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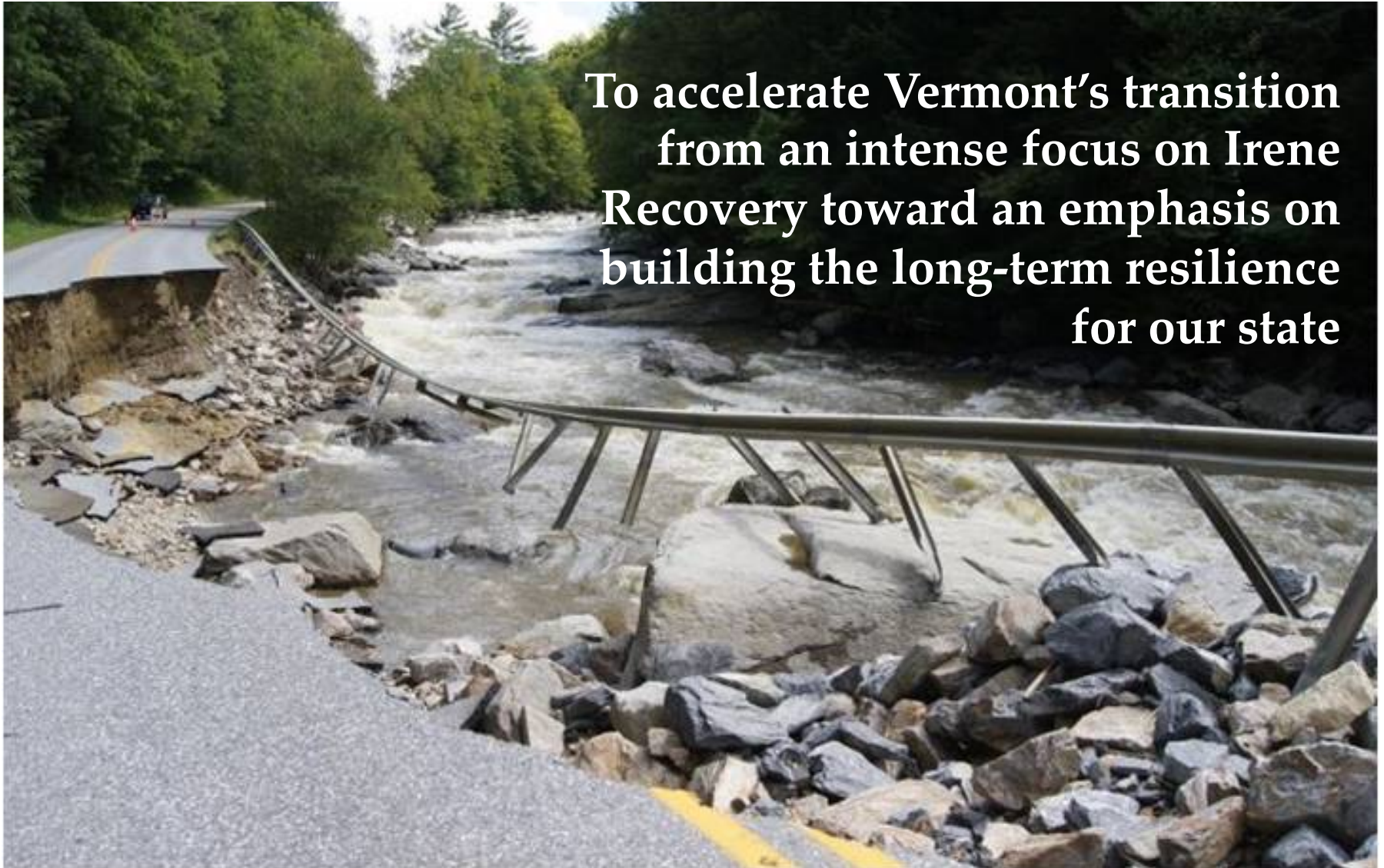
Resilient Vermont Project

Building A Foundation for Success

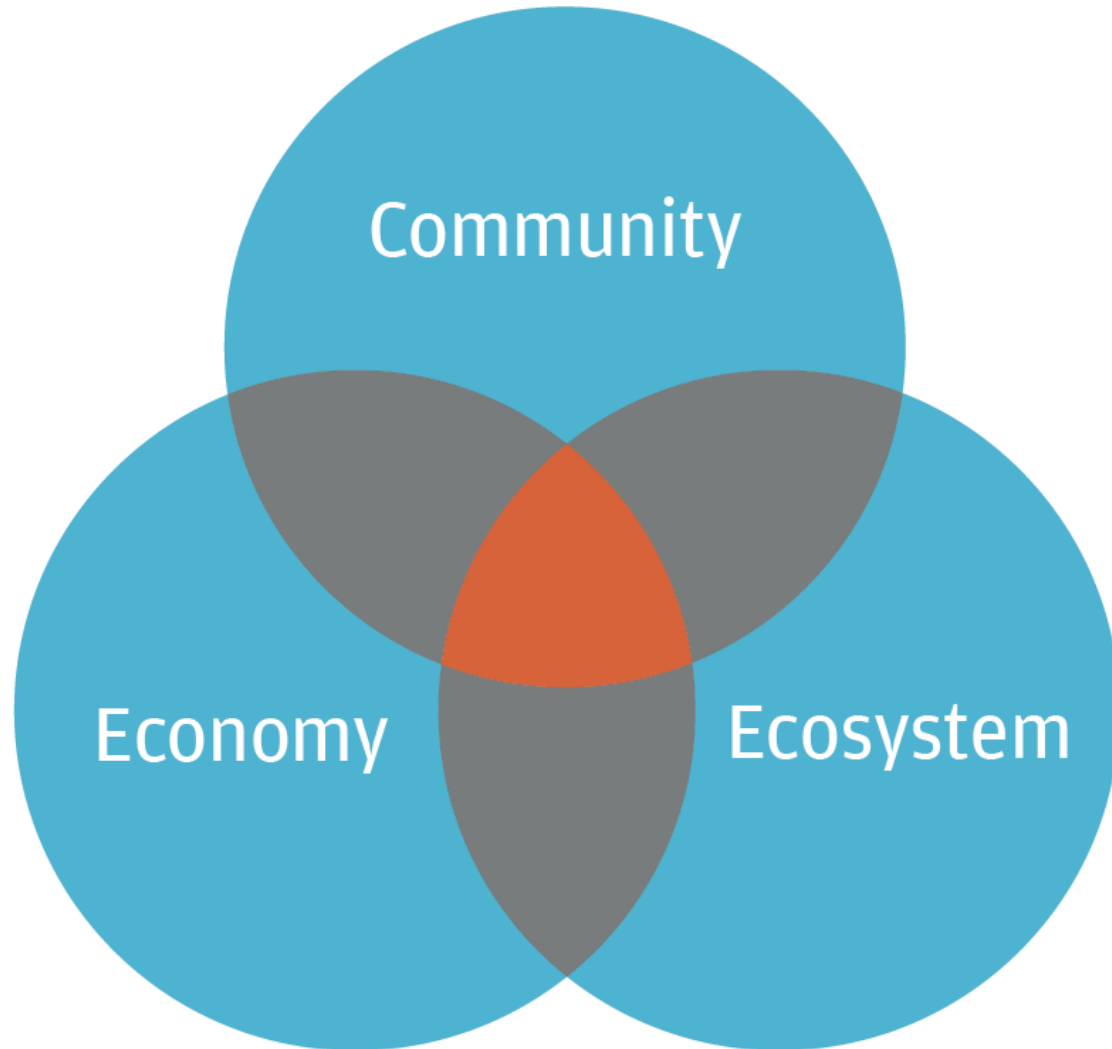
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The Overarching Goal

**To accelerate Vermont's transition
from an intense focus on Irene
Recovery toward an emphasis on
building the long-term resilience
for our state**



The Big Idea: An Integrated Framework



What We Will Create Together

1. Inventory of Action/Gaps
2. “Shared Lens”
3. 3 Multi-Stakeholder Workshops
4. Resource Guide
5. “Resilience Roadmap”

Key Opportunities & Challenges: What we heard from you...

- Strong support for an integrated, comprehensive approach
- Small is beautiful, but...
- Limited resources / capacity at all levels
- Our “ethos of self-sufficiency” can cut both ways...
- Resilience needs to be incorporated at all levels
- We’re ready!

Starter List: Critical Elements of a Resilient Vermont

- Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Enterprise Continuity Planning
- Floodplain Management
- Ecosystem Services Protection & Restoration
- Economic Diversification Strategies
- Risk Management

Starter List: The Four Competencies of a Resilient Vermont

- *Vermont anticipates* problems, opportunities, and potential surprises
- *Vermont prepares and intervenes with* prudent risk management and mitigation
- *Vermont responds*: effectively, fairly, and legitimately.
- *Vermont adapts*: rapidly, better, safer, stronger, and fairer.

Adapted from Community & Regional Resilience
Institute, 2007 & 2009

“One of the great things about living in Vermont is that the same person who would give you a dressing down in a town meeting wouldn’t think twice about helping you out of a ditch.”

*Erik Filkorn, Vermont
Agency of Transportation
Community Recovery
Partnership Report*



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