Informed Consent Form

We are part of a Middlebury College environmental studies class working with the [*insert partner organization/name here*] on their [*insert initiative/project name here*].  [*insert project description here – what follows is example text for a project with the Community Energy Dashboard*] The Dashboard is a web-based engagement tool that will help communities understand energy use at a local level and how communities can contribute to reaching statewide energy goals. While the tool will be available to all towns in the state, Middlebury is one of 5 towns piloting the Dashboard.  One component of the Dashboard is engaging community members through stories. As part of this, we are talking with members of the community about steps they have taken to reduce energy usage in transportation, heating, electricity, and/or through efficiency. These community members will then be featured in profiles on the Community Energy Dashboard website. Reading about the efforts of one’s neighbors through these profiles is an effective way to engage other members of the community in taking similar steps in their lives!

As part of our class project, you are being asked to participate in interviews that will take between 30 minutes and an hour. These interviews will be audio recorded so that we can ensure that we accurately capture the information you share. You may choose to not be recorded. Your name (and potentially your contact information) will be shared with [*insert partner organization/name here*] and will appear in our final report which will be publicly available through our class website (<http://sites.middlebury.edu/envs0401/>).

You can choose not to participate or to end your participation in this project at any time. You can refuse to answer any questions.

If you have any more questions feel free to contact us [*insert interviewer(s) email(s) here*] or our project advisor Diane Munroe (dmunroe@middlebury.edu; 802.443.5925).

Thank you so much for your participation!

I have read and understood the above. I have been offered a copy of this informed consent form.

□ I consent to having this interview recorded.

□ I consent to my name being used in a final written project report

□ I consent to my contact information being used in a final written project report

Participant's Signature                                                   Date

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Participant's Printed Name

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