Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD)

1985-2015: Thirty Years of Planning, Collaboration & Capacity Building in the MRV

PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS

▶ VALLEY-WIDE IMPACT

1985

Sugarbush & Tri-Town (Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren) MOU to "carry out a program of planning for the future of the Mad River Valley. The planning program shall be directed toward the physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic well being of the member Towns and its inhabitants."

Town plan review & assistance to towns, zoning review & support for updates, Sugarbush Act 250 reviews, Irasville master planning project, municipal planning grants, Neighborhood Development Area application (Warren), CVRPC Regional Plan review, flood resilience planning, wastewater

Rural Resource Commission, Rural Resource Protection Plan/Vermont Land Trust Partnership, Housing Needs Assessment, sewerage study, Public Transit Report, regional wastewater strategy, MRV barn assessment, scenic byway initiative, Waitsfield parking & pedestrian study, natural resources & wildlife study, MRV Housing Study, Affordable Land Initiative, state historic buildings survey, MRV Energy Series, Forest Wildlife & Communities Project, "Hill Farming in the MRV" project, MRV Economic Study

Development of Recreation, Economic Development, Housing Committees; Supported emergence of: Mad River Resource Management Alliance, Friends of the Mad River, Mad Path Association, Valley Constables Association, town energy committees; guidance & support to local nonprofits

Valley Forum Series, Valley Vision 2020, Valley Futures Network, It's a Mad River, Vermont Downtown Action Team (VDAT), MRV Economic Summits

Collaborative Leadership MPVPD Steering Committee:

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Selectboard & Planning

- Selectboard & Planning Committee members (2 reps. /town)
- Sugarbush Resort (non-voting)
- MRV Chamber of Commerce
- Central VT Regional Planning Commission (non-voting)

Municipal Planning Support

- Broad regulatory review
- Regular meetings with PC & SB
- Zoning administrators outreach & annual meeting
- Staff assistance to infrastructure project committees

Data & Studies to Update & Inform

- Sharing resources via monthly meetings, Director's Report & quarterly newsletter
- Researching & obtaining funding to stay current & fill data gaps
- Production of annual MRV data report
- Professional development & outreach (state and national conferences, publications, presentations)

Organizational Structures to Guide Action

Ongoing staff assistance to:
MRV Transportation Advisory
Committee, MRV Housing Coalition, MRV
Rural Resources Commission, Mad River
Watershed Conservation Partnership,
Vision & Vitality Steering Committee,
W3MP Taskforce, MRV Moves

Community Engagement

Convene Valley residents & businesses to explore opportunities & path forward