




Vermont Campus Energy Group

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History

- ◆ Conceived in 2003 as a two-year grant project designed to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and education on Vermont's college and university campuses.
- ◆ In October 2003, ReBuild America, a program of US DOE, awarded a grant of \$95,900 to the Vermont Department of Public Service, Renewable Energy Vermont, Efficiency Vermont, The Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, as well as the grant's campus partners: Middlebury College, Vermont Technical College, and Green Mountain College.
- ◆ Initial DOE funding for VCEG expired end of March 2006
- ◆ June 2006 Vermont DPS awarded VCEG with \$15,000 grant. Additional grant of \$5,000 in February of 2007.
- ◆ July 2007 additional \$10,000 from DPS for fiscal year 2007.
- ◆ August 2007 hired a full-time AmeriCorps*VISTA to fill role of Campus Coordinator.

What We Do

- ◆ Raise awareness of and advance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability projects at Vermont colleges and universities.
- ◆ Stated grant goals
 - **Improve the efficiency of 50,000 square feet of Vermont college and university conditioned space.**
 - **Create and facilitate two statewide workshops per year regarding energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability projects implemented on Vermont college and university campuses.**
 - **Compile and disseminate educational, network, and event resources related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable practices on Vermont's campuses.**

How We Do It

- ◆ Greg = Project Coordinator
- ◆ Zach = Campus Coordinator
 - Create campus teams of informed students, administrators, faculty, and staff to advocate for campus sustainability projects.
 - Directly implement efficiency projects through Collegiate Change a Light.
 - Compile and disseminate educational, network, and event resources related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable practices on Vermont's campuses. Monthly sustainability newsletter, e-mail announcements.
 - Convene state-wide and regional conferences, workshops, projects and networking events such as Focus the Nation, Power Shift, VCC sustainability conference, Collegiate Change a Light.
 - A resource for industry expertise and financial support.
 - Develop a state-wide sustainability/renewable/efficiency network between the government, private sector, communities, and colleges and universities.
 - Partnerships with VPIRG, EVT, VEI, and VCC.

Some accomplishments of VT colleges and universities 2007/2008

- ◆ Development of a Clean Energy Fund
- ◆ Hired two sustainability coordinators.
- ◆ Climate Change Endowment Investment Strategy
- ◆ Formation of four campus working groups
- ◆ World Learning and Castleton State College signed the President's Climate Commitment
- ◆ Vermont Technical College joined the Climate Registry
- ◆ Climate Action Plan
- ◆ Sustainability integrated into first-year orientation.
- ◆ Over nine institutions participated in Focus the Nation, a national teach-in on climate change.

Where do we go from here...

- ◆ Schools we have regularly directly engaged with in 2007/2008:
 - Middlebury College, Johnson State College, Champlain College, Green Mountain College, Saint Michael's College, UVM, Vermont Technical College
- ◆ Schools we have occasionally directly engaged with in 2007/2008:
 - Castleton State College, Community College of Vermont, Goddard College, World Learning, Norwich University, Lyndon State College, Sterling College
- ◆ Schools with which we have indirectly engaged with in 2007/2008
 - Marlboro College, Bennington College, Landmark College, Southern Vermont College, Vermont Law School, Burlington College

Where do we go from here...

- ◆ Campus Coordinator VISTA term up at the end of August 2008. Position will not be renewed for 2008/2009.
- ◆ 2008/2009 VCEG will be administered out of UVM.
- ◆ Creation of Vermont Campus Sustainability Network.
- ◆ What would be most valuable to you?