

Making the Case for Resilience

Choosing the argument for the audience.





The Municipal Sector is also . . .

- energy commission
- planning commission
- conservation commission
- planning department
- town manager's office
- parks and recreation department
- parks and recreation commission
- tree board
- and much more . . .

Why are we speaking about building resilience rather than sustainability?

- It's inclusive.
 - the Elk's Club, the local Grange . . .
- It's broad.
 - skills, community, networks, systems.
- It's positive!
 - and quickly paints a picture of how we would like to be.

Different sides of the coin that work together

Resilience

“climate adaptation”

“hazard mitigation”

“emergency preparedness”

Sustainability

“environmental preservation”

“emissions reduction”

“Earth first”

Argument type

Financial

Environmental

Public Safety

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Financial

It will save money for the taxpayers, or the town, through savings, grants, etc.

Environmental

We have a moral obligation to other species, future generations, the rest of the world, etc.

Public Safety

It is part of our responsibility to look out for the wellbeing of the residents, regarding weather events, supply interruptions, price escalations.



A First Friday/First Saturday Series

COLLAPSE!

Our Uncertain Future and How To Feel Good About It!

Record-breaking weather ... resource depletion ... unsustainable growth economy
Explore the possibility of economic, environmental and energy collapse, what we can do to prepare, and how it might make way for a better life!

1st Presenter

BEN FALK: Homesteader and Land Planner **Becoming Resilient, Why and How**



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7-9 P.M.

At Bugbee Senior Ctr, 262 N. Main St., White River Junction, VT 05001 - Free
How can we modify our human habitat to feed ourselves, heat our homes and stay healthy in the face of uncertainty? Ben Falk, author of *The Resilient Farm and Homestead*, is a well-known leader in the study and practice of home resiliency.

Discussion and break out groups to follow.

A Hard Look at How Ready We Really Are

WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 9 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

At The Center for Transformational Practice, 149 Latham Works La., WRJ - \$50
Resilience starts at home. Case studies give the overview you need to assess your vulnerabilities and ways to overcome them. Evaluate aspects of your home and land as well as the sources of your food, heat, and energy. Whether you want to tread lightly, save money or prepare for the worst, this workshop is for you!

To register email transformationalpractice@gmail.com

Watch for These Upcoming Speakers and Workshops in the Series!

- 12/6/13 **GWEN HALLSMITH**, author of *The Key To Sustainable Cities*
- 2/7/14 **JIM MERKEL**, author of *Radical Simplicity*
- 3/7/14 **MARTA CERONI**, Sustainable Economics Director for the Donella Meadows Institute

HOSTS: Transition Five Villages, Hartford, VT and The Center for Transformational Practice, White River Junction, VT

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LET'S TALK ABOUT



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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

GWEN HALLSMITH **CAUSES AND CURES OF** **OUR ECONOMIC INSTABILITY**



December 4, 7 p.m. Free admission to the public
Bugbee Senior Ctr, 262 N. Main St., White River Junction, VT

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