Project Relationship to Other Projects

The Waterbury Long-Term Recovery Plan presents 22 individual projects that, when completed, will help the community achieve its vision for recovery. Each project has a relationship with one or more of the other projects and implementation of each project will have direct and indirect impacts on other projects. The chart on the following page illustrates the relationships between projects and identifies type of impact each project will have on other projects.
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- **Direct Impact**
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Community Recovery Fair Vote Results

**BALLOT RESULTS**
Waterbury Community Recovery Fair
February 16, 2012

*Priority groupings are based on votes for each project. The listing inside each grouping is alphabetical and does NOT indicate the number of votes received*

**Most Important to the Community**
- Bicycle/Pedestrian System, Welcome Center, and Wayfinding
- Connector Trail to Little River and Beginner and Intermediate Trails at Little River State Park
- Flood Proof Main Sewerage Pump Station
- New Municipal Offices and Library Complex
- Repair/Replace Existing Affordable Housing and Create New Affordable Housing Opportunities
- Waterbury Arts Center
- Waterbury Business Resource Center
- Waterbury Village Flood Study

**Important to the Community**
- Center for Resilient Technology
- Community Distributed Energy
- Community Image Building
- Dac Rowe Flood-Proofing and Recreation Enhancement
- Food System Development
- Generator Procurement Program

**Less Important to the Community**
- Assistant Municipal Planner with Specialty in Economic Development
- Director of Recreation for Waterbury
- Human Services Analysis and Strategy
- Improving Transportation Efficiency
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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**Waterbury Select Board / Village Trustees Meeting**

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Dear Citizens of Waterbury,

On August 28, 2011, Tropical Storm Irene ravaged Vermont with Waterbury suffering more than its share of devastation to homes and businesses. Faced with overwhelming destruction, the citizens of Waterbury have come together to rebuild and recover, and I am pleased to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible efforts.

As I have travelled the state assessing the damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene, I have been overwhelmed by the resilience, courage and good will shown by Vermonters. These qualities have been most visible as Waterbury has worked to meet the community’s immediate needs while simultaneously planning for the long term recovery. Your leadership and drive are a shining example for all of us in Vermont.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to Waterbury’s detailed and well thought out recovery plan. Your plan reflects the values of the Waterbury community and your determination to carry those values forward as you develop the partnerships you will need for a full recovery.

As Governor, I speak for all of Vermont when I say that we are with you, and support you, as you work through the challenges you will face in the coming months. Keep up your good work!

Sincerely,

PETER SHUMLIN
Governor

April 16, 2012

Office of the Lieutenant Governor
15 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
www.ltgov.state.vt.us

March 30, 2012

Phil Scott, Lieutenant Governor

Waterbury Municipal Office
51 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05676

Dear Citizens of Waterbury:

I am writing in support of the incredible efforts of citizens and business owners in Waterbury to overcome the ravages of Tropical Storm Irene. On August 28, 2011, wind and rain flooded some 200 Waterbury homes and businesses as the storm tore through Vermont. It is the state’s worst natural disaster in nearly a century, since the terrible flood of 1927.

Like the 1927 storm, the 2011 event has changed the state physically, socially and politically. Today, groups of volunteers and local and state officials are working through the challenges of meeting immediate needs while maintaining an awareness of the long-term ramifications of the decisions they make.

History is being written in Waterbury now, and those who have contributed to the development of the recovery plan deserve a sincere “thank you” for their hard work. The plan reflects the issues and concerns expressed by members of the community, and the partnerships fostered since Irene form a sturdy foundation for a stronger, more resilient community to come.

The determination and the community commitment shown by Waterbury continue to make it one of the best places to live in Central Vermont. I salute your spirit, and I look forward to supporting your success as we rebuild Waterbury.

Best regards,

Phil Scott

April 2, 2012
April 13, 2012

Dear Officials and Citizens of Waterbury,

I am writing to express my strong support for the tremendous efforts by the citizens and leaders of the Towns and Village of Waterbury as they recover from the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene.

As the Irene Recovery Officer, I know well the impact that TS Irene had on Waterbury, and the over 225 towns impacted. Knowing the extraordinary level of damage to the village residents and the entire business community, I am truly amazed by the enthusiasm and creativity shown in developing your recovery plans, and how quickly you are moving to gather the resources to implement those plans. The Partners Meeting you are hosting in early May should take you a long way toward acquiring the resources you need to move forward in your recovery from the impact of Tropical Storm Irene in August of last year.

Those in leadership positions around the State recognize the magnitude of your efforts toward your long term community recovery and stand with you in working through the challenges you face in the months ahead. Your community is a positive example for those communities that are also struggling to recover from Irene.

The plan you have developed reflects the values of the community itself and will benefit the generations that will follow you. The citizens of Waterbury should be truly proud of what they have accomplished to date, and look forward to their future successes.

Sincerely,

Sue Minter
Irene Recovery Officer

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 2, 2012

Dear Residents of Waterbury,

In the wake of Tropical Storm Irene, few places suffered damage as widespread and economically devastating as Waterbury. Hundreds of homes, dozens of businesses, the town offices and the state office complex all fell victim to the rising waters of the Winooski as the river crested at a level not seen since the flood of 1927.

With the high waters came very real adversity for those affected. Lives were upended as people’s shelter, livelihoods, workplaces, and sense of normalcy were washed downstream. Waterbury’s response to this disaster has been an inspiration. From the heroic acts to save people and property on the night of the storm to the countless caring deeds performed in the days, weeks and months afterwards, Waterbury has helped remind us all what it means to be Vermonters.

Waterbury reminded us all that we live in a place where neighbors look after each other. We live in a place where hundreds of people show up at the Thetser Brook School in the days after the storm eager for the opportunity to help someone they’ve never met before. We live in a place where the homeowner standing in front of a wrecked house sends help along to the neighbor because “they need it more than I do.”

As the citizens of Waterbury have worked together to restore homes and businesses, an innovative process has been underway to create a long-term community recovery plan that will act as a guide to rebuilding and creating new economic opportunities. As with every step in the recovery process, implementing this plan will not be easy, and it will not take place quickly. However, the results will be well worth the effort for generations of Waterbury residents to come.

We have been working closely with Governor Shumlin to make sure Vermont receives all the federal resources it needs to rebuild all our communities as quickly and successfully as possible. We look forward to putting our combined resources to work in continuing to assist Waterbury on its road to new life and vitality.

Sincerely,

PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator

BERNIE SANDERS
United States Senator

PIETER WELCH
United States Representative
Letters of Support

Waterbury Municipal Office
51 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05676

March 29, 2012

Dear Citizens of Waterbury,

As we all know, Waterbury was devastated by Tropical Storm Irene on August 28, 2011. Portions of the town are forever altered but the community’s determination remains strong. Waterbury is committed, now more than ever, to rebuild and revitalize the community.

The storm brought destruction and loss to many parts of Waterbury – in dramatic moments that some residents will never forget. The storm also brought an opportunity to rejuvenate and improve the town. Local citizens and businesses have identified needs and prioritized projects necessary to spearhead economic recovery and future well-being.

FEMA’s specialized long-term recovery team has worked with city officials and support groups to create a community plan that includes projects specific to sustainable development in Waterbury. We look forward to working with state and federal agencies and local officials to identify sources of funding for recovery projects as implementation proceeds.

The recovery plan serves as a guide as the citizenry carries its vision forward. Waterbury will select and develop projects that most clearly define the future it intends to endorse. Resiliency and growth are goals we all can support.

Those who contributed to the development of this plan deserve our heartfelt thanks and now we dedicate ourselves toward its implementation. The time has come to move toward the new reality and we pledge our full support to Waterbury in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Sam Andersen, Executive Director
Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation

Hal Cohen, Executive Director
Central Vermont Community Action Council

George Malek, President
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Linda Rossi, Deputy Director
Vermont Small Business Development Center
We would like to thank all of the many people who helped Waterbury in recovering from the flood, and in developing our long-term community recovery plan, including our dedicated FEMA long-term recovery team. We would especially like to recognize those listed below who participated in our planning meetings, and we apologize in advance for omissions.

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Waterbury artist Sarah-Lee Terrat’s rendition of Washington Crossing the Delaware; Washington County Crossing Main Street during Tropical Storm Irene.
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