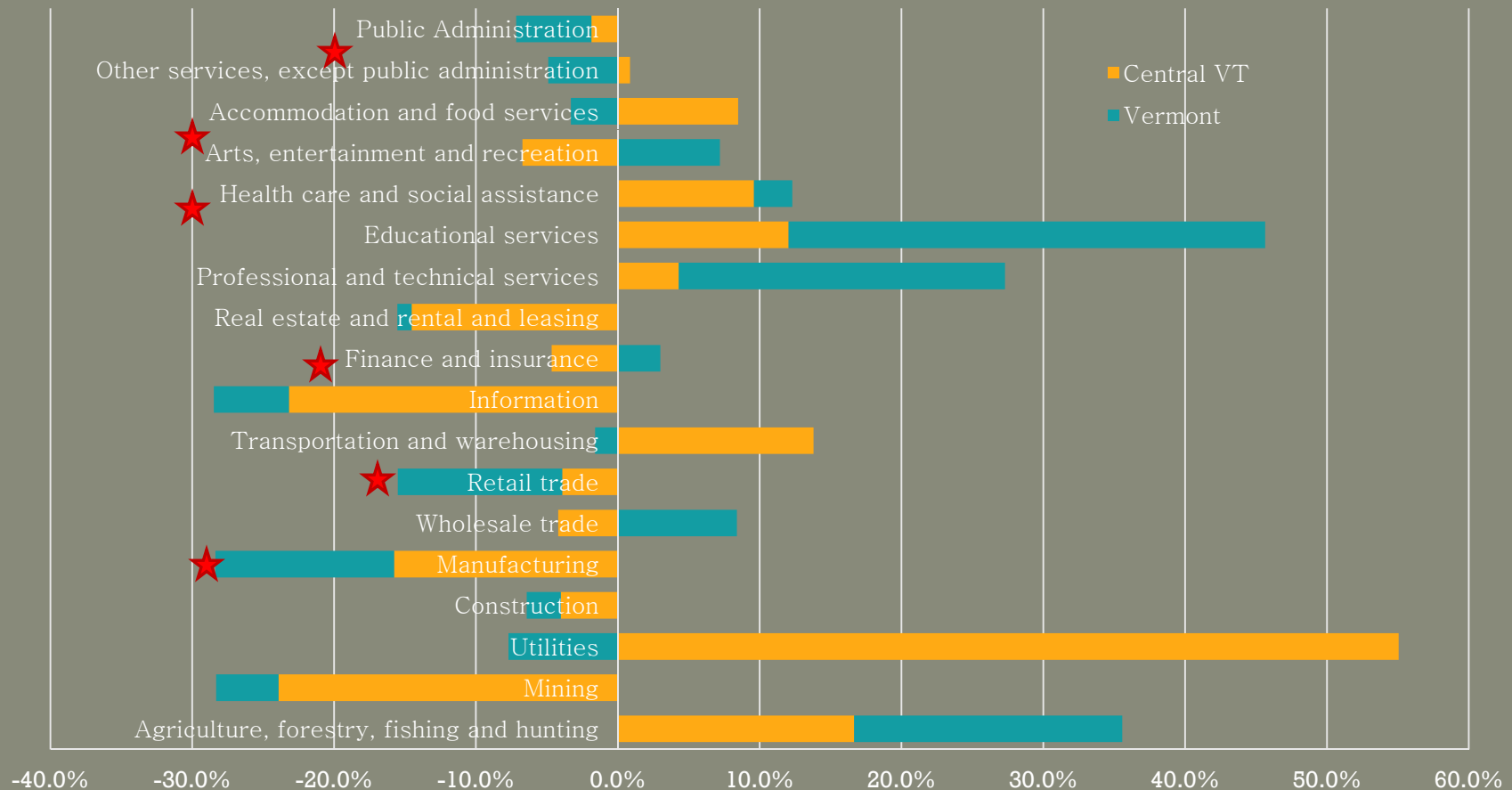


Largest Employment Sectors

- Public Administration (24.4%)
- Health Care & Social Assistance (12.2%)
- Retail Trade (12.0%)
- Accommodation & Food Services (8.2%)
- Manufacturing (7.5%)
- Finance and Insurance (6.8%)

Central Vermont: What Industries are experiencing Job Growth?

Employment Change by Sector (Central VT vs. VT), 2003-2012



Features of a strong Vision Statement



**2008 Regional Plan
Vision or
“Purpose”:**

CVRPC hopes this Plan reflects our desire to live in a Region that will be a model of health, wealth, knowledge, beauty, culture, and community for many generations to come.

Building a Shared Vision: A Step-by-Step Approach

Seek Input on Hopes/Aspirations for the Region

RPDRC

Regional Commission

Key Leaders and
Groups

Diversity of Residents



Determine the Focus of Your Vision Statement

Economic?

Social?

Environment?



Determine Common Themes then Prioritize

Determine which themes to keep

Remove less relevant



Draft a Vision Statement from the Key Themes

Share draft with others and seek input

Public Outreach & Engagement

- Kick-Off Meeting
- Student Projects
- Regional Priorities Survey
- New Technologies

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Regional Priorities Survey

- Purpose: Solicit broad public input on regional priorities for the different topic areas. Determine most relevant issues/topics of highest regional priority or concern.
- Development: Content based on 2008 goals, input from kick-off meeting and goals from other relevant plans.
- Distribution: Distributed online via web site, email, Facebook and FrontPorchForum. Incentives offered.
- Responses: 311 responses, 224 completed.

Regional Priorities Survey: Strong & Diverse Economy

- **Goal 1:** Preserve farms and forest lands by supporting the entire value-chain of the food system and natural resource economy. ... 41.4%
- **Goal 2:** Support redevelopment and infill to strengthen our downtowns, village and commercial districts... 41.4%
- **Goal 3:** Foster entrepreneurialism, support cottage industries and strengthen buy local efforts... 36.4%

Regional Priorities Survey: Transportation

- **Goal 1:** Integrate modes of travel in order to allow for their most effective use and ultimately reduce dependence on single occupant vehicles. ... 55.1%
- **Goal 2:** Promote a regional public transportation system. ... 50.2%
- **Goal 3:** Establish a transportation system that minimizes consumption of resources and maximizes the protection of the environment. ... 46.2%

Regional Priorities Survey: Future Land Use

- **Goal 1:** Sustain and support the region's working landscape of agriculture, including farming, forestry, fishing and sugaring... 57.1%
- **Goal 2:** Direct new growth in the form of jobs, housing, commerce, utilities, industry, community facilities, and cultural activities to downtowns and villages... 52.7%
- **Goal 3:** Support the adoption of clear land use plans and implementation policies that will preserve historic settlement patterns, and prevent rural sprawl... 37.5%

Organizing the Plan

Themes, Working Groups & Added Sections

The Way We Green

- Environment & Natural Resources
- Energy Efficiency & Development
- Climate Change, Hazard Mitigation & Flood Resilience
- Scenic Resources & Recreation

The Way We Prosper

- Strong & Diverse Economy
- Forestry & Agriculture

The Way We Connect

- Community Resources & Facilities
- Active Transportation
- Historic & Cultural Resources
- Healthy Communities
- Emergency Mgmt & Public Safety

The Way We Grow

- Land Use
- Utilities
- Roads & Infrastructure
- Safe & Affordable Housing

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Target timeframe for next meeting:
Late Jan./early Feb.
 - First Strong & Diverse Economy working group to follow
- Please review and send comments:
 - Regional Data Profile – comments & suggestions for more detailed data
 - Draft vision, broad goals, Plan outline
- Will circulate prior to next meeting for discussion:
 - Draft Plan Introduction, Vision and Goals
 - Strong & Diverse Economy outline and initial data analysis