



Town of Southborough Emergency Management

ENHANCING COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION AND PREPAREDNESS

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Dear all Town representatives, community partners and citizens of Southborough

I am pleased to notify the Town, community, and our partners that the Southborough Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update project is complete. The updated LHMP was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and subsequently adopted by the Board of Selectmen in June 2021. With the renewed plan Southborough is again eligible to apply for a multitude of hazard mitigation-related grant programs and opportunities.

The LHMP project was conducted in conjunction with the Town's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) project, led by Conservation Agent Melissa Danza. Many of the LHMP Summary of Findings cross-walk with the MVP Summary of Findings, enhancing Southborough's commitment to public safety and environmental conservation through hazard mitigation efforts and increased grant award potential.

The development of the LHMP was aided by the civil engineering firm Pare Corporation, which simultaneously also worked on the MVP. All costs associated with the LHMP update were funded through a matching (75/25) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) awarded to the Southborough Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) by FEMA. The 25% Southborough match was funded through an MVP project grant awarded to the Conservation Commission.

Below are the Summary of Findings, LHMP Attachments A, B & C, and FEMA's assessment of the plan's strengths and opportunities for improvement. The Summary of Findings is based on the potential natural hazards that impact Southborough, the influence of climate change on those hazards, and the prioritization of mitigation actions identified by stakeholders throughout the town during workshops and public comment sessions.

Please take an opportunity to peruse these documents and share them with others who may have a vested interest. For all our partners and stakeholders (individuals, departments, committees) who took part in or provided information for the plan, please review and note mitigation actions that may fall under your responsibility or area of expertise.

Thank you to those who participated or aided in the overhaul of this plan and supplied the materials and data needed to compile it.

If anyone has questions or comments, please contact me at any time.

2021 LHMP Summary of Findings:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:80f25198-ef45-40a4-b029-2adbc13ba82b>

2021 LHMP Attachments A (Maps) and C (Planning Process):

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a07980f1-a0a5-41e3-bdaa-4ec3f5819cc5>

2021 LHMP Attachments B (Local Adoption):

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:3280b1e9-c552-47e9-b6a1-534f252ac256>

2021 LHMP, FEMA's assessment of strengths and opportunities for improvement:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e8f29f31-5c8d-4e11-8816-c9989abc455f>

Sincerely,

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