

VERMONT CONSERVATION PLAN

REGIONAL LISTENING

SESSIONS

JULY 23-24 & 29-30, 2025

Wednesday, July 23

Ludlow

*The Roundhouse at Jackson
Gore Inn, Okemo Mountain
Resort, 111 Jackson Gore
Rd, Ludlow, VT 05149*

Thursday, July 24

South Burlington

*Delta Hotel, 1117
Williston Rd, South
Burlington, VT 05403*

Tuesday, July 29

East Burke

*Burke Mountain Hotel
& Conference Center,
2559 Mountain Rd,
East Burke, VT 05832*

Wednesday, July 30

Brandon

*Brandon Town Hall,
1 Conant Square,
Brandon, VT 05733*

Welcome!

Tuesday, August

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Virtual

9:00am – 10:30am



Agenda

9:00–10:00 **PRESENTATIONS**

- Background and overview
- Draft Objectives and Pathways
- Vermont Conservation Design
- American Farmland Trust



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION ACT (CRBPA) | ACT 59 OF 2023

For decades, Vermonters have worked to protect our state's natural beauty, open vistas, recovering forests, and verdant agricultural lands. This has produced significant success, thanks to the strong partnerships between willing landowners, agency and non-profit partners, scientists, towns and commissions.





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VISION AND GOALS OF THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION ACT

CRBPA|- Act 59 of 2023 states that the **vision of the State of Vermont is to maintain an ecologically functional landscape** that sustains biodiversity, maintains landscape connectivity, supports watershed health, promotes climate resilience, supports working farms and forests, provides opportunities for recreation and appreciation of the natural world, and supports the historic settlement pattern of compact villages surrounded by rural lands and natural areas.

The Vermont Conservation Plan will only be successful to the extent that it is based on outreach, education and collaboration. Conservation depends upon the partnership of willing landowners and conservation entities. There is an opportunity to expand the suite of opportunities for Vermonters who choose to conserve and/or want to enjoy the myriad community benefits from conserved lands.



A scenic landscape of Vermont featuring rolling green hills, a winding river, and distant mountains under a clear sky. A large green rounded rectangle is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing white text.

Vermont Conservation Strategy Initiative (Act 59)

Vermont's Pathway to Conservation

- Overview of Inventory Results from 2024
- What We Learned
- How the Inventory Informs our work on the VCP

Vermont Conservation Plan - Three key objectives

OBJECTIVE ONE

SUPPORT CONSERVATION IN COMMUNITIES

This objective is focused on how to better connect people and communities to the land. It aims to advance conservation in ways that benefit people and communities by protecting natural and working lands, enhancing recreation, and supporting equitable access.

OBJECTIVE TWO

CENTER VERMONT CONSERVATION DESIGN

This objective is focused on how to protect, restore and maintain an ecologically functioning and connected natural and working landscape.

OBJECTIVE THREE

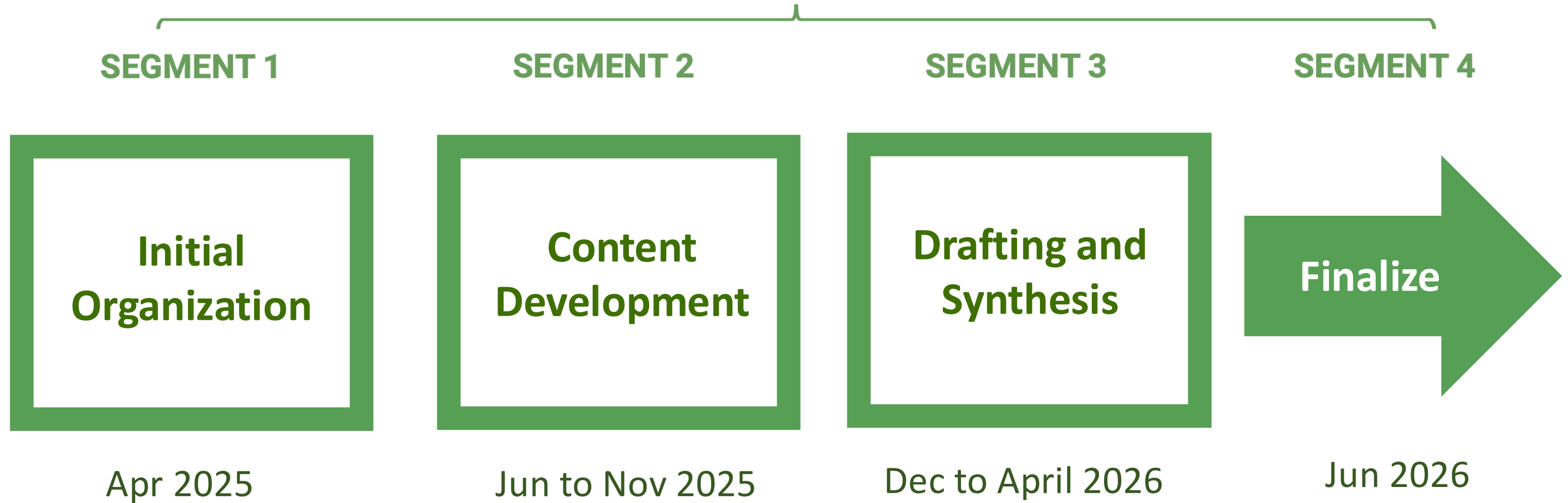
STRENGTHEN CONSERVATION CAPACITY

This objective is focused on expanding the conservation community's ability to sustainably protect and steward land.



PHASE 2 – Overview

VERMONT CONSERVATION PLAN | PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE



We are here



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SESSIONS**

These listening sessions are key opportunities for your input



- Regional Stakeholders will have **important perspectives and insights** to add to the Vermont Conservation Plan development.
- It is recognized that there will be many different views, and they may vary across different regions.
- We will host **three rounds of regional stakeholder meetings** to solicit input, suggestions and perspectives around the State. These will be held in four locations across the State in July 2025, December 2025 and April 2026.
- Each round will be open to the public and run as a public meeting, with **specific invites** to regional stakeholders.



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Project portal is your 'go-to' place to stay informed

WELCOME TO THE VERMONT CONSERVATION PLAN PROJECT

Hear from members of the Vermont Conservation Plan Project Management Team (PMT)!

Trey Martin, Gannon Osborn, and Annie Decker discuss the importance of the Vermont Conservation Plan Project.





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