# **VECAN 2014**

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## The times we're in



# FEMA Requirements Changing...the writing is on the wall!

Minimum vs what they know is needed and would like to see



# Hazard Mitigation vs Emergency Operations

future loss avoidance vs incident command

Avoid

• Avert





## Benefits of a Strong Planning Process

- Increased awareness re: vulnerability
- Increased support for needed action
- Increased sense of community
- Partnerships
- Reduced loss
  Eligibility for grants

# **Basic Planning Steps**

Public Involvement
Risk Assessment
Mitigation Strategies
Implementation and Monitoring

## **Building Community**



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Emergency management & incident command

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Environment & conservation

. and all all and

Social services & long-term recovery Building resilient communities by breaking down silos, conducting climate adaptation work, completing hazard mitigation tasks, and strengthening engagement.



#### **Day for CROing: Potential Projects**

- Create "vulnerability checklist", emergency preparedness kits and info packets
  Build self-sufficiency into community electric and heating needs
  Help homeowners work on heat and food
  - self-sufficiency during power outages
- Check anchoring of propane tanks
- Neighborhood readiness groups
- ...and so many more...

#### Jeffersonville

#### Waterbury

#### Hartford

#### Londonderry

Lamoille County RPC

Windham

Regional

Commission

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AHS/Dept. of Health

ANR / DEC / Rivers Management

and an an

Dept. of Housing & Community Development Upper Valley Strong

NH/VT Red Cross

VLCT

ISC

Putney

#### Community Resilience Organizations

Vermont Emergency Management

VTrans

and the state

VNRC/ AVCC/ Watersheds United

VYCC/ White River Partnership

2015 Partners

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