



A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR CHITTENDEN COUNTY

The ECOS project is guided by a Steering Committee which includes Chittenden County municipalities, regional organizations, businesses, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and academic institutions. The Steering Committee members have each made a commitment to the project through a cooperative agreement. To view the members and the agreement go to ecosproject.com/steering-committee.

Phase 1 Project Goals

May - September 2011

PHASE 1: GOALS APPROVED

Chittenden County has an approved list of goals that will guide the ECOS process. The goal statements are broad in nature and will be the foundation for measuring our progress towards achieving these goals and prioritizing implementation actions. The final broad goal topic areas include 1) Built Environment 2) Economic Infrastructure 3) Natural Systems and 4) Social Community. If needed the goal statements will be revised during subsequent phases. To view the goal statements go to ecosproject.com/goals.

Phase 2 Analysis

October - December 2011

PHASE 2: ANALYSIS REPORTS ACCEPTED

The analysis phase provided key data trends and analyses to improve the common understanding in our community regarding economic development, housing, energy, land use, transportation, natural resources, public health, and education. The major issues and data from these reports will help us going forward as we measure our progress towards achieving sustainability. To view the reports, go to ecosproject.com/analysis.

Phase 3 Indicators

January - April 2012

PHASE 3: INDICATORS TO MEASURE ACHIEVEMENTS

Indicators for the ECOS project will provide a shared lens to track the progress of Chittenden County against the goals agreed upon in Phase 1. Evaluating our progress towards our goals will allow us to focus resources on those areas that most need additional attention to achieve a healthy, inclusive and prosperous community. To view the indicators go to ecosproject.com/indicators.

Phase 4 Implementation Priorities

April - October 2012

PHASE 4: IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

Implementation actions will be identified from municipal comprehensive and capital improvement plans and relevant regional plans. The actions will be prioritized based on the ECOS goals. The first draft of prioritized actions will be presented in April 2012 with approval happening at the Oct. 2012 Steering Committee meeting. The approved actions will be incorporated into the Chittenden County Regional Plan/Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Economic Strategy.

Phase 5 Implementation Actions

Oct. 2012 - December 2013

PHASE 5: IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

While the planning is important, the most critical step in this ECOS project is the implementation. Once the planning and recommendations are completed, the implementation stage begins. As a part of the grant, there are implementation funds available to turn ideas into practice. Near the end of 2012, the Steering Committee will decide upon the prioritized actions to fund with \$280,000 of federal funding as well as other resources that may be applicable.

