

## **Montpelier Commission on Recovery and Resilience February 2024 Update**

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During the past month, the Montpelier Commission for Recovery and Resilience (MCRR) focused on informing and inviting feedback from the community. It held a public forum on February 15th at which it presented its progress and priorities thus far and collected comments from attendees. Approximately 100 people participated either in person or via Zoom and offered suggestions or asked questions. ORCA Media recorded the event, and the video can be seen here:

<https://www.orcamedia.net/show/montpelier-commission-recovery-and-resilience-mcrr-public-forum-live-2152023>

The Commission is now reviewing the valuable input and will use it to inform its work in the months ahead. Another public forum will be held in May.

Also in February, MCRR reviewed applications from more than 60 candidates and conducted initial interviews for an executive director to work full-time to make Montpelier more resilient. The strong interest in the position reflects the depth of support for the community and its future.

As a result of MCRR's leadership, partners continued to resolve legal issues surrounding the 5 Home Farm Way parcel which will allow flood mitigation work on the site to begin.

A final highlight was continued coordination with the Congressional Delegation to pressure the U.S. Postal Service to restore Montpelier's post office. The United States Postal Service indicates it is in negotiations for a temporary location in downtown which it expects to announce soon.

More information about the Commission, its activities or related resources can be found at [www.montpelierstrong.org](http://www.montpelierstrong.org)