



# **MAD RIVER VALLEY**

## PLANNING DISTRICT

MRV Town Leadership Meeting  
November 21, 2019

# MRVPD Purpose

*...carry out a program of planning for the future of the Mad River Valley...directed toward the **physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural & aesthetic** well-being of the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield & Warren and their inhabitants.*

*- MRVPD Articles of Agreement, March 1985*

# MRVPD Roles





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### Steering Committee

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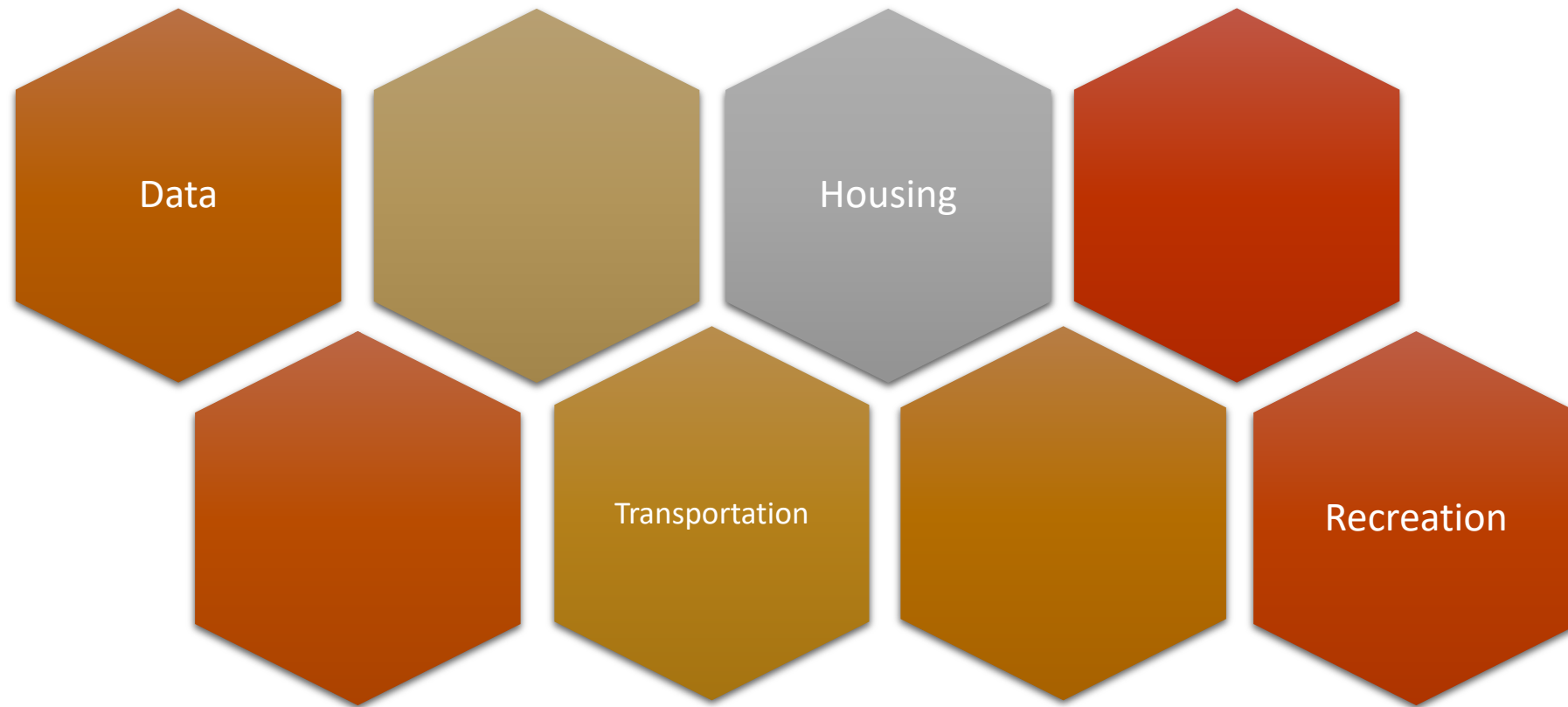
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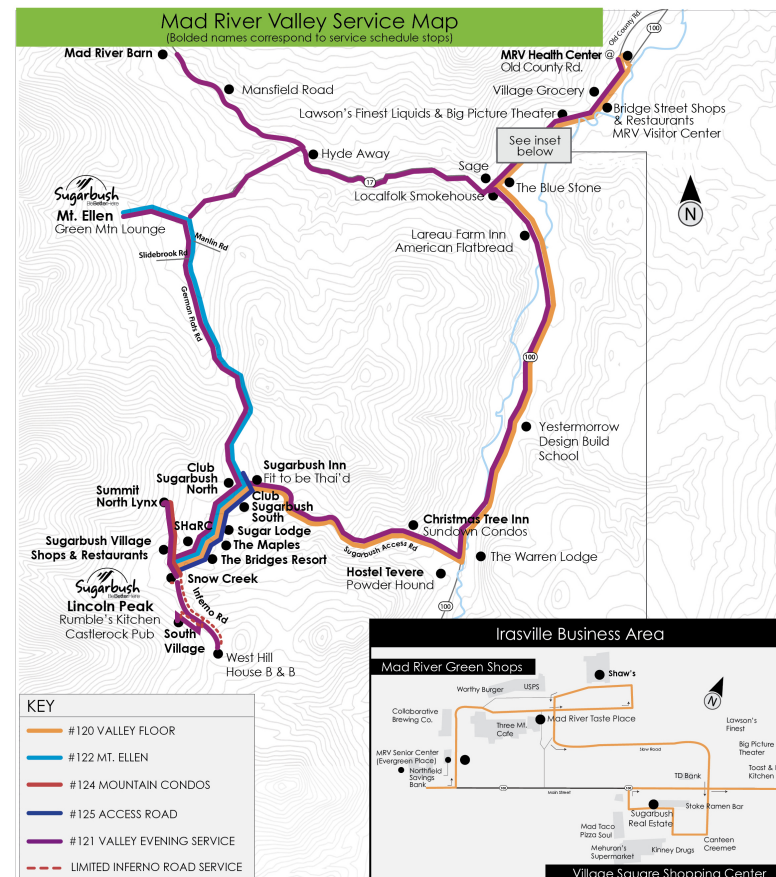
# MRVPD Focus Areas, 2019



# Transportation

## MRV Mobility

- Infrastructure Improvements
- Mad Bus schedule & alignment





# Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- East Warren Community Market
- Warren Municipal Office
- Mad River Taste Place



# MRVPD Transportation Advisory Committee

## Scope & Purpose

- Forum to share and recommend planning improvements to the transportation system
- Expands local decision-making and planning of transportation priorities, projects, and long-range plans to address transportation issues in the MRV

## Work

- Mad Bus schedule & alignment
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Community Initiatives

## Meetings

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday
- Gen. Wait House

# Recreation

## Mad River Valley Active Transportation Plan



## Scope & Purpose

- Watershed-wide long-range vision for Active Transportation
- Builds upon the decades of projects and organizations dedicated to Active Transportation in the Valley
- Cohesive & collaborative framework for realizing the vision
- Communicates the Importance of Active Transportation
- Future Opportunities Map for the MRV
- Guidance for:
  - Trail and facility design & management
  - Implementation
  - Funding
  - Permitting & approvals

# Plan Recommendations

## VILLAGE CENTERS

- Streetscape Improvements
- Complete Streets
- Active Transportation Tourism and Bike/Ped Friendly Communities

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- Pedestrians
- Bicyclists
- Motorists
- Dogs

## DESIGNATION OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- Unified Signage & Wayfinding System
- Consistent Mapping
- Branding



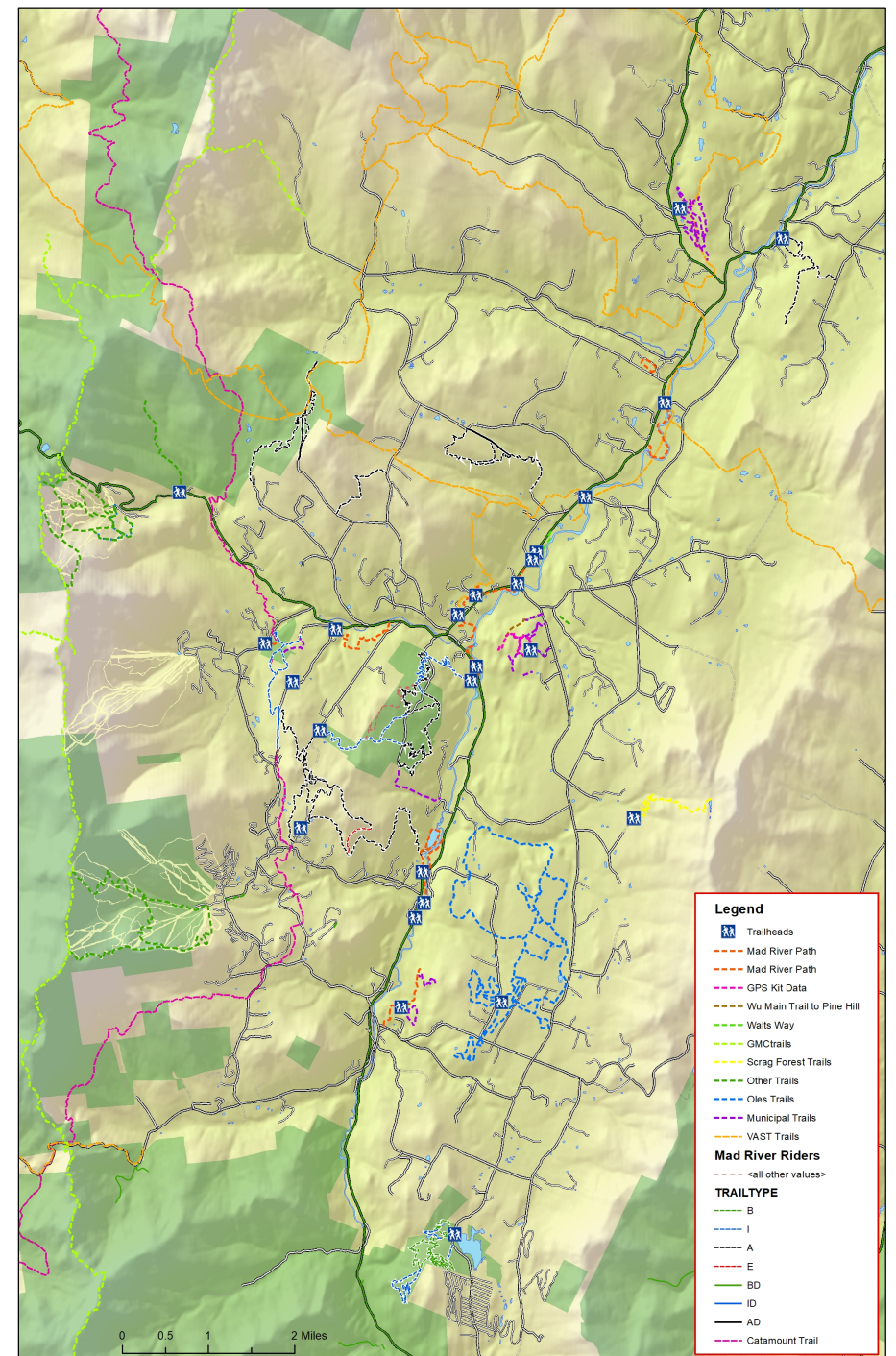
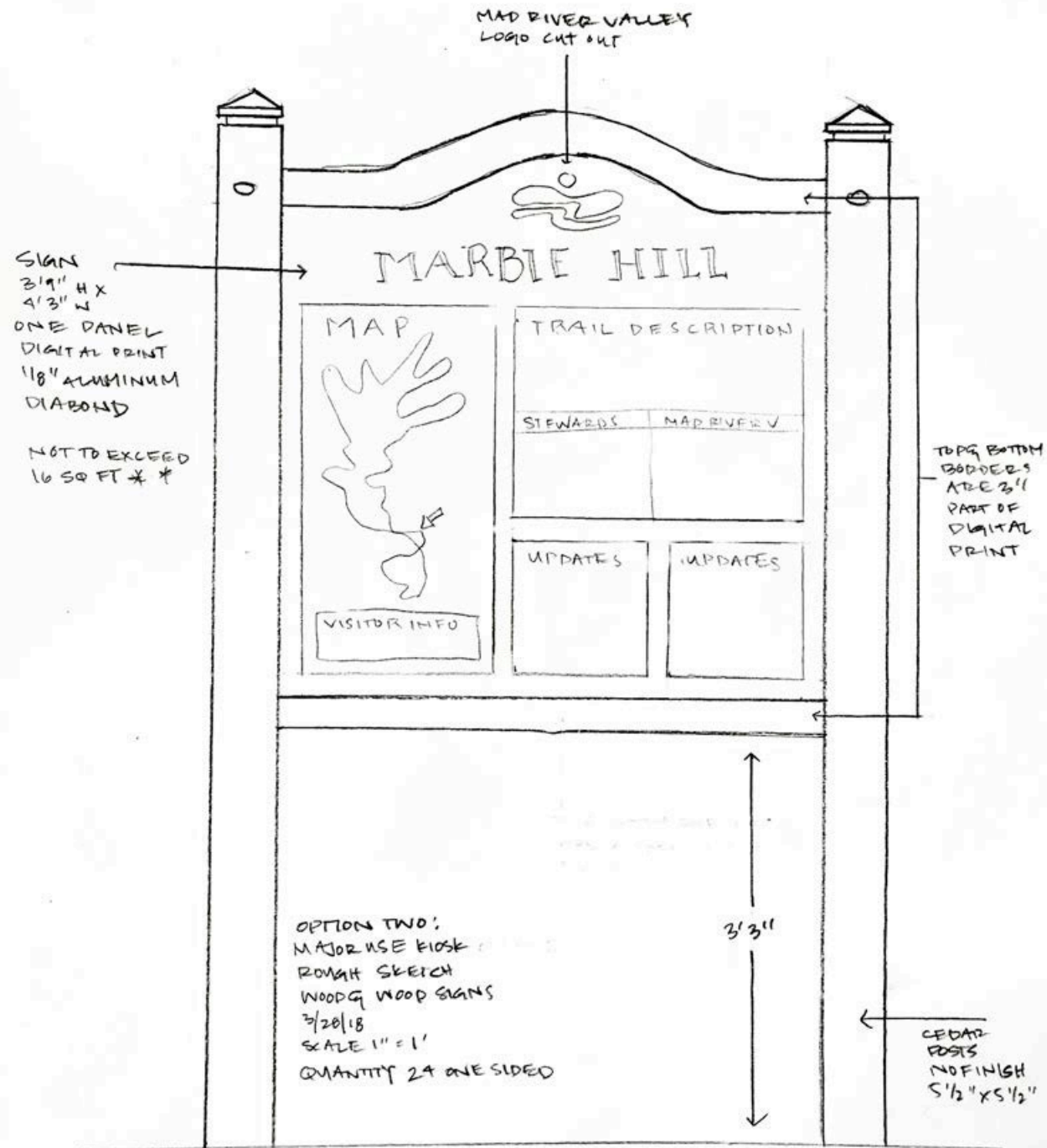
# MRV Unified Trailhead Kiosk & Mapping Project

## Products

- 52 Unified Trailhead Kiosks
- Updated Paper Map
- Digital Map

## How

- Funding
  - Towns
  - Grants
  - Volunteers
- Project Management
  - MRVPD










# Trailhead Kiosks





# Map Products






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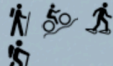


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## Camel's Hump State Forest: Howe Block Mountain Bike Trails





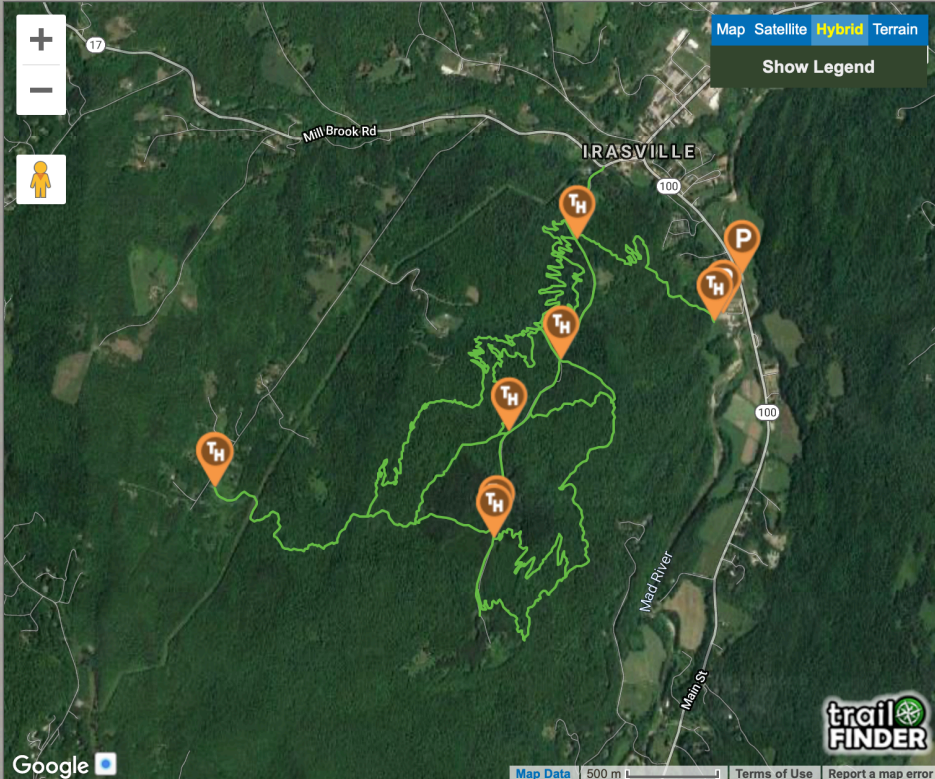
**Quick Facts**

Trail Activity	
Towns	Fayston (VT), Waitsfield (VT)
Difficulty	Moderate, Advanced
Length	13.4 miles, Network
Surface	Packed Earth/Dirt, Rock/Ledge, Boardwalk/Bog Bridging
Pets	
Fees	

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Map Satellite Hybrid Terrain

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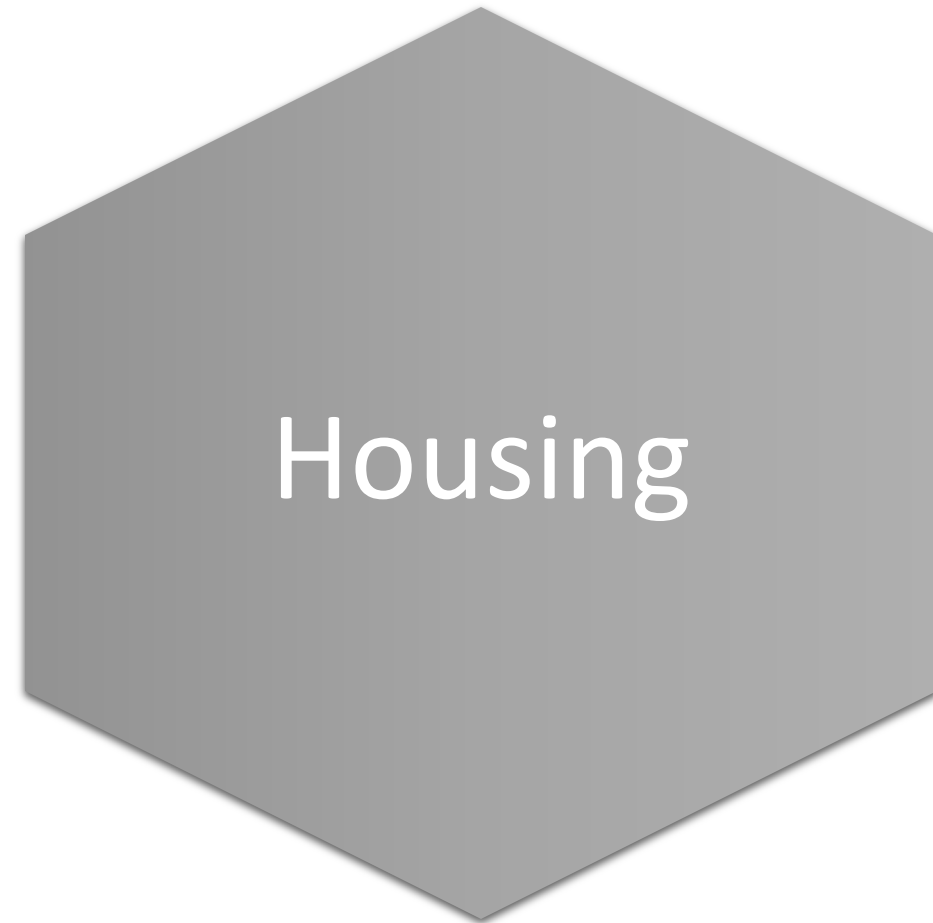
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# 2017 MRV Housing Study

## an overview



Affordable housing in the Mad River Valley  
...a key to future economic vitality



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# MRV Housing Coalition

## Scope & Purpose

- Support the planning and production of a variety of housing options within the Mad River watershed through education, information and advocacy.
- Serve as a resource for developers, individuals, municipalities and nonprofits, and is available to channel resources for programs. MRVPD provides staffing support and technical assistance.

## Meetings

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

## Work

- Housing Partners
- Workplan
- Spring 2020 Housing Summit

### Board of Directors

Karl Klein (Chair)  
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# Mad River Valley Housing Demand & Market Analysis

## Focus

- Measured assessment of present and future unmet housing demand for the MRV based on supply and demand factors.
- Provide community leaders a basis for making decisions regarding community-specific housing policy alternatives, development initiatives, and prioritization.
- Primary Market (Waitsfield, Warren & Fayston)

## Funding

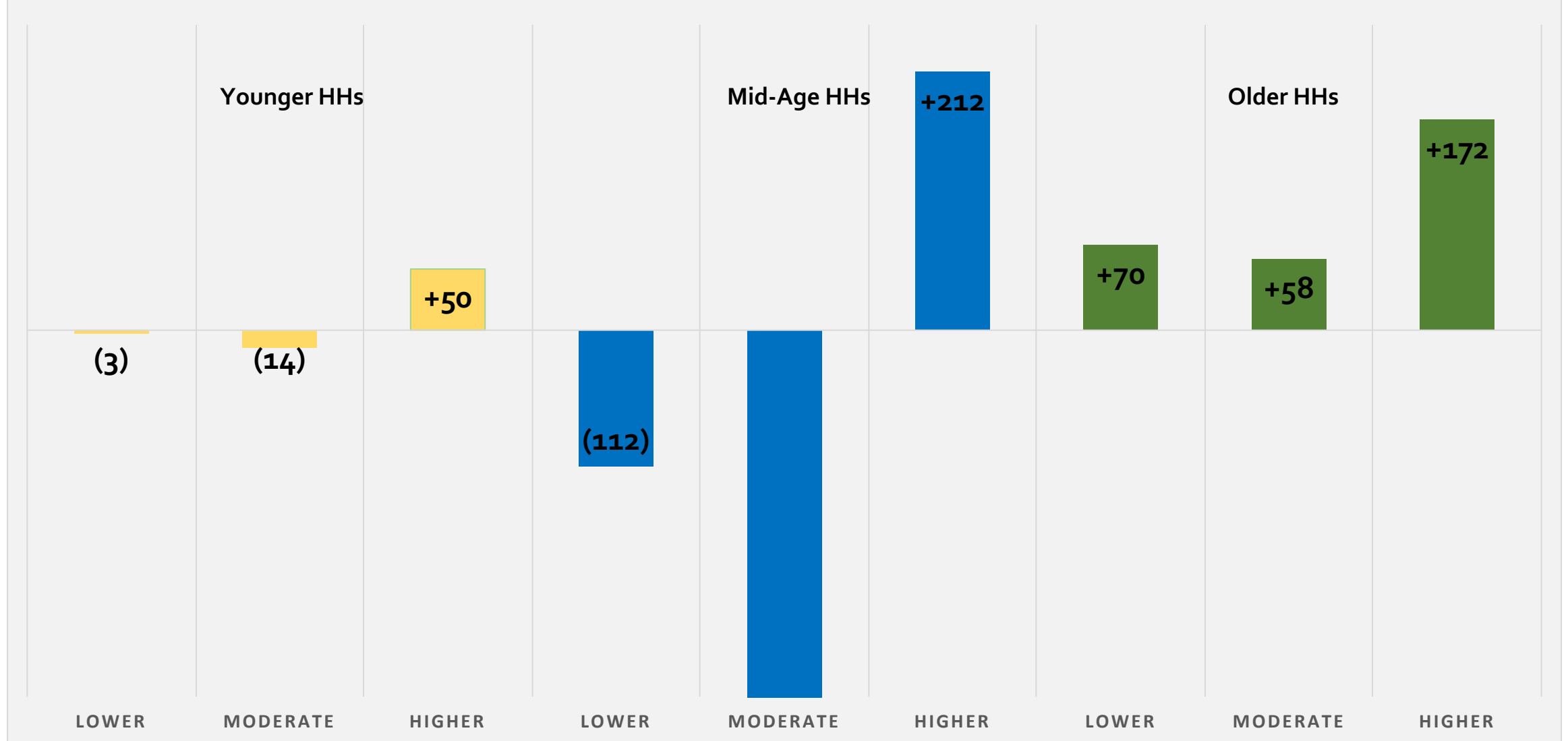
- MRVPD
- Warren, Fayston & Waitsfield

## Timing

- Start: June 2019
- Interim-Report: Sept 2019
- Final Report: Dec 2019
- Presentation: Spring 2020

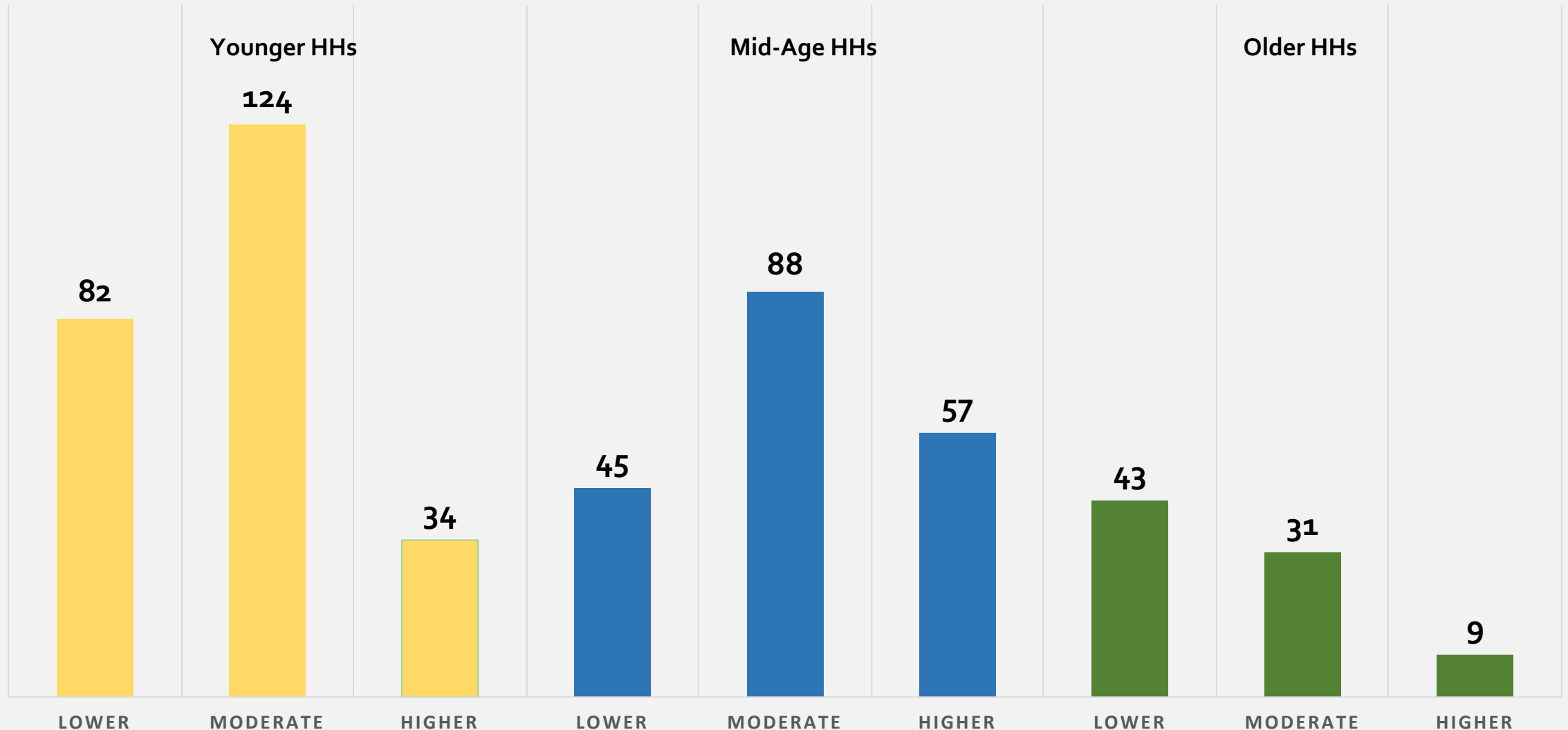
# Demographic Realities

PROJECTED CHANGE: NUMBER OF HHS BY AGE/INCOME



# Market Realities – Who is Moving?

HHS SEEKING NEW HOME: BY AGE/INCOME



# Employer/Public Assessment

## Employers have Strong Concerns Regarding Housing

- 83% Say Lack of Housing has Effect on Ability to Hire

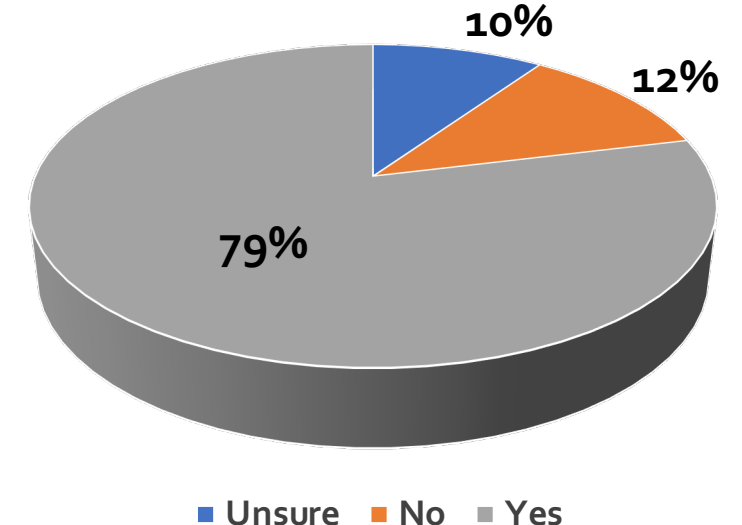
## Employers/Public say the most critical housing issues are

- Shortage of Rental Housing in Valley
- Price of Ownership Housing too High for Valley employees

## Employers/Public say development priorities are

- Ownership Housing for 1<sup>st</sup> Time Buyers
- Affordable/Below Market Rental

Is a Lack of Housing Choices having a Negative Effect on Businesses?



# Employer/Public Assessment

## Senior Housing

- Senior Population *will* Grow
- Rental Housing – Tax Credit w/some Subsidies if Available

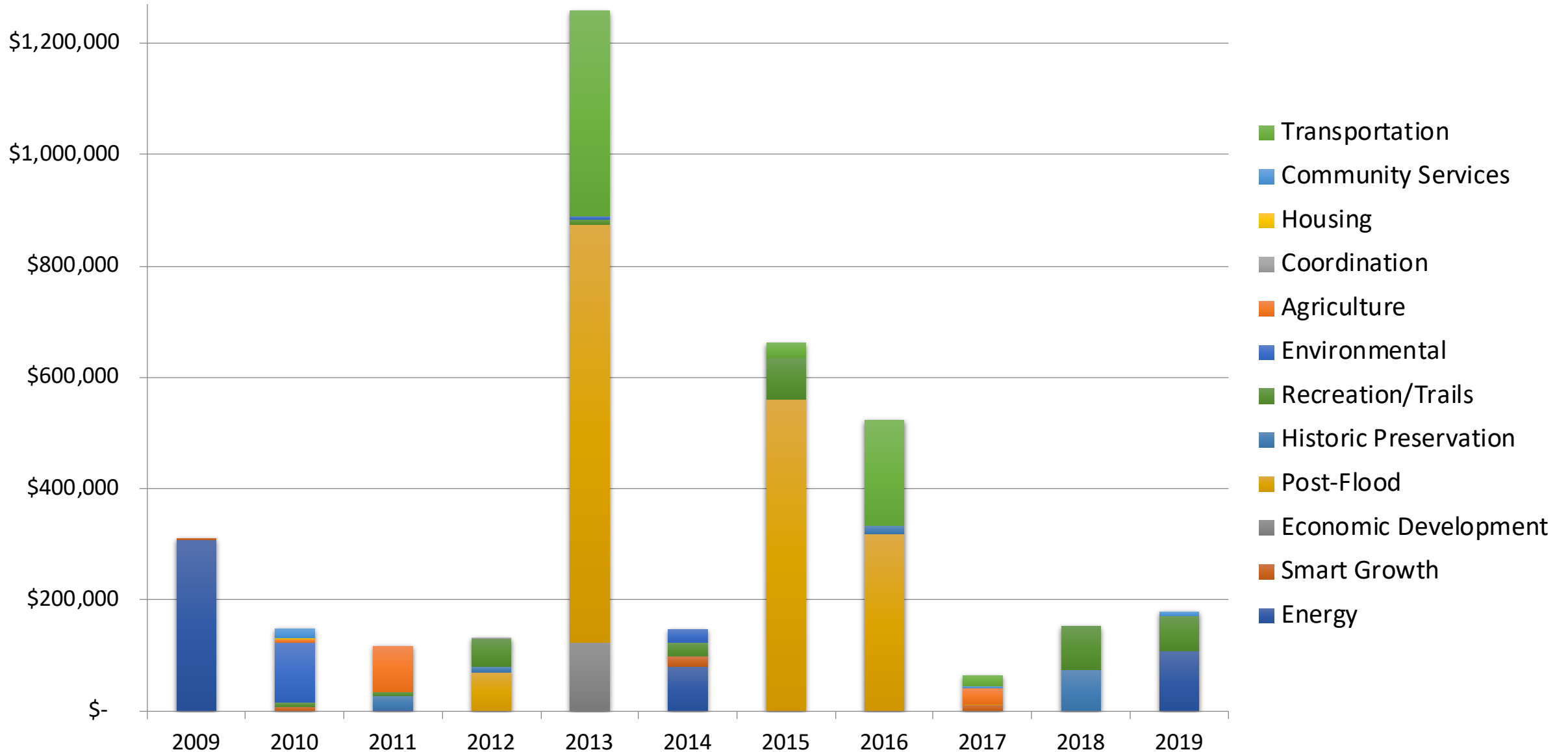
## Workforce Rental

- Mixed Income – Tax Credit & Market for HHs up to 120% Median

## Ownership

- Small Scale Project – Likely Pace 4+/- Moderate Units Annually

## Grant Funding



## Transportation

- MRVTAC
- Mad Bus
- Town Projects

## Housing

- MRV Housing Coalition
- Strategic Planning
- Housing Summit

## Placemaking

- Waitsfield PC on “downtown”
- Byway Signage Upgrade

## Recreation

- Active Transportation Implementation
- MRV Trails Collaborative

## Municipal

- Fayston Town Plan
- Warren Zoning Regulations

## Data

- 2020 Data Report & MRV Indicator

## Sugarbush

- Development Projects
- Ownership Evolution

# MRVPD Operating Expenses

	Approved Budget	Projected Actual	Proposed Budget
Expenditures	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>
Salaries, benefits, taxes	\$159,117	\$145,614	\$166,174
Rent	\$3,523	\$3,252	\$3,577
Telephone	\$2,100	\$1,235	\$1,240
Supplies/Computer	\$2,832	\$1,254	\$1,285
Travel + Conference	\$1,591	\$1,245	\$1,276
D/P/wrkshp + Tri BOS	\$550	\$300	\$300
Dues & Subscriptions	\$875	\$882	\$882
Office Ins.	\$1,675	\$1,915	\$2,000
Bookkeeping Services	\$3,600	\$2,579	\$3,800
Website Rebuild	\$851	\$850	\$0
Website Maintenance	\$0	\$130	\$0
Economic Dev Tools	\$2,000	\$29,021	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$178,714</b>	<b>\$188,277</b>	<b>\$190,534</b>
<b>Surp/Defic.</b>	<b>(\$12,363)</b>	<b>\$9,317</b>	<b>(\$9,570)</b>



# MRVPD Funding

	Approved	Proposed	Change
Revenue	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	%
	<i>dues at</i>	<i>dues at</i>	
	<b>\$44,067</b>	<b>\$45,317</b>	<b>3%</b>
Towns	\$44,067	\$45,317	
Sugarbush	\$44,067	\$45,317	
Other Revenue	\$9,232	\$0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$189,500</b>	<b>\$181,272</b>	



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**Thank you!**

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