



enVision Montpelier

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Natural Environment Goals - Draft

Air & Climate

Montpelier residents value the quality of clean air, recognizing it as the most basic need for survival. Treasuring clear, bright skies, we steward our air shed and responsibly address climate change. Economic and social activities protect all living things by ensuring healthy air quality indoors and out.

Land and soil

Fertile soil is vital to maintaining life. Montpelier community members are responsible stewards of land, maintaining the life supporting processes integral to healthy, intact ecosystems. We use and share our land wisely and equitably.

Biodiversity: Plants and animals

Montpelier is rich with intact ecosystems. We protect and restore our natural heritage, valuing native biodiversity as the foundation of life. Our built environment is integrated into and respects the natural environment we inhabit.

Food

Food sources derive from sustainable practices that provide us with a high quality, healthy, affordable and secure supply of food.

Water

Water is recognized as necessary for life. Montpelier residents value this precious resource and guarantee equitable access for all living things. We are stewards of water, protecting its quality and quantity by maintaining the integrity of the hydrologic cycle. Our water supply system is sufficiently secure, flexible and adaptable to changing conditions and circumstances.

Energy

The energy used by Montpelier residents comes from a diverse portfolio of resources that are renewable, have a low impact on the environment and contribute to the positive development of our society. Residents use energy in an efficient and responsible manner.

Waste management

Montpelier residents work toward zero waste by using materials responsibly and minimizing consumption. We reuse, recycle and reduce the materials we consume. Wastes created are safely managed without harm to other species or systems.

Recreation & Education

Montpelier residents and visitors have opportunities to recreate outdoors and to learn about the natural environment.