

Climate Change, Community and the Adirondacks

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What to Know About the 'Dacks

- 10,000 square miles-bigger than Massachusetts
- 103 towns
- 43,000 single family homes, 5,000 mobile homes
- 46 million gallons of oil for heating
- 69 million gallons of gasoline for transportation
- 2nd highest percentage of seniors in the country

What to Know About Minerva, NY

- Population 796
- 75% heat with oil, kerosene or propane
- % of Seniors: 18.2%
- % of Under 5: 3.9%
- % of Veterans: 23.9%
- % of Disabled: 20.8%
- % of High School Graduates: 84%
- % of Families below Poverty: 11.3%

AdkCAP's Vision

Energy independence in 20 years...WHY?

- Dependence on imported oil for heat during long, cold winters
- Vulnerable to price shocks due to lack of diverse energy supplies
- Higher than average number of older, poorly insulated homes
- Loss of family-sustaining jobs
- Out-migration of young families
- Need for sustainable year-round economies to support infrastructure for tourism and part-time residential population
- Long distances between communities
- Vulnerable to grid outages, causing thousands of dollars in economic damage

AdkCAP's Structure

- Buildings
- Renewable Energy
- Forest and Land
Management
- Transportation
- Municipalities
- Tourism

AdkCAP GOALS

- Increase energy efficiency in buildings 50%
- Increase renewables by 30%
- Increase public transportation 20%
- Reduce vehicle-related carbon emissions by 50%
- Engage 103 communities, 9 million tourists,

Achieving the Goals

- Expand the human infrastructure (codes officers, contractors, auditors)
- Programs need to be flexible enough to work in an isolated, very rural environment
- Getting the word out to diverse but isolated audiences about efficiency/renewables and the opportunities
- Community-based strategies needed
- Maximizing what we do use...making heating systems efficient

The Community Power Network of NYS
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