

Mad River Valley

COMMUNITY, NATURAL RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE

REGIONAL

Project Description

A regional effort to take stock of the risks – and start addressing the changes that can be made.

Local, state, and federal agencies are working with local non-profit organizations in the Mad River Valley to address vulnerabilities revealed by Tropical Storm Irene. There are two federal programs funding projects in the area, the Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) planning initiative and the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) program. The SGIA program involves a long-term flood recovery and statewide resiliency planning initiative to help flood prone municipalities adopt strategies to avoid future risk and damage. The AGO program is assisting with tree planting of riparian buffers, encouraging the use of cover cropping, and replacing culverts. The AGO partners are also supporting efforts to conserve key parcels of land from future development.

The AGO partners are working to bring more resilience-focused land management practices, and to reduce conflict between built infrastructure and rivers. The SGIA study will be completed by the end of 2012, offering recommendations and strategies for improving flood resilience in the Mad River Valley watershed.

Lead Organization

Mad River Valley Planning District

Partner Organization(s)

VT DEC, ACCD,
US Fish & Wildlife

What's Next

Study will be done by the end of 2012



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