



A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMESBURY ADOPTING THE MERRIMACK VALLEY REGION MULTI-HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN

January 14, 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Amesbury recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Amesbury has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Merrimack Valley Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Merrimack Valley Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 identified mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Amesbury from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the City of Amesbury demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Merrimack Valley Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, THAT: Section 1. In accordance with M.G.L. 40 § 4 or the charter and ordinances of the City of Amesbury, the Amesbury City Council adopts the Merrimack Valley Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024.

ADOPTED by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining, this 14th day of January, 2025.

Scott Mandeville, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer E. Smith, City Clerk

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Merrimack Valley Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Amesbury City Council Meeting

January 14th, 2025

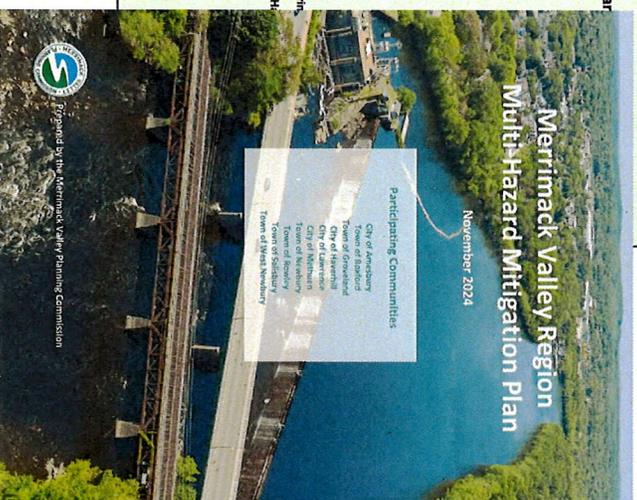
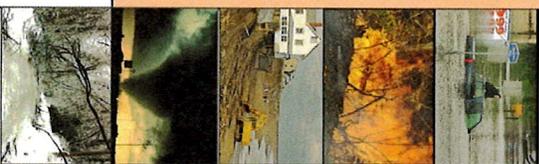


What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

Merrimack Valley Region Natural Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan



Merrimack Valley Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015



Hazard Mitigation plans outline a community's long-term strategy to **reduce losses of life and property** by minimizing the impacts from natural disasters.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires all communities to develop a plan and **update it every 5 years**.

Plan Benefits:

- Provides comprehensive assessment of risk
- Outlines a road map to minimize risk
- Qualifies community for funding

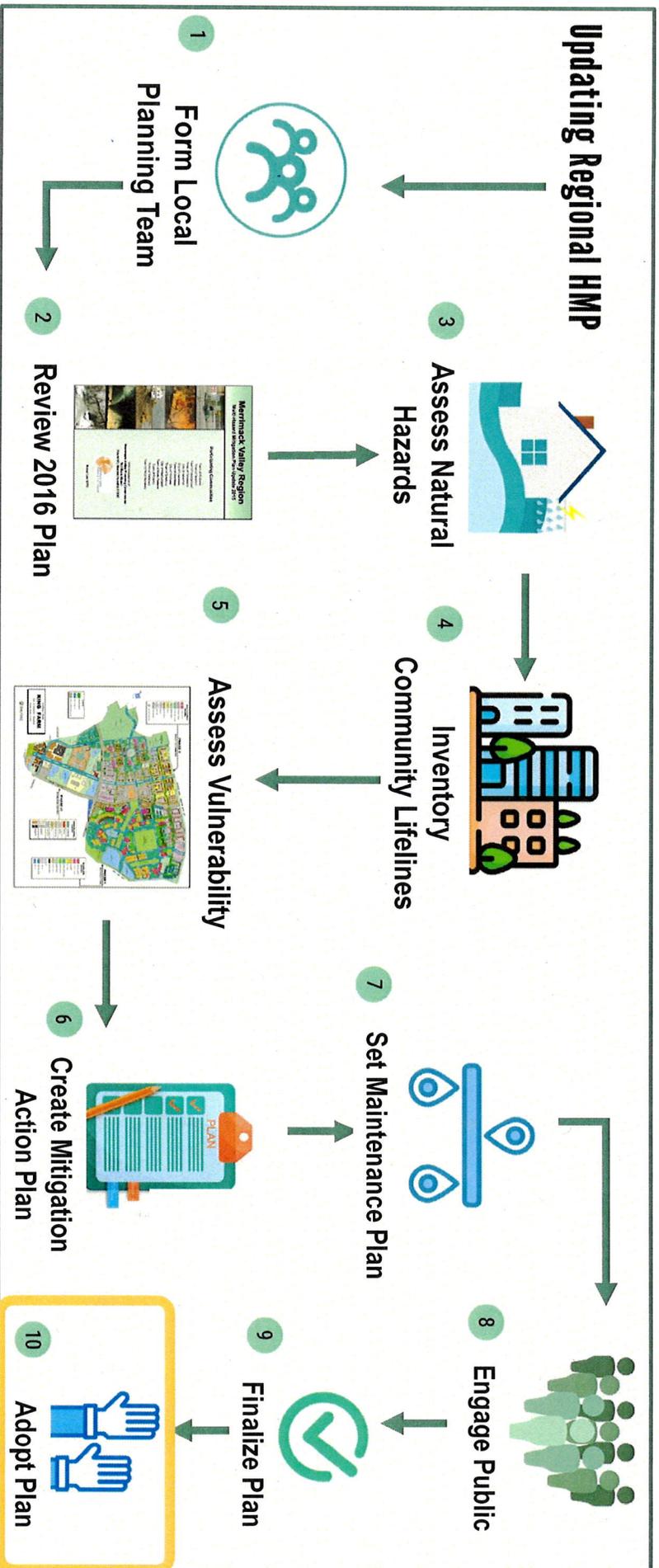
Main Elements of the Plan

1. Natural Hazard Identification
2. Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
3. Natural Hazard Challenge Statements
4. Existing Resources
5. Mitigation Strategies

Examples of Local Hazard Mitigation Measures

 <p>Wetland Protection Regulations</p>	 <p>Emergency Communication Systems</p>	 <p>Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance</p>
Policies, Plans & Regulations	Programs and Activities	Maintenance Programs

Overview of HMP Update Process



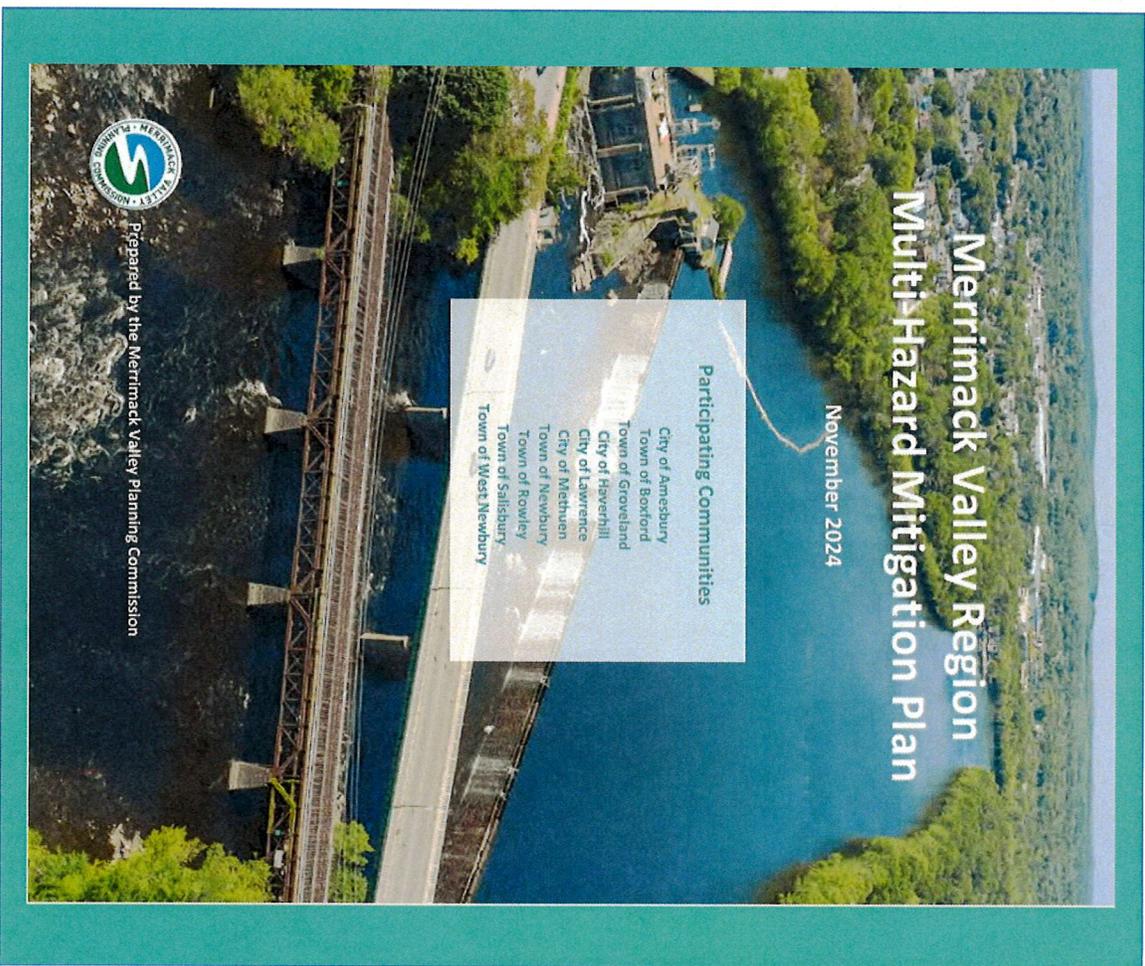


Adopt Plan

Local Adoption

“Local adoption indicates that the community has been directly involved in the process, and the Plan accurately reflects local conditions and goals.”

- Once all 10 communities adopt the plan, FEMA will issue a Final Approval
- Final approval indicates the Plan is Active and Compliant
- The final Plan will then serve as a non-binding guidance document for the community



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