



VERMONT GREEN BUILDING NETWORK (VGBN)

Mission, Goals, Definition, and Initiatives

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Mission Statement of the Vermont Green Building Network (VGBN):

To increase Vermont's participation in green building and to promote the environmental, financial, community, and health benefits of green design, construction, and building operation practices.

VGBN Goals:

1. Promote collaboration among individuals and organizations who provide or use green building services, products, and technologies.
2. Advocate for green building practices and sustainable development.
3. Educate the public and building professionals about green design, construction, and building operations.
4. Increase use and sales of Vermont green building services, products, and technologies.
5. Increase the percentage of Vermont buildings that are green buildings.

VGBN Definition of "green building":

Design, construction, and operation practices that improve the quality of buildings and their impacts on the environment and on building occupants in five broad areas:

- Land use and site planning
- Water supply and water efficiency
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Material selection and the conservation, reuse, and recycling of natural resources
- Indoor air quality and occupant health and comfort

VGBN 2003 Initiatives:

1. **Networking:** Facilitate networking among Vermont providers and users of green building services and products. Coordinate with existing state and regional groups. Develop database of Vermont providers of green building services and products for networking, education, outreach efforts, and advocacy activities. Develop Vermont Green Building Network website to further VGBN goals.
2. **Advocate:** Develop brochure and other materials on the benefits of green building.
3. **Organize:** Develop VGBN membership and initial organization structures.
4. **Advocate:** Develop relationships between VGBN membership and public and private leaders who influence building activities and policies in Vermont and elsewhere to promote green building and the services and products of VGBN members.

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VGBN Website

VGBN's website: www.vgbn.org is a communication tool and member resource. The website is Vermont's source for green building information, upcoming events, the latest news, and products & services.

VTGREENBUILD Listserv

The VTGREENBUILD Listserv was developed to promote dialogue on green building related topics and is available as a service to the general public. Currently this listserv is managed by the Environmental Council at the University of Vermont.

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