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# COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR RESILIENCE

A Mad River Watershed-Wide Initiative

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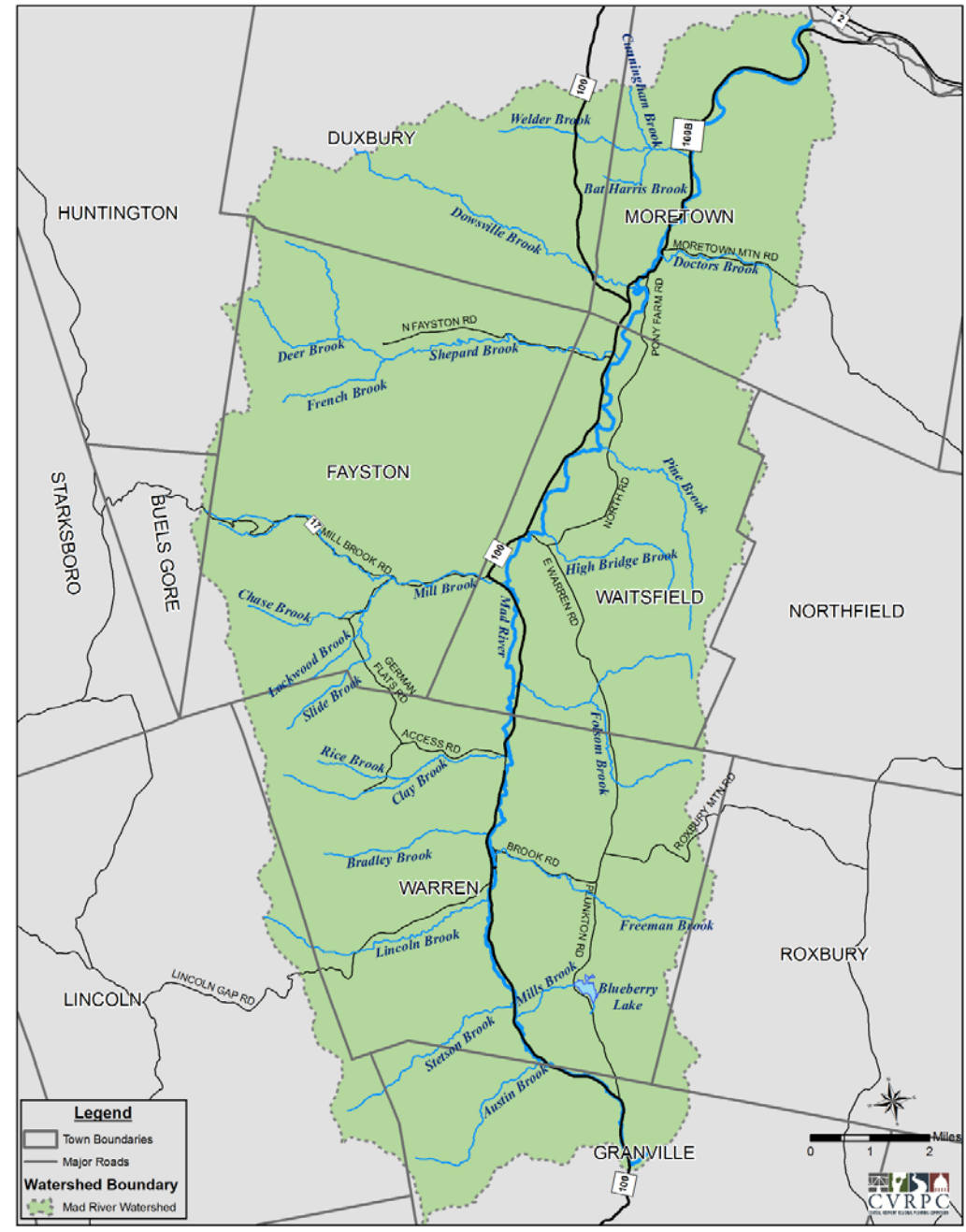
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## SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of the Mad River  
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# The Mad River Watershed

## Water Connects Us



# REMEMBER...



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# We've Come So Far, Yet...



Photos, in order:  
Corrie Miller, Mike Ware,  
FMR, Kim Greenwood

# CONSIDER...

- ***What if*** we carried forward that same sense of camaraderie following Tropical Storm Irene to strengthen our watershed community so that it is less vulnerable in the future?
- ***What if*** we worked with our neighbors to develop innovative solutions?



# 2015 Leahy Center Environmental Summit



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# An Opportunity for Resilience

If we *slow down* rainwater and help it *sink into the ground* ...

- we are less vulnerable in larger floods
- we reduce infrastructure maintenance costs
- we benefit from cleaner water

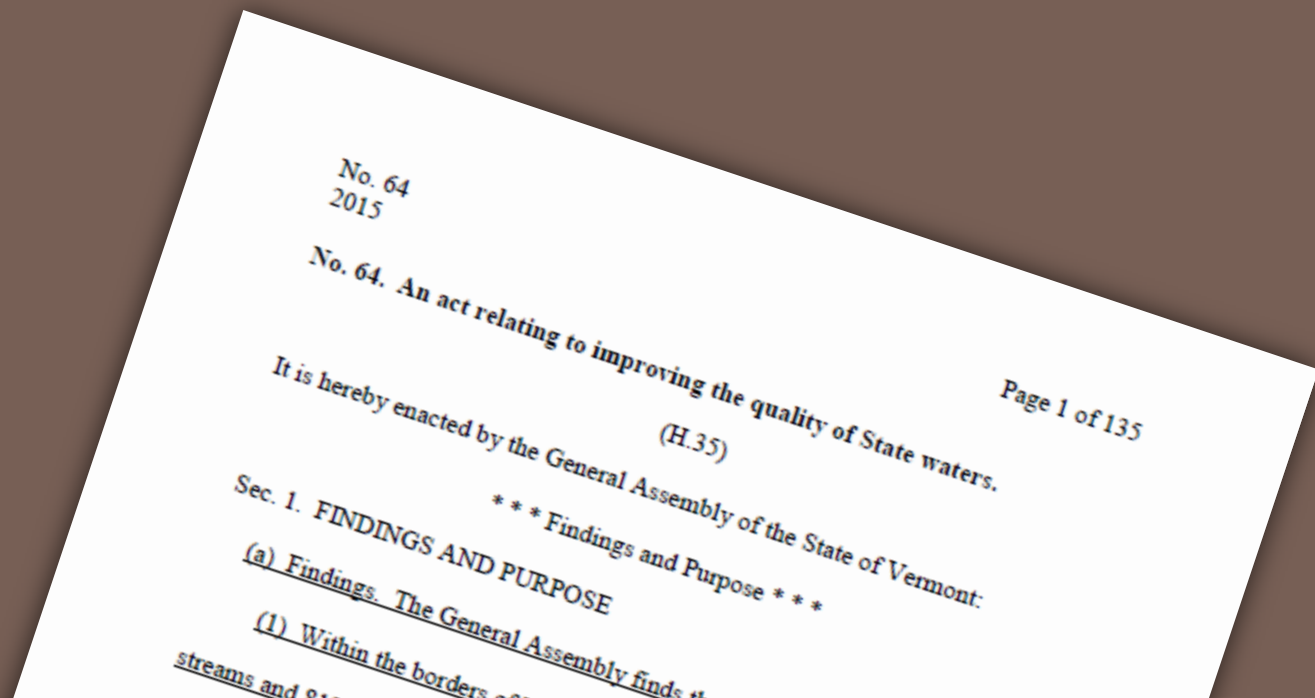
→ Multiple Benefits!



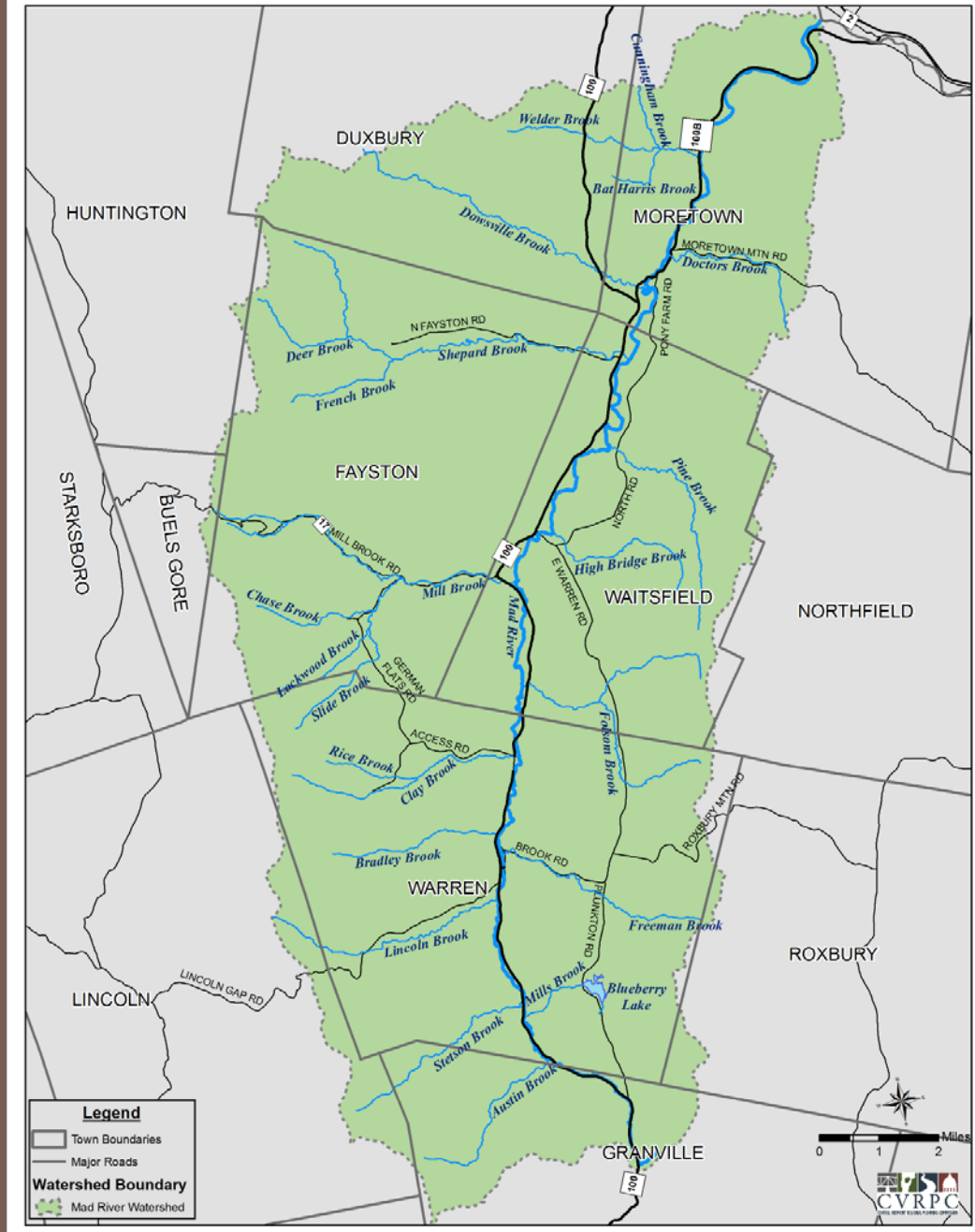
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If we plan together proactively...

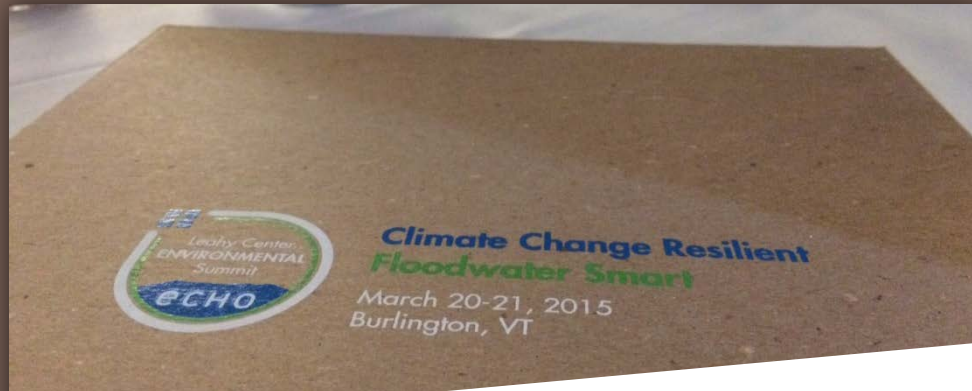
- we can meet impending State requirements with solutions that make sense for our MRV community



# A Watershed –Wide Problem



# 5 Watershed Towns – Support & Involvement



Photos Above:  
Joshua Schwartz

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# PLAN...

The Community Taskforce is developing a long-term approach to improved stormwater management that:



- Is **proactive** to anticipated problems and **responsive** to existing ones
- Identifies **readily achievable strategies** for reducing community vulnerabilities
- Fosters **collaboration** as well as **information and resource-sharing**
- **Improves efficiencies** and **reduces expenses**
- Identifies **sustainable funding** mechanisms
- **Prepares the MRV** for impending state legislation and provides non-regulatory solutions

# RESEARCH...



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- Environmental data assessment
- Municipal policies and practices review
- Innovative Management Recommendations to Community Taskforce, including regulatory and non-regulatory tools
- Community Taskforce, with partner support, will use technical information to shape recommendations tailored to the MRV

# ENGAGE...

## Community Involvement & Input are Critical

- Municipal board involvement – ongoing
- Community Taskforce participation – ongoing
- Two Community Forums – spring & late summer
- Other Community Events – summer



# Recommendations for Action

→ Community Taskforce will use technical recommendations & broad-based input from the community to tailor recommendations to the MRV



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# Thank You! Questions?

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# TIMELINE – Community Taskforce Work

