

Municipal Guidance for Flood Emergencies In Vermont



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The WRC developed "Municipal Guidance for Flooding Booklet" is a great resource!

What are the main components of Emergency Planning?

Emergency Planning is a combination of:

- Prevention
- Preparation
- Response
- Recovery
- Mitigation

What we do

In a Nutshell

WRC provides assistance to all towns in the Windham Region with meeting federal and state emergency planning requirements, as well as advice and facilitation in pursuing local emergency management goals.

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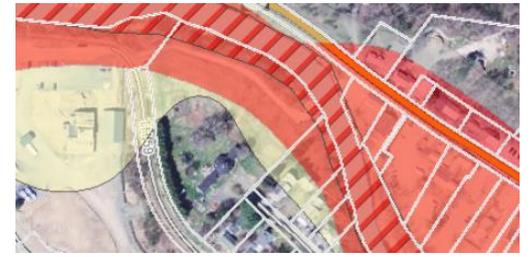
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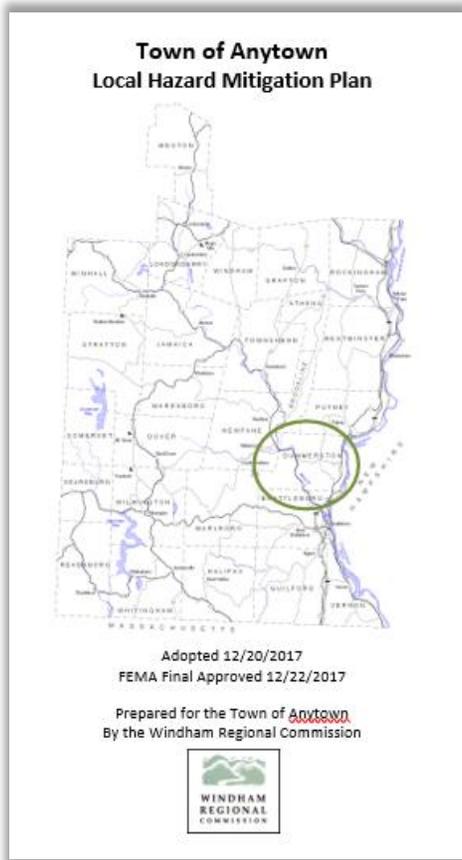
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A Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

What's Involved?

Hazard Mitigation Planning

Currently 24 out of 25 interested towns have Local Hazard Mitigation Plans in place, with the final Plan under development. These 5-year plans provide a complete discussion of all potential hazards facing a town and include all feasible mitigation actions that the town chooses to pursue.

Flood Hazard Bylaw Updates

Alyssa has brought new focus and energy to floodplain planning in the Windham Region. This includes development of a model bylaw, assisting towns with bylaw updates, education of floodplain administrators and consideration of floodplain issues at the town level.

My broad goal as an Emergency Planner is to provide towns with the tools and assistance needed for effective emergency planning.
-Alyssa

Local Emergency Management Plans

Each year all towns must adopt updated Local Emergency Management Plans. These are the plans that are pulled out and consulted during an event. All WRC towns have an updated LEMP in place.

Emergency Planning Network

This is a newly formed network of Emergency Management Directors and Fire Chiefs. This Network is meant to serve as a training and education forum, as well as to promote relationship building. Relationships are vital!

Local Liaison work / SEOC staffing

WRC gathers and coordinates town damage information, relaying it to



The Emerald Ash Borer, shown above, and other invasive species are a growing hazard in Vermont

Vermont Emergency Management during and following events. Staff are sometimes called to serve in the State Emergency Operations Center.

Mitigation Grant assistance

Alyssa puts the word out on new FEMA grants, vets possible grants with towns and the State, develops grant applications, and assists with awarded grant management and paperwork.

Various Emergency Plans and Resources WRC has Developed

Some of Alyssa's favorites are the Municipal Flood Guidance booklet, the Animal Resources appendix to the LEMP, the Evacuation Plan appendix to the LEMP, and the Local Situation Report.

General Assistance

Believe it or not, towns sometimes have questions about this stuff! Alyssa is the regional resource for all town emergency planning needs.