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RE: Municipal Summary Worksheet

cc: Peter G. Gregory, Executive Director, TRORC
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Mr. Laaspere,

TRORC is pleased to enclose a copy of Norwich's updated Municipal Summary Worksheet. This document summarizes the energy data and targets that are required by Act 174 of 2016 for inclusion in a Town Plan written to contain an "Enhanced Energy Plan."

An Enhanced Energy Plan is required for Town Plans seeking an affirmative determination of energy compliance. This is *optional* for municipalities. However, any Town Plan granted an affirmative determination of Energy Compliance will receive substantial deference in § 248 proceedings. During these proceedings, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) reviews proposed energy generation facilities for approval or disapproval. Any policies concerning the siting or operation of energy generation facilities within a Town Plan that has received substantial deference will inform the criteria applied by the PUC in their review of a proposed facility.

The data in the attached document provides analyses and targets for your municipality that TRORC derived from a variety of regional and municipal data sources. Municipalities may choose to rely on these analyses and targets to meet the municipal standards set by the Department of Public Service (PSD). Alternatively, your municipality may develop your own custom analyses and targets or supplement the analyses and targets provided by TRORC. If these options are chosen, your municipality must include all of the same analyses and targets and meet the same standards outlined in PSD's *Guidance for Regional & Municipal Enhanced Energy Planning Standards*.

The enclosed Municipal Summary Worksheet can also be found on the TRORC website under your respective town page. If you have any questions about the attached document or energy planning for your community, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Norwich

The following is an explanation of the information displayed in the Municipal Summary Worksheet for Norwich.

The intent of the Municipal Summary is to provide your municipality with energy data that meets PSD's analysis and target standards to ensure your municipality's compliance with the requirements of Act 174 and "Enhanced Energy Planning" (24 V.S.A. § 4352). The worksheet contains data that estimates current energy use and provides targets for future energy use across all sectors (transportation, heating, and electricity). It also sets a target for renewable energy generation within the municipality.

This data is meant to be a starting point for your municipality to begin planning its energy future and to talk about the changes that may need to occur within the municipality to ensure that local, regional, and state energy goals are met. This includes the goal that 90% of all energy demand be met by renewable sources by 2050 (90x50 goal).

Estimates of current energy use and targets for future energy use are reliant upon the Long-range Energy Alternatives Planning (LEAP) analysis for the region completed for PSD. To estimate the current energy use of your Town, TRORC used PSD's Municipal Consumption. This tool uses inputs of data from the American Community Survey (ACS), the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), and the Vermont Department of Labor (DoL).

Targets for both future energy use and energy generation have been generally developed using a "bottom up" method of disaggregating regional data into the municipal level using PSD's Analysis and Targets Aid. PSD also makes certain assumptions within these tools based on statewide averages for energy consumption.

The targets established here show the direction in which change needs to occur to meet local, regional, and state energy goals. It is important to remember that the targets established by LEAP represent only one way to achieve energy goals. There may be other similar pathways your municipality may choose to meet your 90x50 goal. Please keep this in mind when reviewing the worksheet.

For those towns interested in learning more about how these estimates and targets were created, or about creating their own estimates and targets, please see PSD's Guidance for Regional & Municipal Enhanced Energy Planning Standards.

Figure 1 - Data Sources

American Community Survey (ACS)
Vermont Department of Labor (DoL)
Vermont Department of Public Service (PSD)
Energy Information Administration (EIA)
Efficiency Vermont (EVT)
Long-range Energy Alternatives Planning (LEAP)
Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC)
Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS)

Municipal Summary Worksheet

The Municipal Summary worksheet summarizes all data that is required to be in the Municipal Plan if the plan is to meet the “determination” standards established by PSD.

4A. Current Transportation Energy Use	
2022 Transportation Data	
Total Number of Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) Vehicles ¹	2,325
Total Number of Electric Vehicles (EVs) ²	204
Total Number of ICE Vehicles and EVs	2,529
Average Yearly Miles Driven per Vehicle ³	12,500
Total Miles Driven per ICE Vehicle	29,062,500
Total Miles Driven per EV	2,550,000
Total Miles Driven per ICE Vehicle and EV	31,612,500
Average Fuel Economy of ICE Vehicles (Miles per Gallon) ⁴	22
Average Fuel Economy of EVs (Miles per Kilowatt Hour) ⁴	3
Total Gallons of Fuel Consumed by ICE Vehicles per Year	1,321,023
Total Number of Kilowatt Hours Consumed by EVs per Year	850,000
Transportation Energy Consumed by ICE Vehicles (mmBtus) ⁴	155,840
Transportation Energy Consumed by EVs (mmBtus) ⁴	2,900
Transportation Energy Consumed by ICE Vehicles and EVs (mmBtus)	158,740
<p>This table calculates the energy use and energy cost of your residents’ light-duty passenger vehicles. This does not include the energy use or energy cost of medium-duty vehicles, heavy-duty vehicles, mass transit, rail, commercial vehicles, or other modes of transportation. The Average Miles per Vehicle and Realized Miles per Gallon are 2021 statewide averages for light-duty passenger vehicles in Vermont as reported in the LEAP model. The Transportation Energy Used is calculated in Million British Thermal Units (mmBtus) using PSD’s LEAP Municipal Consumption Template.</p> <p>Data Sources: 1. ACS 2022 5-year Estimates. 2. Efficiency Vermont. 3. VTrans, 2021. 4. LEAP Municipal Consumption Template.</p>	

4A. Current Residential Heating Energy Use

Fuel Source ¹	Number of Households ¹	Percentage of Households	Square Footage Heated ² (mmBtus)
Gas from Bottle or Tank (propane, butane, liquified petroleum gas)	565	43.5%	62,150
Electricity	30	2.3%	3,300
Fuel Oil, Kerosene, etc.	502	38.6%	55,220
Coal or Coke	0	0.0%	0
Wood	202	15.6%	22,220
Solar Energy	0	0.0%	0
Other Fuel	0	0.0%	0
No Fuel Used	0	0.0%	0
Total	1,299	100.0%	142,890

This table displays 2022 ACS 5-year Estimates for the sources of fuel for occupied residences within Norwich. The square footage heated figure is calculated in the PSD Municipal Consumption Template based on a statewide average annual heating load for residences, measured in Million British Thermal Units (mmBtus).

Data Source: 1. ACS 2022 5-year Estimates. 2. LEAP Municipal Consumption Template.

4A. Current Commercial Heating Energy Use

Number of Commercial Establishments ¹	Total Thermal Energy Consumed by Commercial Establishments ² (mmBtus)	Average Thermal Energy Consumed by Commercial Establishments ² (mmBtus)
182	173,258	952

This table displays the number of commercial establishments within Norwich as reported by the Vermont DoL in 2022. The thermal energy estimate is calculated in the PSD Municipal Consumption Template based on a statewide average annual heating load for select commercial establishments, measured in Million British Thermal Units (mmBtus).

Data Sources: 1. VT DoL 2022. 2. LEAP Municipal Consumption Template.

4A. Current Electricity Use

Use Sector	Current Electricity Use
Residential (kWh)	14,050
Commercial and Industrial (kWh)	3,766
Total (kWh)	17,816

This table displays 2022 data from EVT for the commercial & industrial sector and residential sector within Norwich.

Data Source: EVT 2022.

4B. Residential Thermal Efficiency Targets

	2025	2035	2050
Weatherized for Increased Efficiency and Conservation	49%	57%	83%

This table displays targets for the cumulative percentage of residences within Norwich that will be weatherized by the target year, thereby achieving increased thermal efficiency and energy conservation. These targets were developed using the PSD Analysis & Target Municipal Aid in the CAP Central Mitigation Scenario. To be counted, each weatherized residence will have to achieve a 25% reduction in heat energy.

Data Sources: LEAP Analysis & Target Aid. ACS 2022 5-year Estimates.

4B. Commercial Thermal Efficiency Targets

	2025	2035	2050
Weatherized for Increased Efficiency and Conservation	44%	32%	54%

This table displays targets for the cumulative percentage of commercial establishments within Norwich that will be weatherized by the target year, thereby achieving increased thermal efficiency and energy conservation. These targets were developed using the PSD Analysis & Target Aid in the CAP Central Mitigation Scenario. To be counted, each weatherized commercial establishment will have to achieve a 25% reduction in heat energy.

Data Sources: LEAP Analysis & Target Aid. VT DoL.

4B. Thermal Fuel Switching Targets – Heat Pumps

	2025	2035	2050
Number of Heat Pumps used by Residences (in units)	482	1,049	1,019
Number of Heat Pumps used by Commercial Establishments (in units)	108	361	509
Total	590	1,410	1,528

This table provides a target of the number of new heat pumps in the commercial and residential sectors of Norwich in the CAP Central Mitigation Scenario. This dataset assumes there will be 1.3 devices per residence and one device per 512 square feet of commercial floorspace based on state averages.

Data Sources: LEAP Analysis & Target Aid. ACS 2022 5-year Estimates. VT DoL.

4C. Use of Renewables - Transportation

	2025	2035	2050
Light Duty Electric Vehicles	5%	52%	100%

This table shows the percentage of light duty vehicles that are electric vehicles in the target years within Norwich in the CAP Central Mitigation Scenario.

Data Source: LEAP Analysis & Target Aid. EVT 2022.

4C. Transportation Fuel Switching Target – Electric Vehicles

	2025	2035	2050
Battery Electric	105	1,090	1,681
Plug In Hybrid Vehicles	15	13	2
Total	120	1,103	1,683

This table shows the count of light duty vehicles that are electric vehicles in the target years within Norwich in the CAP Central Mitigation Scenario.

Data Source: LEAP Analysis & Target Aid. EVT 2022.

4D. Electric Efficiency Targets

	2025	2035	2050
Cumulative Electricity Conserved – Residential (MWh)	188	872	1,060

This table shows the megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity cumulatively conserved by residences within Norwich by 2025, 2035, and 2050 based on modelling completed by EVT's 2022 Energy Efficiency Market Potential Study and PSD.

Data Source: EVT 2022 Energy Efficiency Market Potential Study. PSD Potential Study Data for RPCs Tool.

4D. Renewable Energy Generation Targets

	2025	2035	2050
Incremental Renewable Energy Generation (MWh)	14	240	2,944
Total Renewable Energy Generation (MWh)	4,592	4,818	7,522

This table shows targets for electric generation from renewable resources in megawatt hours (MWh) within Norwich. This table also reports the incremental generation of new renewable energy needed by each target year. This figure shows the increase in generation needed from Norwich's 2022 renewable energy generation levels.

The figures for 2035 and 2050 were developed using PSD's LEAP model. The figures for 2025 were developed by TRORC equating to a 0.3% increase from 2022 generation figures. TRORC used this approach because the LEAP model does not provide targets for 2025 renewable energy generation that are higher than the region's 2022 renewable energy generation.

Data Source: LEAP Generation Scenarios Tool.

4D. Use of Renewables - Heating

	2025	2035	2050
Residences	30%	76%	100%
Commercial	25%	65%	69%

This table displays the percentage of residences and commercial establishments within Norwich using heat pumps for thermal heating by the target year.

Data Source: LEAP Analysis & Target Municipal Aid.

9A. Existing Renewable Generation

Renewable Type	MW	MWh
Solar	3.5	4,578
Wind	0.0	0
Hydro	0.0	0
Biomass	0.0	0
Other	0.0	0
Total	3.5	4,578

This table shows existing renewable generation within Norwich for 2022, in both megawatt (MW) and megawatt hours (MWh), based on figures provided by PSD.

Data Source: PSD.

9B. Renewable Generation Potential

Renewable Type	MW	MWh
Ground-mounted solar	126	165,939
Rooftop Solar	21	26,631
Wind	3	5,026
Biomass	0	0
Hydro	0	0
Other	0	0
Total	150	197,596

Renewable generation potential is based on mapping completed by TRORC that is based on the Municipal Determination Standards and associated guidance documents developed by PSD. The renewable generation potential is expressed in MW and MWh by the type of renewable resource (solar, wind, hydro, etc.).

Data Sources: PSD. TRORC.

9C. Sufficient Land

Renewable Type	Land Available	Acreage Needed to Meet 2025 Target		Acreage Needed to Meet 2035 Target		Acreage Needed to Meet 2050 Target	
	Acres	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Solar	884	24	2.8%	26	2.9%	39	4.4%
Wind	102	0	0.4%	0	0.1%	3	2.9%
Biomass	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hydro	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	986	25	2.5%	26	2.6%	42	4.3%

This table shows there is sufficient land within Norwich to meet the renewable generation targets based on the renewable generation potential. The 'land available' category in this table only includes prime areas for wind and lands for solar generation that have no constraints and are not part of a priority forest block.

Data Sources: These prime areas for wind and solar generation were calculated by the Vermont Center for Geographic Information. TRORC excluded the acres of priority forest blocks mapped by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.