

**TABLE 11.0: Town of Montpelier SWOT Responses**

	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<b>Group Responses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rural Agricultural Community (2)</li> <li>▪ Quality Natural Resources</li> <li>▪ Zoning Ordinances</li> <li>▪ Rural Character (2)</li> <li>▪ Good Roads</li> <li>▪ Natural Resources</li> <li>▪ Low Crime</li> <li>▪ Community works together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of convenience stores centrally located</li> <li>▪ Improvements are presently taxed as home sites on 1.5 acres. Remainder of land should be taxes on what they paid for the property</li> <li>▪ Lack of employment opportunities</li> <li>▪ Susceptible to large scale urban growth</li> <li>▪ Zoning ordinances need to be updated</li> <li>▪ Communication between citizens and the government</li> <li>▪ Factory farms (big industry) impacts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preserve what we have</li> <li>▪ Have a plan in place</li> <li>▪ Come together</li> <li>▪ Using new technologies/crops</li> <li>▪ More recreation</li> <li>▪ More small business opportunities</li> <li>▪ Keep what we have</li> <li>▪ Restore historical sites</li> <li>▪ Convenience store</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water quality (3)</li> <li>▪ Large scale urban development</li> <li>▪ Large scale animal farms/mega farms (2)</li> <li>▪ Losing family farms</li> <li>▪ Apathy/indifference</li> <li>▪ Air quality (2)</li> <li>▪ Urban sprawl (2)</li> </ul>
<b>Individual Responses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wildlife (2)</li> <li>▪ Low traffic (2)</li> <li>▪ Low population density</li> <li>▪ Family Farms (6)</li> <li>▪ Clean air (3)</li> <li>▪ Scenic Views (2)</li> <li>▪ Water (3)</li> <li>▪ Good roads (2)</li> <li>▪ Open space (4)</li> <li>▪ Woods (4)</li> <li>▪ Good people/neighbors (8)</li> <li>▪ Rural atmosphere (7)</li> <li>▪ Good schools</li> <li>▪ Quiet</li> <li>▪ Variety of houses</li> <li>▪ Low crime (3)</li> <li>▪ Milk processing plant</li> <li>▪ Controlled growth</li> <li>▪ Good mix of people (2)</li> <li>▪ Low cell towers</li> <li>▪ No apartments</li> <li>▪ No industrial parks</li> <li>▪ Minimal business</li> <li>▪ Church bells</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Large farms and land use that threatens streams &amp; groundwater (2)</li> <li>▪ Poor land development (a house doesn't need 5 acres, they should be clustered to preserve agricultural land)</li> <li>▪ More communication from town board (2)</li> <li>▪ Rustic road has a lot of garbage on it</li> <li>▪ Factory farms (4)</li> <li>▪ Noise from cheese factory</li> <li>▪ Lack of public natural areas</li> <li>▪ Lack of park space (2)</li> <li>▪ Need a plan in place that everyone must follow and not work off the "who you" know mandate</li> <li>▪ No rental property</li> <li>▪ No public transportation</li> <li>▪ No industry for labor (3)</li> <li>▪ Eating places</li> <li>▪ How to control pollution from drifting into our community</li> <li>▪ Zoning updated</li> <li>▪ Convenience store - no</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Area is less developed and have opportunity to direct future growth (6)</li> <li>▪ Keep family agriculture strong (3)</li> <li>▪ This opportunity to plan</li> <li>▪ Recreation (Nature/bike/hike trails paths) (3)</li> <li>▪ Community involvement</li> <li>▪ To maintain rural living (2)</li> <li>▪ Clean and beautiful</li> <li>▪ Major industry</li> <li>▪ Restore historical sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New residents and old residents land use conflicts (i.e. pesticides, herbicides, manure)</li> <li>▪ Factory farms (9)</li> <li>▪ Wind mills (3)</li> <li>▪ Lowering acreages for building sights</li> <li>▪ Losing our freedom of choice (2)</li> <li>▪ Outside communities spreading/encroaching (4)</li> <li>▪ Unwanted development from outside groups (4)</li> <li>▪ Retired farms possibly selling land to developers to insure their retirement (3)</li> <li>▪ Well water contamination</li> <li>▪ Allowing huge homes to be built in the middle of farm fields (3)</li> <li>▪ Air/water pollution (3)</li> <li>▪ Controls for run off</li> <li>▪ Close to nuclear plants</li> <li>▪ Afghanistan terrorists</li> <li>▪ Cell phone towers</li> </ul>