

Role of MRVPD Post-COVID-19

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- The “need” mid/post-CV19 is not to change everything, but to:
 - o Recognize and hold the facts of a more economically disadvantaged and socially/physically distant community; has the priorities of the community (and thus MRVPD) changed?
 - o Continue to build *systems* of support for vulnerable human and environmental populations, including expanding opportunities for affordable housing, sustainable transportation, and economic security.
 - o To refocus attention on community capitals, hope & progress.
 - What can we *learn* (and transform, positively) from this?
 - Are there other vulnerabilities in MRV exposed by CV19?
 - o Potentially: lack of trust b/t 2nd homeowners?
 - Areas of greatest need as identified by MRV Emergency Response Team/MRV EMDs?
 - Gaps in service as identified by MRV Emergency Response Team, MRV EMDs, others?
 - How can we showcase strong social capital through the positive community action and reactions already occurring?
- Civic Infrastructure. MRVPD focus its role as coordinator, convener, and collaborator.
 - o Build, maintain, and re-energize community connections
 - Including MRV TAC, Trails Collaborative, ZAs, Steering Committee
 - Other partners or themes to consider?
 - o Launch new MRVPD communications platforms to increase information sharing and make connections.
 - o Identify and share funding opportunities (keeping focus on state/federal resources)
- Capitalize on urgency to support the most vulnerable to bring new energy and awareness to housing, transportation, energy efficiency/independence, small and local businesses, food security, expanded employment options, etc.
 - o Use this “opportunity” to achieve short and long-term goals; In particular, active transportation, smart growth/affordable housing, and economic assistance/diversity address short term challenges and long term public health and sustainability [goals](#).
 - o Can lead into Community Indicators Project.
- Launch MRV Community Indicators project to:
 - o Revisit and refine understanding of community identity and vision;
 - o Bring together community organizations, individuals, and local officials in a positive effort;
 - o Develop long-term structure to measure and track community wellbeing, inform community needs and assets, and support efforts to build resilience.

- Focus municipal-level action on resilience [strategies](#):
 - o Infrastructure redundancy
 - o Emergency plans
 - o Strong local institutions
 - Robust communication systems (officials – residents)
 - Good governance & trusted local officials
 - o Diversified economy
 - Green jobs; jobs with secure wages & benefits
 - o Community connection