

**Montgomery Mitigation Planning Meeting**  
**March 17, 2025, 5:30 PM**  
**Montgomery Public Safety Building and Zoom**

**Attendance:** Doug Kopacz, Greg Lucas, Mark Brouillette, Charlie Hancock

The goal of the meeting was to update the risk assessment, review changes in development since 2017 regarding reducing or increasing the community's risk and review past mitigation actions and their status. Communities must identify a range of potential actions that can reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and property from hazards. These actions should address higher ranked hazards identified through risk assessments and consider community needs and resources.

Shaun reviewed the results of the community survey to date.

The group discussed changes in development along river corridors and in any potentially hazard prone areas. There has been very little to no growth in Montgomery since the last plan. No new developments or changes in land use have occurred that would make the community at risk. There have been some road projects that have occurred to upgrade infrastructure. The group began reviewing municipal projects and the ones that should occur reside with the state. Lauren from NRCS has been working on watershed mitigation study for Trout River but no work has been done.

The group reviewed hazards and continued with the risk assessment scoring and ranking each hazards. They reviewed the hazard risk rating and made a few changes.

There was discussion regarding NFIP and the draft Flood Insurance Maps for the Missisquoi Watershed. There was a lot of difficulty accessing the draft data from FEMA/USGS. There is a follow up meeting scheduled with FEMA/USGS for local officials. ANR has been trying to get more information and have been helpful with the meeting schedules and data releases but the information has been vague. It is anticipated that the new data won't be officially released for another year or so.

The group reviewed a few maps and disaster history that will be included in the plan. Charlie and Mark explained various roles and responsibilities within the town.

The group reviewed existing plans, studies, reports and technical information that pertain to and support the mitigation plan. Charlie provided a lot of background on the NRCS Tyler Branch Project. He noted there were many projects identified that could benefit the community.

The group began discussion town capabilities related to mitigation. In summary, it was agreed that Montgomery does as well as most rural communities of similar size with limited staffing. There was a discussion on the difficulty of recruiting committee volunteers and volunteers in general. The next meeting will be more in depth of community capabilities.

**Action Items:**

- NRPC will draft minutes and post to project website.
- NRPC will continue drafting the plan and send out to planning committee and stakeholders for input/review.

- The PW Director will review the status of studies and recent PW projects
- The Fire Chief will provide fire response reporting information

Meeting ended at approximately 7 p.m.