# **VECAN 2015**

## CROS Community Resilience Organizations

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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

Adapt



## 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

Emergency management & incident command

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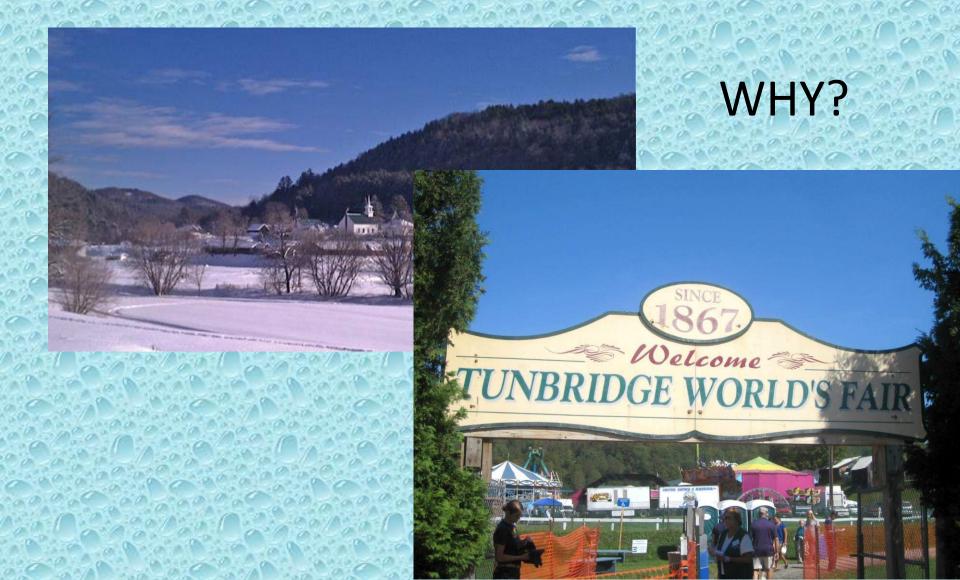
Energy, environment & conservation

Social services & long-term recovery

## **Building Community**



#### Tunbridge = Social Cohesion



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...

Community Resilience Self-Assessment Tool:



- Basic Needs & Services (incl: energy independence and stability, food, health care, shelter)
- Environment & Natural Systems
- Physical Infrastructure
- Community Connections & Capacity

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