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Many people and organizations have helped imagine and bring this site to life.

This web project grew out of the multiple floods of 2011 and the realization that Vermont needed to change practices or face increasing and unsustainable losses. To become flood resilient much of the work in Vermont will happen at the community level. This user-focused website-portal for community leaders and champions was first imagined as a critical tool to support collaboration and action by people across the state.

The Flood Ready Vermont website is a work in progress. Please stay in touch. Tell your stories and <u>let us know</u> your needs, questions and ideas!

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Please keep the advice coming!

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