

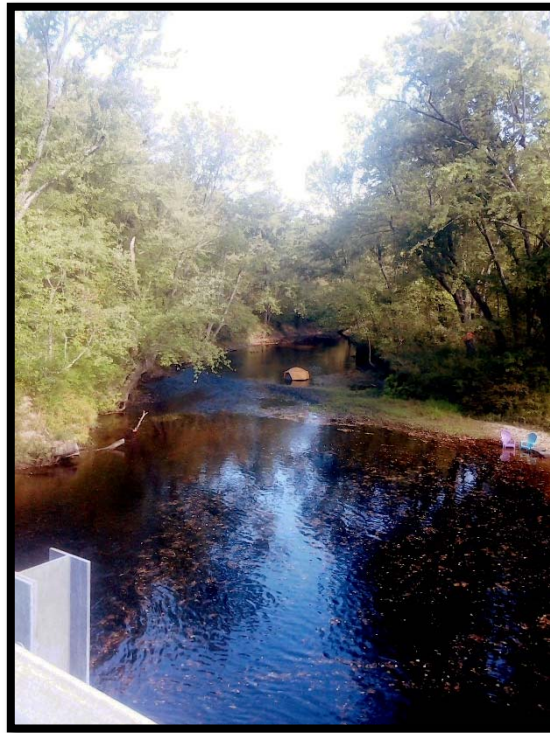
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Hazard Mitigation Plan

Update 2018



Tent Floating down Blackwater River after Dam Release, 10-30-17 Storm
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1 PLANNING PROCESS

The Town's Hazard Mitigation Committee reformed to rewrite the Plan into a more concise format and to incorporate the newest material required by FEMA in addition to updating the Town's newest information since 2012. This Planning Process Chapter contains information previously available in the Introduction Chapter of the **Plan Update 2012**. Expanded public participation steps were taken and a new plan development procedure was used as documented in the Methodology section.

Certificate of Adoption, 2018

Town of Webster, NH
Select Board
945 Battle Street
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A Resolution Adopting the Webster Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018

WHEREAS, the Town of Webster has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of the hazards profiled in the **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018** including but not limited to flooding, high wind events, severe winter weather, and fire, resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Webster has developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018** under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and Committee meetings were held between **September 2018** through **April 2018** regarding the development and review of the **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018**; and

WHEREAS, the **Plan** specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies, and Plan maintenance procedures for the Town of Webster; and

WHEREAS, the **Plan** recommends several hazard mitigation actions (projects) that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of Webster with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Webster eligible for funding to alleviate the effects of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by Town of Webster Select Board:

Plan Process Acknowledgments

The Select Board-appointed Hazard Mitigation Committee was comprised of these individuals on behalf of their respective Departments, Boards or Committees who met between **September 2018** through **April 2018** to develop the **Webster Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018**:

- Nanci Schofield, Webster Select Board Member
- Therese Larson, Webster Planning Board Secretary and Land Use Coordinator
- Robert Wolinski, Webster Emergency Management Director
- Leslie Palmer, Webster Administrative Assistant and Hazard Mitigation Staff Coordinator
- Emmett Bean, Webster Fire Department Chief and Road Agent
- Philip Mitchell, Webster Fire Department Lieutenant
- John Clark, Webster Hazard Mitigation Committee Chair

The following Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) staff contributed to the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:

- Stephanie Alexander, CNHRPC Senior Planner
- Craig Tufts, CNHRPC Principal Planner (GIS mapping)

Members of the public* (3) and other individuals attended one or more Committee meetings and/or contributed information to the content of the Plan:

** member of the public*

- Jonathan Adinolfo, Webster Police Department Officer
- David Collins, Webster Emergency Medical Services Lieutenant
- Stacey Elliott, Capital Area Public Health Network
- Heather Fairchild, Webster Resident*
- Kim Fortune, Webster Historical Society
- Gary French, former Webster Emergency Management Director, Pillsbury Lake Village District Representative
- Kelly Gale, Webster Resident*
- Kevin Gale, Webster Resident*
- Shawna-Leigh Morton, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NHHSEM)

** "Member of the public" means a person who is not a Town, School, state, or federal government staff member or other staff person paid for by local tax dollars, and who is not a current Town volunteer.*

Authority

In 2000, the President enacted the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 (DMA) which requires states and municipalities to have local adopted and FEMA approved natural hazard mitigation plans in place to be eligible for disaster and mitigation funding programs such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. New Hampshire is awarded funds based upon the completeness of its State Plan and the number of local plans.

As a result of the DMA, funding was provided to state offices of emergency management, including the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to produce local (municipal) hazard mitigation plans. To remain in compliance with the DMA, the Town of Webster is required to submit for FEMA approval a revised **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update** every five years.

The New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NH HSEM) produced its latest *State of New Hampshire Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013* in 2013. The development of the State's Plan allows for New Hampshire to receive funding programs to provide to communities in the event of disasters or for mitigation.

Prior versions of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan are noted in the **Final Plan Dates** section. A 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant provided 75%/25% funding for the Town to update its prior Plan through the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. The 25% match required by the Town was provided by in-kind staff and volunteer time and labor.

This **Webster Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018** has been developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the *FEMA Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide, October 1, 2012* and effective one year later. The most recent Plan development standards provided by FEMA Region I have also been incorporated. The planning effort of the Town is a regular process and this Plan is considered to be a "living document."

The 2018 Webster Hazard Mitigation Committee was established by the Select Board in fall 2017 and guided the development of the Plan. The Committee consisted of the Town's Emergency Management Director, Town Administrator, Planning and Land Use Coordinator, Police Department, and Select Board representatives.

The attendees of the meeting process are noted in the **Acknowledgements**. The Central NH Regional Planning Commission, of which Webster is a member, contributed to the development of this Plan by facilitating the meeting and technical processes, working with the Committee and its members to obtain information, preparing the document, and handling the submissions to NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management and FEMA.