# What We're Currently Building

The **Queen City Resiliency Salon** is a nonpartisan community forum focused on practical resilience. This is not about rejecting broader institutions: it's about strengthening local capacity alongside them. We are open to ideas, come share them with us! We're currently exploring:

## hOUR Economy (Local Time Banking)

A mutual exchange network where one hour of service equals one hour of value. Skills become currency. Neighbors become collaborators. https://houreconomy.org/

## Repair & Skill Clinics

Extending the life of goods. Sharing knowledge from gardens to gadgets.

## Mesh Radio Communication

Low-cost, decentralized communication tools (e.g., mesh networks) so neighbors can stay connected during outages or emergencies.

## Freedom Tech & Open Tools

Exploring open-source platforms that reduce reliance on centralized gatekeepers.

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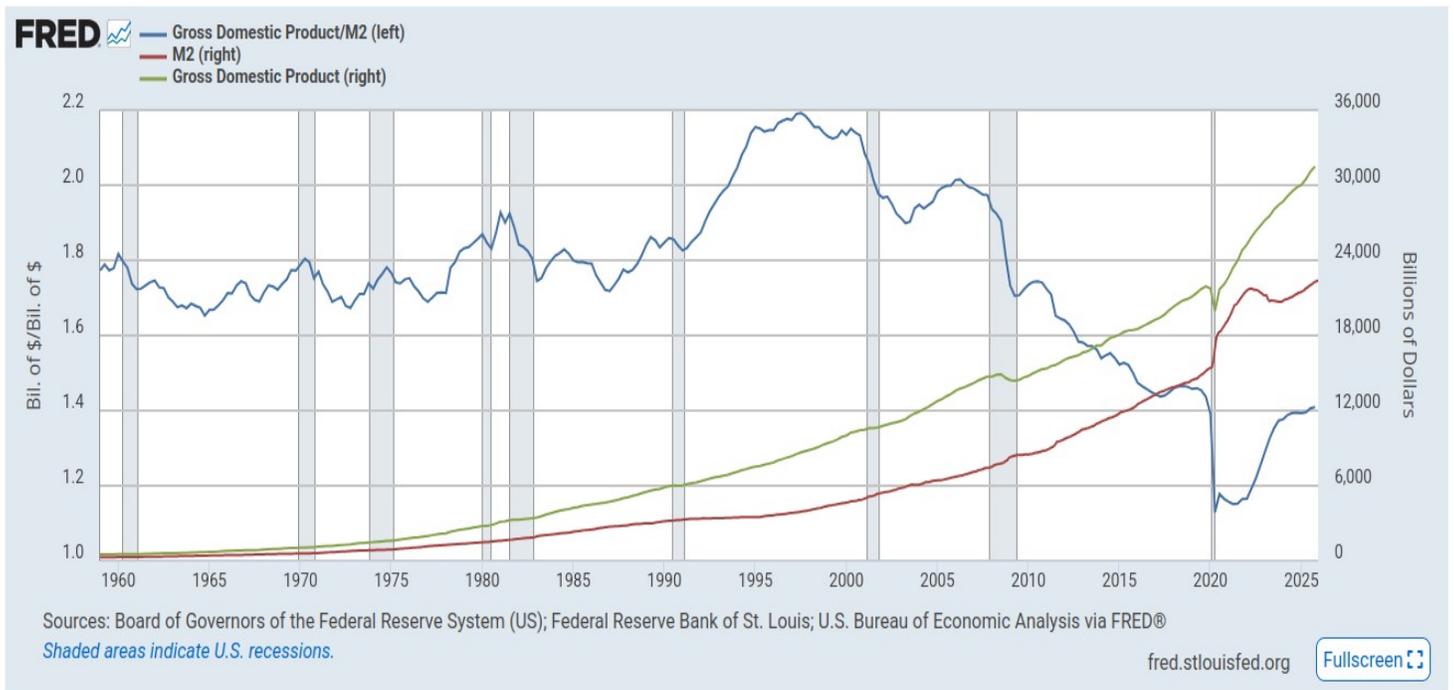
# Why Local Resilience Matters

Do you ever wonder how one income used to support a household, while today many families work multiple jobs and still feel stretched?

Why does GDP grow, yet purchasing power often feels weaker?

Why supply chain disruptions, storms, or system outages can leave communities scrambling?

Why skills go unused while neighbors' needs go unmet?

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**You aren't imagining it. The economy has changed.**



Sources: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (US); Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis via FRED®
Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.
fred.stlouisfed.org

**Expansion of money supply relative to economic output weakens purchasing power over time.**

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**But communities can adapt. Together we can make things better!**

**Resilience: the ability of a community to function even when larger systems fail.**

What would it look like to build economic resilience at the community level? What if we could:

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| • Keep more value circulating locally?<br>• Strengthen neighbor-to-neighbor trade?<br>• Communicate even if major networks go down? | • Exchange skills without relying solely on dollars?<br>• Reduce economic fragility through voluntary cooperation? |

*Explore these ideas with others at the Queen City Resiliency Salon!*

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