

Vermont Highlights

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IRENE IMPACTS

- 90% of towns
- >20% of state highway miles



Lars Gange / [Mansfield Heliflight](#)

- 200 bridges
- 3500 homes/businesses
- 13 isolated towns



[Carosaurus](#)

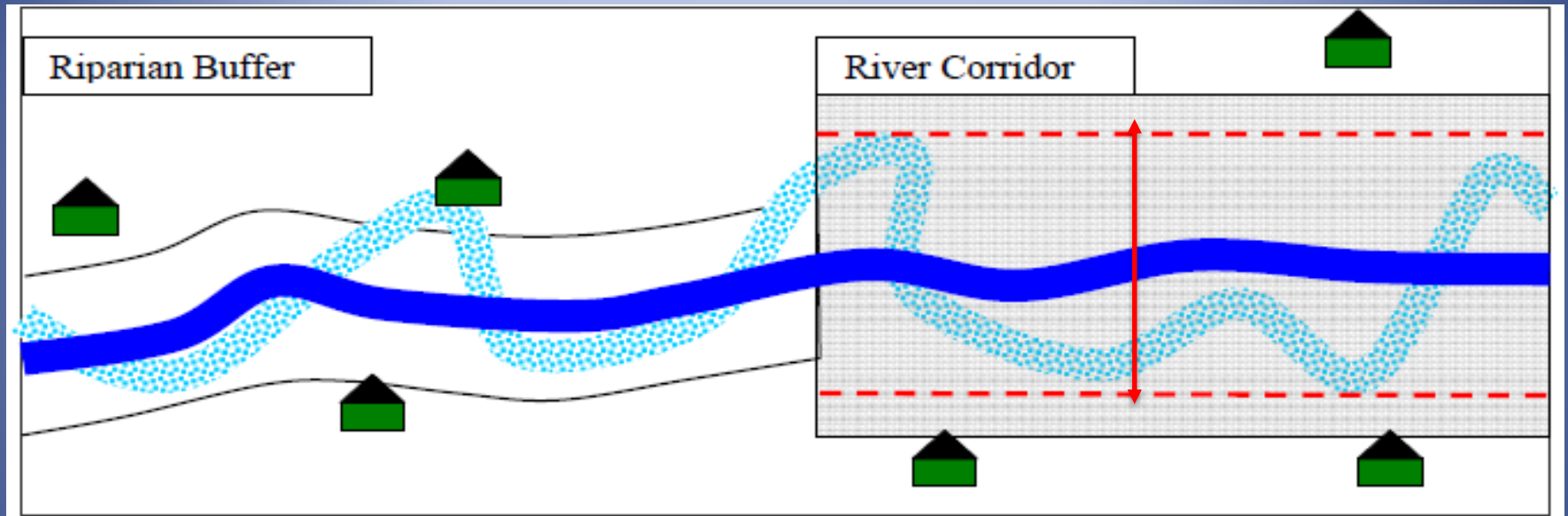
Before Irene

- Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zones - fluvial geomorphology...
- meander easements
- state match incentives via state Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF)
- aquatic-friendly culverts



What is the Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zone?

Science-based determination of where a stream or river will naturally move (meander) over time



Dark blue line illustrates existing, straightened river

Light blue line illustrates natural river course over time

Grey area illustrates the mapped “river corridor” which includes the land within which the river will move over time

Post Irene

River Corridors

ERAF state match incentives

- 7.5%: starting point
- 12.5%: uniform state stds; NFIP participation; LEOP; LHMP
- 17.5%: River Corridor Protection or CRS and no new development in FHA



Post Irene - Silo busting

- VT Climate Cabinet: ANR, Vtrans, Admin, Commerce, Housing & Community Dev, Health, Agriculture, State Buildings, Public Service
- Resilient VT Network
- <http://floodready.vermont.gov>



Post Irene - so many plans!

Flood Resilience Plan Element
required in all town plans as of June 2014



Streambank Stabilization

Compost socks and blanket demonstration


Vtrans standard
6" grub soil to
larger rocks,
seeded, much
washed away

Control Transect –
just rocks - almost
identical to Vtrans'
soil covered and
seeded

Compost socks and blankets
stay in place after river rises
above them, to help hold
base for seed and shrubs.
Also holds moisture in dry
rock conditions







Emergency
management
& incident
command

Environment
&
conservation

Social
services &
long-term
recovery

Building resilient communities by breaking down silos, conducting climate adaptation work, completing hazard mitigation tasks, and strengthening engagement.



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