

Vermont Natural Resources Council

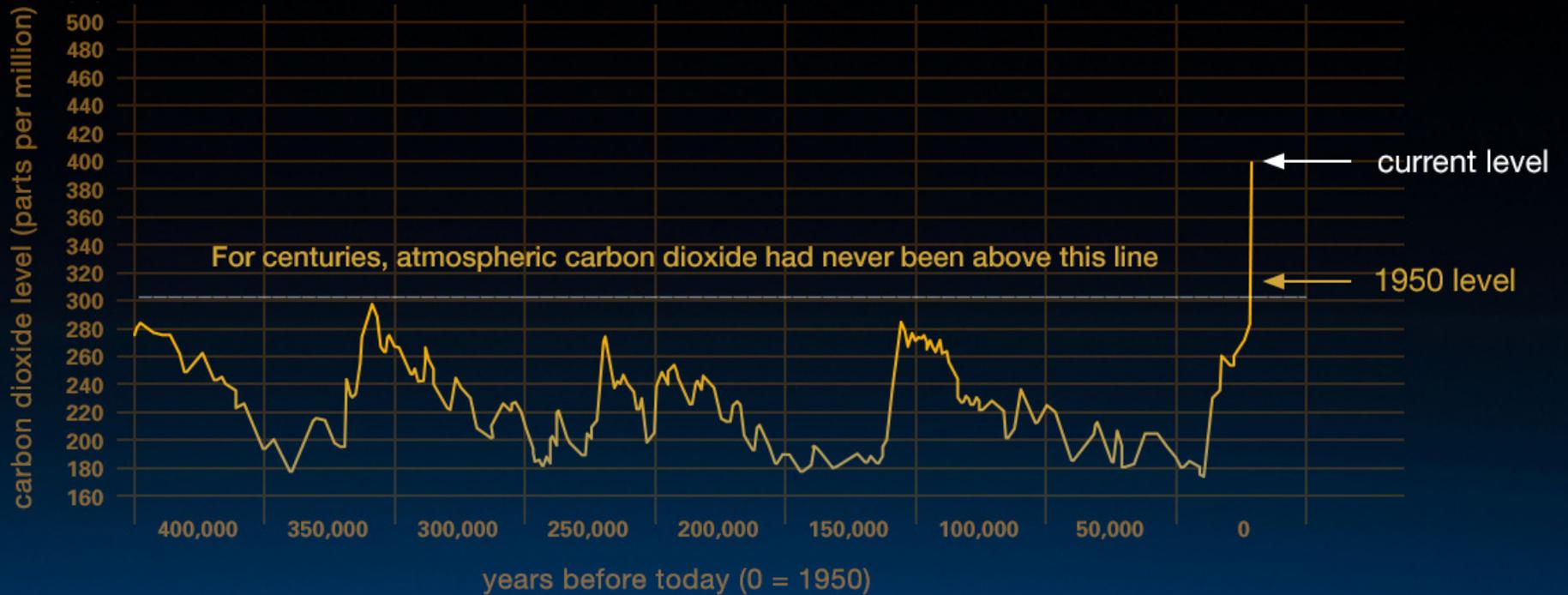


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On-the-Ground – VECAN Town Energy Committees



THE SCIENCE



The reality couldn't be more clear: It's time to get serious about transitioning to 21st century clean energy solutions



CLIMATE CHANGE COMES AT A SIGNIFICANT COST



With Economic and Quality of Life Impacts



MORSE FARM SKI TOURING CENTER

Hello Friends,

Some important news.... After exploring countless options and avenues, after much soul searching and deep deliberation we've concluded that Morse Farm will no longer offer ski touring. Climate change has not been our friend....

“Climate change has not been our friend...”





Debris from a damaged home in Spring, Texas, serves as a reminder of Hurricane Harvey's fury. Such storms may be spurred by a changing climate, with expensive consequences.

PHOTOGRAPH BY LUKE SHARRETT, BLOOMBERG VIA GETTY IMAGES

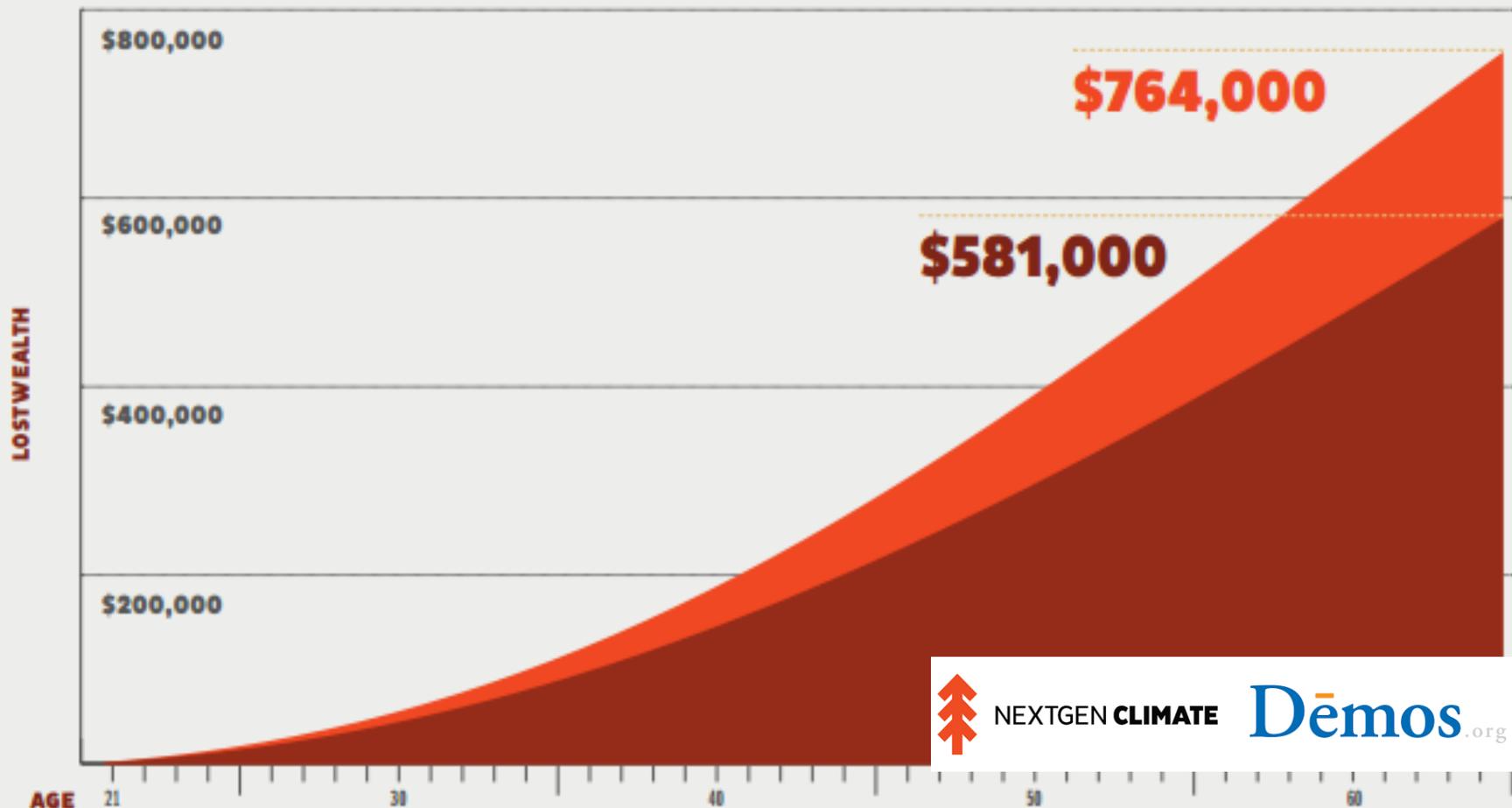
Hidden Costs of Climate Change Running Hundreds of Billions a Year

Young People and Future Generations Will Pay the Highest Price

FIGURE 04

**LIFETIME LOST WEALTH FROM CLIMATE CHANGE,
WORKERS WHO ARE BORN IN 2015**

■ MEDIAN EARNER
■ MEDIAN COLLEGE DEGREE EARNER



NEXTGEN CLIMATE

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STATE-LEVEL ACTION ON CLIMATE MATTERS MORE THAN EVER



The U.S. Is the Only Nation In the World Not a Signatory to the Paris Climate Agreement

Climate Action Plan for 2019

A BLUEPRINT FOR PROGRESS

- Double the number of low- and moderate income homes weatherized every year
- Create an electric or hybrid vehicle incentive program, prioritizing low- and middle-income Vermonters, starting by using VW settlement dollars
- Enact a Global Warming Solutions Act like other New England states to require progress on climate goals
- Analyze the JFO-led decarbonization study and advance the policy that works best for Vermont to reduce emissions, grow jobs and protect the most vulnerable



Double the number of low- and moderate income homes weatherized every year:

- Help Vermonters stop wasting money
- Make homes more comfortable
- Enhance public health



Some of our partners calling for this:

- NeighborWorks of Western VT
- VT Affordable Housing Coalition
- Capstone Community Action
- VT Low Income Advocacy Council
- VT Climate and Health Alliance

Use VW Settlement Dollars Strategically: Start an Incentive Program for Low- to Middle Income Vermonters



We have the technology today – and its putting Vermonters to work



**It's also creating more
energy independence**



The Market Is Shifting Quickly... we must shift with it ... and save.

GOV. PHIL SCOTT:

“Transitioning to electric vehicles can save millions of dollars. In 2015, approximately \$830 million was spent on gasoline sales in Vermont. If this travel had all been powered by electricity, the cost would’ve been significantly less, saving drivers more than \$500 million.”

An All-Electric Ford F-150 Pickup Happening

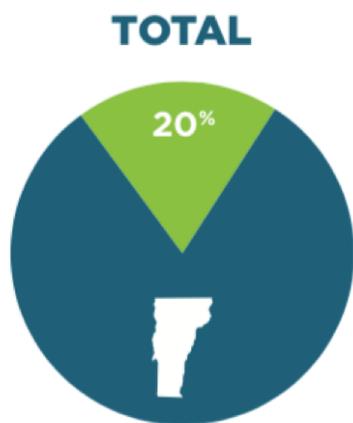
A hybridized truck is in the cards from Ford, too; both will likely appear once the



By [JOEY CAPPARELLA](#) Jan 17, 2019



To get to 90 Percent Renewable by 2050 – Focus Far More on the GHG-Intensive Transportation and Heating Sectors



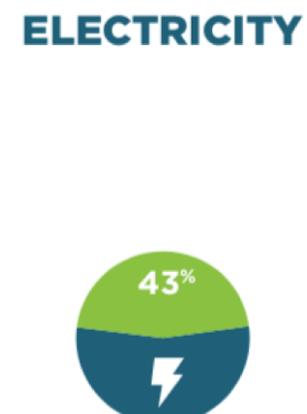
142 TRILLION BTU



53 TRILLION BTU
38% OF TOTAL



50 TRILLION BTU
35% OF TOTAL



39 TRILLION BTU
27% OF TOTAL



An Analysis of Decarbonization Methods in Vermont

The Joint Fiscal Office-led “Decarbonization” study provides an important analysis to identify solutions pathways to drive change in the unregulated liquid fuel sector. It’s possible to shape a policy that:

- Protects and prioritizes low income and rural Vermonters**
- Keeps more energy dollars in state and grows jobs and our economy**
- Helps to reduce our rising GHG emissions**

We have a narrow window to act

Planet has only until 2030 to stem catastrophic climate change, experts warn

By [Brandon Miller](#) and Jay Croft, CNN

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More from CNN



The real reason behind Haley's resignation may be a financial one



Bones reveal Neanderthal child was eaten by a giant bird



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