

## Memo

**To:** Williston Selectboard  
**From:** Matt Boulanger, Director of Planning  
**Cc:** Erik Wells, Town Manager  
**Date:** September 29, 2022  
**Re:** **Adoption of Chittenden County All Hazards Multi-Jurisdictions Hazard Mitigation Plan**



### OVERVIEW

This memo discusses the Selectboard's potential adoption of the 2022 Chittenden County All Hazards Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJAHMP).

### PURPOSE

The following are excerpts from the 2022 Plan, explaining its purpose and development, and the requirement that Williston be part of such a plan:

"The 2022 Chittenden County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan (MJAHMP) outlines the strategy adopted by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) and participating municipalities for implementing mitigation practices, improvements, and programs to lessen adverse impacts from natural and man-made hazard events. Williston participated in the development of and is included in this plan. The 2022 MJAHMP is a comprehensive update to the current 2017 Chittenden County MJAHMP.

Since 2017, municipalities in the County have significantly improved community resiliency as a result of implementing mitigation programs and activities implemented by the various jurisdictional departments, agencies, and stakeholders. The goals and objectives outlined in the 2017 plan were refined in 2022 to reflect changes in community priorities, and to enhance integration among community planning mechanisms. The vision of the 2022 plan is aligned with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission's 2018 ECOS Plan mission – encompassing Environment, Community, Opportunity, and Sustainability concerns -- and is aligned with priorities outlined in the Vermont Emergency Management 2018 State Hazard Mitigation Plan

The 2022 MJAHMP discusses nine primary natural hazards of concern and other technological and societal hazards. Discussion of hazards includes the adverse consequences resulting from a hazard occurrence, as well as information about the impacts of climate change. The risk and vulnerability assessments for all natural hazards were updated using the best available data and a more robust risk assessment platform. Significant revisions and enhancements were made to the action plan, including the identification of implementation of parameters designed to enhance transparency and promote accountability.

This Plan was prepared in compliance with Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5165, as amended by Section 104 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). Local mitigation planning requirements are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 44, Section 201.6 (44 CFR §201.6). DMA 2000 specifies requirements for local governments to undertake a risk-based approach to reducing the impacts and consequences from natural hazards through mitigation planning. In addition, DMA 2000 requires that local plans be updated every five years, with each planning cycle requiring a complete review, revision, and approval of the plan at the state and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) levels."

### PROCESS

A draft Certificate of Adoption resolution is included with this memo for signature by the Selectboard.