

# 2nd Annual Vermont Conference on Community Energy & Climate Change

On Saturday, December 5, 2009, the University of Vermont Extension and the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network will host a daylong conference focused on community solutions to the challenges posed by increasing energy costs and climate change. The conference will take place at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont.

The conference will include workshops, presentations, and roundtable discussions. Keynote speakers include Senator Bernard Sanders – the only a member of the Senate majority to sit on both the Environment and Public Works and the Energy and Natural Resources Committees – and Patrick Parenteau, Professor of Law and Senior Counsel in the Environmental Law Clinic at Vermont Law School.

Featured topics include developing community wind and solar projects, alternative heating strategies for schools and municipal buildings, promoting alternative and public transit in your community, and keys to successful town energy planning. Participants will hear about strategies that are already in place and will brainstorm ideas for their communities.

Also sponsoring the conference are the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, Biomass Energy Resource Center, Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Green Mountain Power, groSolar, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Department of Public Service, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, Burlington Electric, Washington Electric Coop, and the Vermont Planners' Association.

The complete conference brochure and registration materials are available online at [www.regonline.com/VTEnergy](http://www.regonline.com/VTEnergy) or by contacting UVM Extension at 802-223-2389 ext.13. The \$20 per person registration fee includes lunch and workshop materials.