


An aerial photograph of a river confluence in Montpelier, Vermont. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right. On the left bank, there are several buildings, including a large multi-story structure. On the right bank, there is a parking lot with several cars parked. The background shows a residential area with houses and trees. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

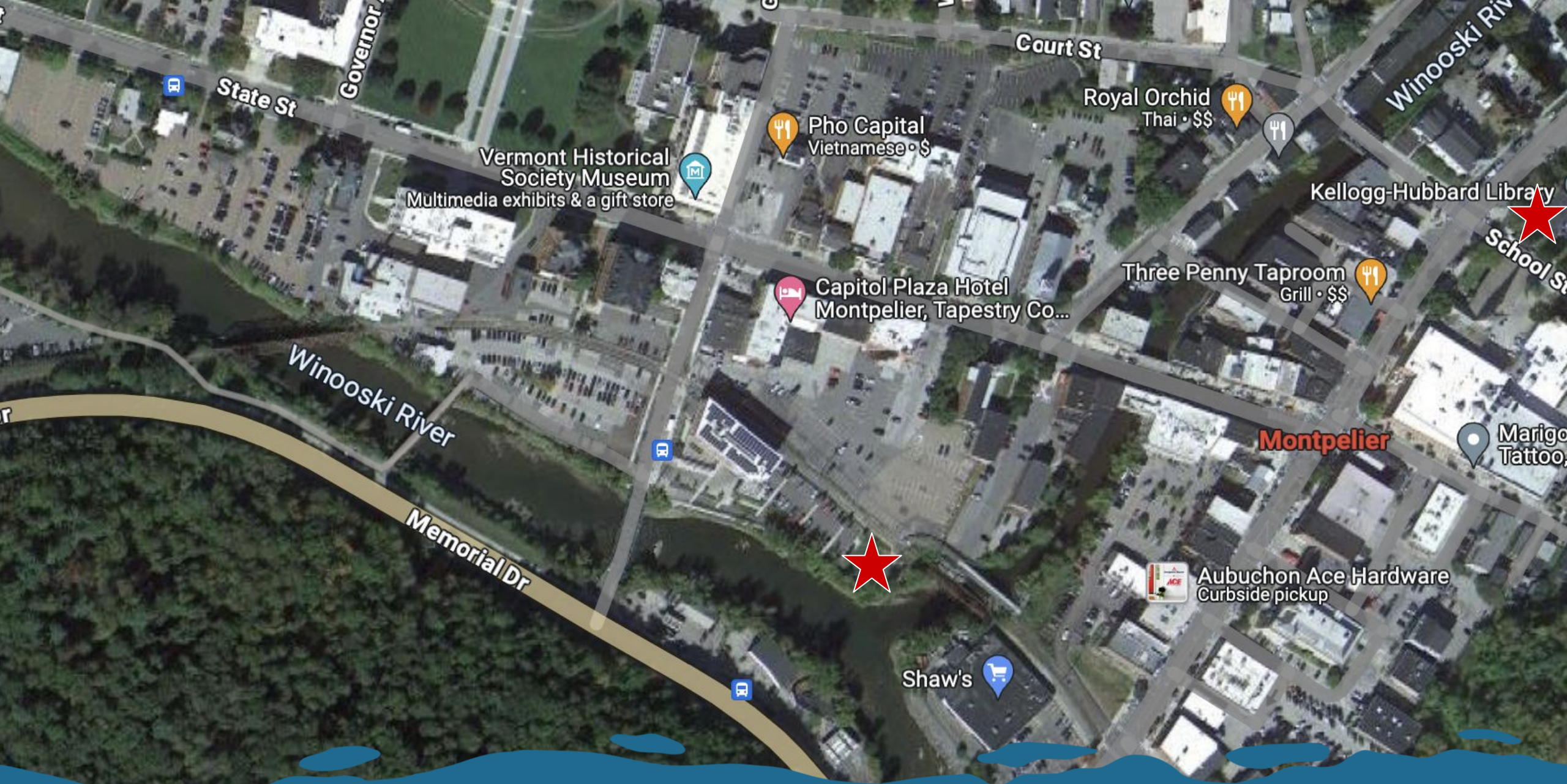
CONFLUENCE RIVER PARK

Lunch & Learn

Montpelier, Vermont
April 5, 2024



Protect and restore rivers
for people and wildlife



State St

Governor

Court St

Winooski Riv

Vermont Historical Society Museum
Multimedia exhibits & a gift store

Pho Capital
Vietnamese • \$

Royal Orchid
Thai • \$\$

Kellogg-Hubbard Library

School St

Capitol Plaza Hotel
Montpelier, Tapestry Co...

Three Penny Taproom
Grill • \$\$

Winooski River

Memorial Dr

Montpelier

Marigo
Tattoo

Aubuchon Ace Hardware
Curbside pickup

Shaw's



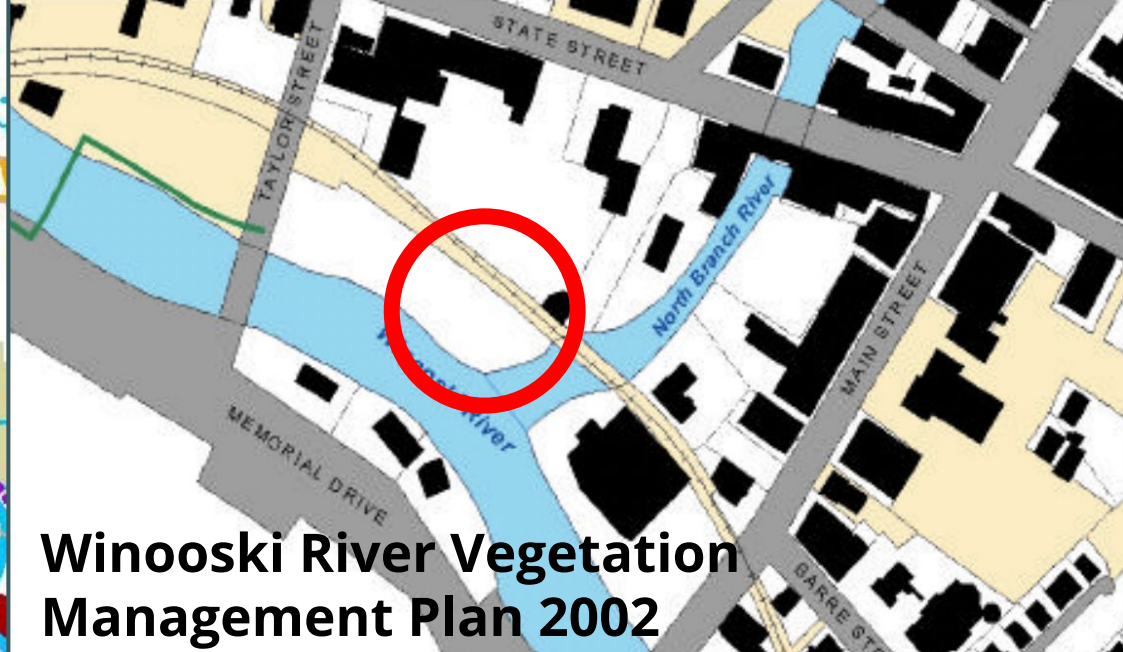
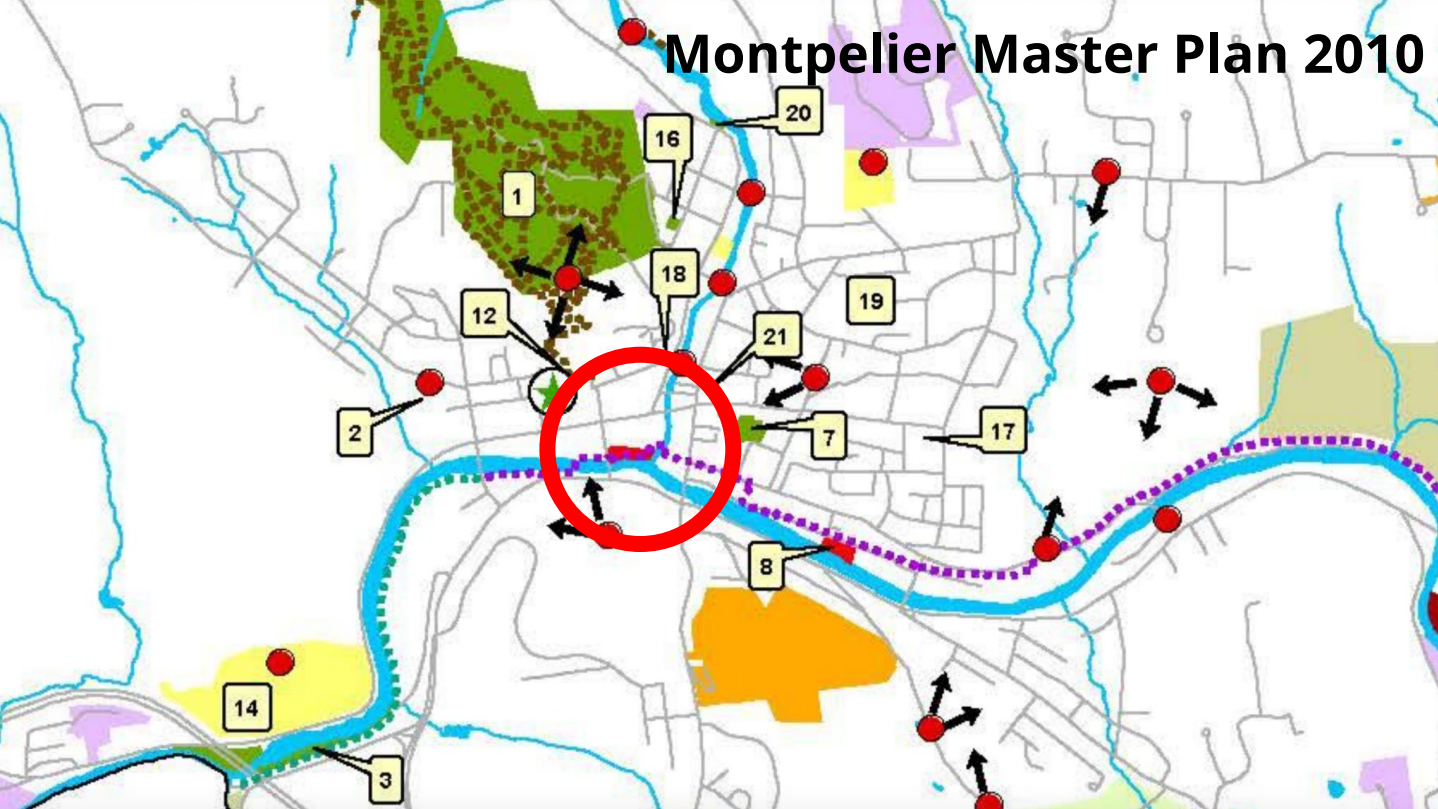
Capital District Master Plan 2000

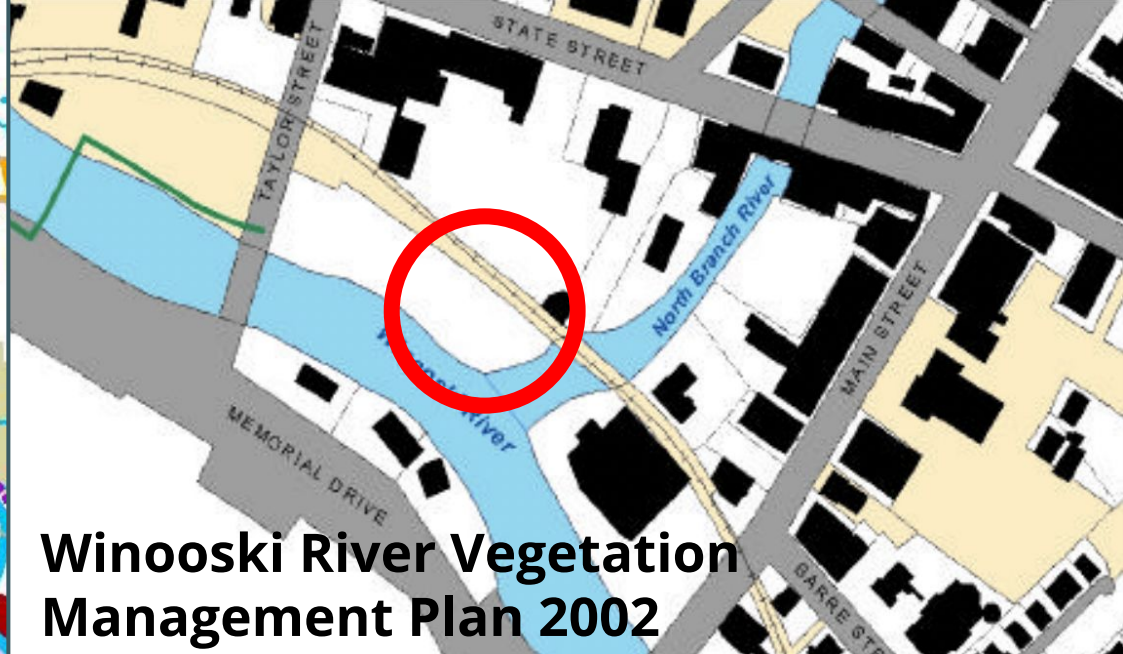
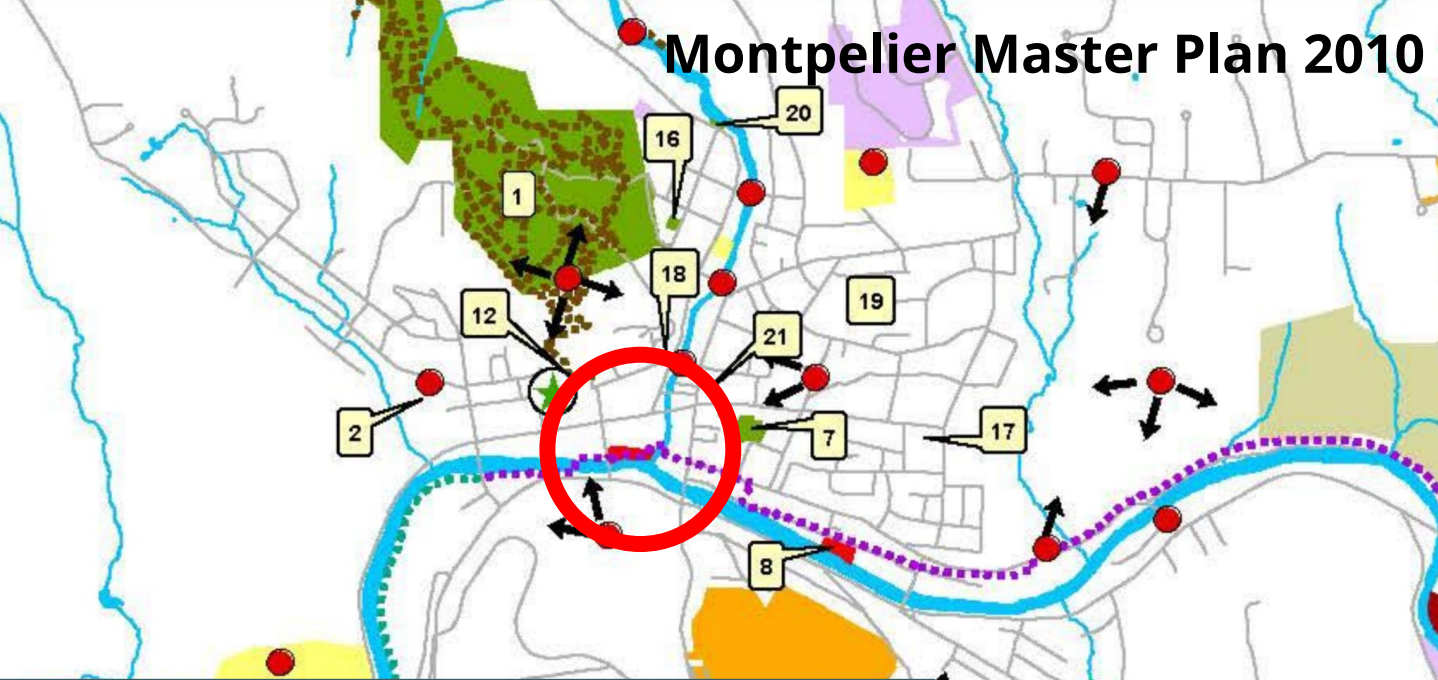


Winooski River Vegetation Management Plan 2002



Capital District Master Plan 2000





Communities Leveraging their Waterfront

for economic gain and community wellbeing



*Mill City Park
Franklin, New Hampshire*

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*Confluence Park – South Platte River
Denver, CO*



Burlington, VT

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Caras Park, Missoula, MT

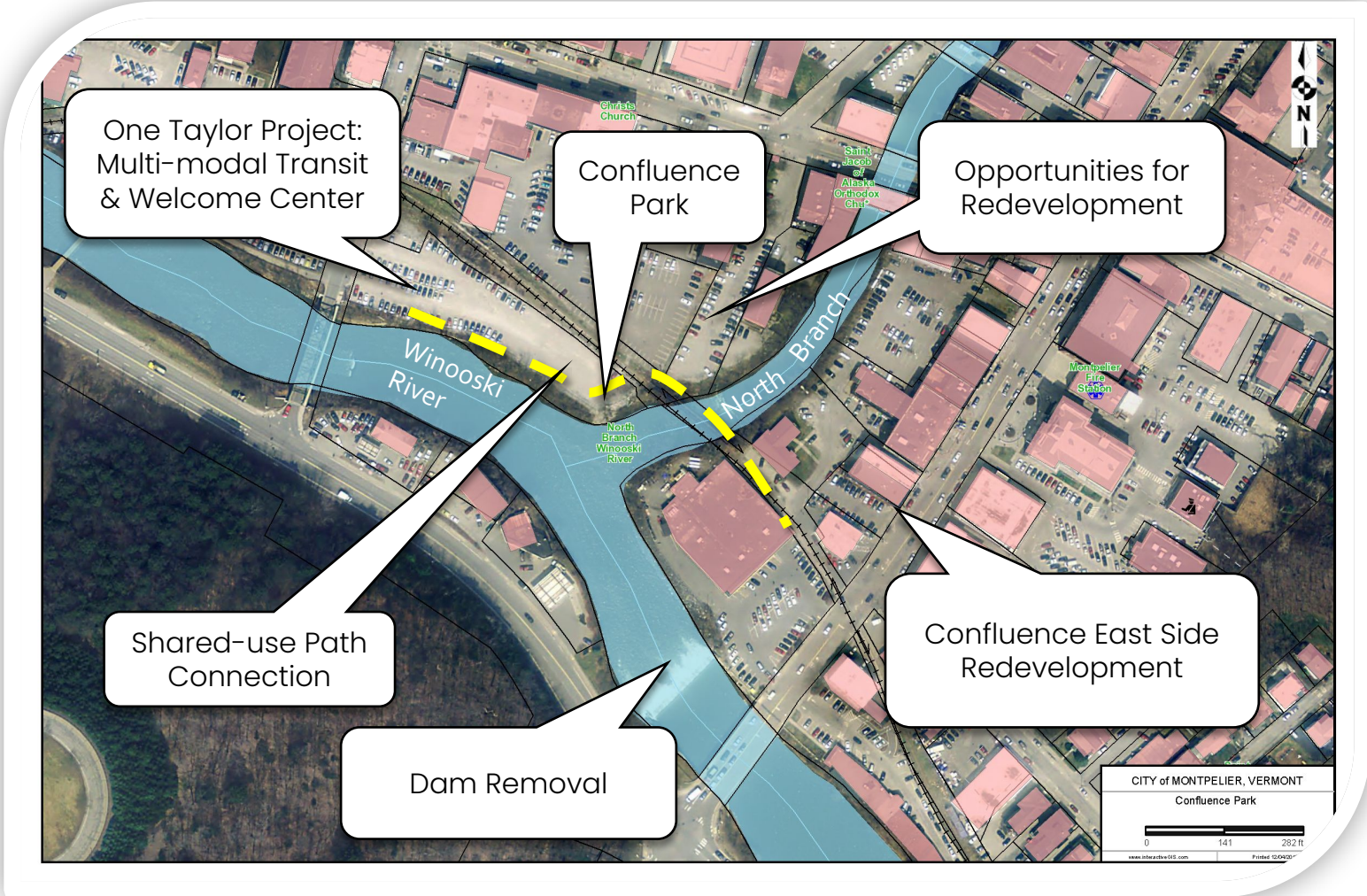


*Truckee
River Park
Reno, NV*



*Confluence
Park
Denver, CO*

MONTPELIER CONTEXT



Confluence Park

Proposed riverfront park, which will be developed with the following goals:

- River access
- Accessibility
- Recreation opportunities
- Flood resilience
- Integration of context & history
- Public space
- Integration of bike path

Prioritized by the Community and City

Face the River Community Conversations, 2017 - 2018

How do you want to engage with your rivers?

What opportunities do you see for your community?



Community Outreach

PLAN YOUR PARK CONFLUENCE RIVER PARK WEST



CONCEPT A- Performance Park



CONCEPT B- Heritage Park



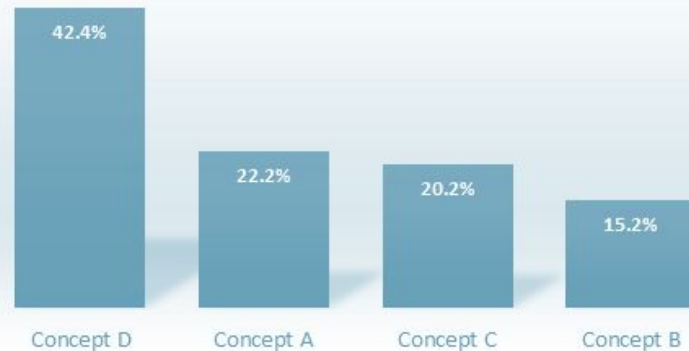
CONCEPT C- Riverine Pockets Park



CONCEPT D- Riverine Overlooks Park



Preferred Concept Design?



Guided by the Community

Outreach with Stakeholders

- Conservation Commission – November 8, 2018 and March 14, 2019
- Parks Commission – November 13, 2018
- Public Meeting at the Senior Center – December 4, 2018
- City Council – January 9, 2019
- Montpelier Planning and Zoning – February 6, 2019
- Montpelier Parks – March 7, 2019
- Montpelier Public Works – March 14, 2019 and April 25, 2019
- VTrans Rail – March 19, 2019
- Public Canvassing at City Hall – May 4, 2019
- Montpelier Police and Fire – May 7, 2019
- Vermont DEC Rivers – May 8, 2019
- Montpelier City Manager – May 22, 2019
- Public Meeting at Senior Center – July 22, 2019
- City Council – Sept. 24, 2019
- Vermont Adaptive – March 31, 2022
- Focus groups – March-May 2022
- City Council – April 27, 2022
- Staff Review – Dec. 21, 2022
- Confluence River Park Advisors – monthly 2019-spring 2023
- City Council – Feb. 8, 2023, October 2024





Park Plan

Overview - Features

Kayak /
Canoe Launch
Area

Stepped
Seating

Accessible
Route

Overlook &
Seating Area

Overlook &
Seating Area







Accessible
Boat Launch
Ramp

Steps to
River's Edge

Accessible
Fishing /
Viewing
Platform

Seating Area
& River Access

Plan Key:

-  Seasonal Water
Elevation 508.0
-  Proposed retaining wall
-  Proposed stabilized
slope
-  Proposed seating
-  Proposed plantings
-  Proposed tree

