

## Interview with a 25-year Resident of Montserrat

C.L. indicates the interviewee

CL: There's construction and rebuilding going on

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CL: I feel so sorry for, the people who, (4 second pause) yea, ya know, whose land and, and everything they owned is in the danger zone. And I particularly—a—and and was destroyed—and I particularly feel sorry for the, the people who, who kinda sacrificed and went away and they worked hard. Like in, in New York or Boston, or in England. And did k—did whatever work they did until they could collect social security and, and uh, retire. And then they came back here to build their nice comfortable retirement home on their family land. And then they poured all their savings into that, and then their nice comfortable retirement home and their family land got completely erased. And um, they're too old to start over.

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CL: They like to have, like to have a nice house, they like to have a kitchen garden, have to have a few animals, livestock.

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CL: Um, now I think, ya know, what's happened is that, it's, it's a great place for people to invest. And there've been some people who've gotten some really excellent deals. Local people who have just been speculating, ya know, and, and investing, buying, cuz they could. And and people from abroad you have done the same thing. And uhm, and they've done well because they bought places that, uh, when they bought them the, the previous owners weren't sure if they'd even have a place anymore, so they'd rather have gotten something for the house than nothing for the house, cuz they weren't sure if those places were gonna be around.