

TOWN OF SOUTH HERO
LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN

To meet FEMA requirements and to ensure public, neighboring community, local and regional agency input opportunities, the following communication methods are recommended.

Goals:

1. Inclusive Participation and collaboration – Ensure all relevant stakeholders and the public have the opportunity to contribute including people with disabilities and functional access needs. Foster collaboration among all stakeholders.
2. Informed Decision-Making – Provide necessary education and information regarding hazards and risks.
3. Community Buy-In – Foster community support and ownership by involving stakeholders and public from the start.
4. Transparency - Build trust through clear, transparent and consistent communication throughout the planning process
5. Effective Implementation - Gather input that is practical, sustainable and responsive to the needs of the community.
6. Compliance – Ensure federal, state and local requirements for public involvement in hazard mitigation planning are met.

Identifying Planning Team and Stakeholders

- Local Government Officials – Town Administrator, first response agencies, town clerk, finance, zoning administrator, communications, planning, and regional planning commission, Health Department
- School representatives
- Local and regional entities that support persons with disabilities, access, and functional needs (PDAFN) or vulnerable populations (vulnerability specific to hazard mitigation)
 - Hospital / medical care (University of Vermont Medical Center, Champlain Islands Community Health Center
 - Visiting Nurses Association
 - Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
 - Persons living in flood zones
 - Champlain Islands Developing Essential Resources (C.I.D.E.R.)
 - Public Transportation (C.I.D.E.R.)
- Neighboring communities (Grand Isle, Milton)
- Local and regional agencies that support hazard mitigation / emergency response
 - Northwest Regional Planning Commission
 - Grand Isle Co. Regional Emergency Management Committee
 - Grand Isle Mutual Aid Association, Inc.
 - Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department
 - South Hero Fire Department
 - South Hero Fire District #4
 - South Hero Highway Department
 - South Hero Rescue
- Businesses that support hazard mitigation / emergency response

- Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation
- Vermont Electric Co-operative
- Public Transportation (C.I.D.E.R.)
- Non-Profit organizations – Including community-based organizations that work directly with or provide support to people with disabilities or functional accesses needs or front-line communities – housing, health care, etc.
 - Food Shelf, Healthy Roots Collaborative, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, C.I.D.E.R., American Red Cross, Lake Champlain Islands Community Health Center, Meals on Wheels)

Communication Methods and Implementation:

- Post meeting information (agenda, slides, zoom link, etc.) on town website
- Post meeting information (agenda, slides, zoom link, etc.) on town social media sites
- Post Online surveys / questionnaires on village website
- Send email notifications (e.g., meeting dates, agenda, slides, etc.) to planning team and stakeholders
- Post hard copies of meeting information (agenda, slides, etc.) in municipal building (e.g., town office, library, other)
- Post hard copy of meeting information (agenda, slides, etc.) in non-municipal building (e.g., post office, C.I.D.E.R.)

Processing Feedback

Feedback opportunities included public meetings, public comment period, requests. online feedback via email link, phone, regular updates and follow-ups. Comments and feedback received were incorporated during the plan update.

Planning Team and Stakeholders		
Name	Organization	Role
Sue Arguin	Town Administrator	Planning Team Lead
Dave Carter	South Hero Selectboard Chair/EMD	Planning Team Member
Naomi King	Communications / Town Clerk	Planning Team Member
Kim Julow	South Hero Treasurer	Planning Team Member
Martha Taylor-Varney	Zoning Administrator	Planning Team Member
Patrick Robinson	Chief - South Hero Fire Department	Planning Team Member
John Beaulac	South Hero Road Foreman	Planning Team Member
Shaun Coleman	Northwest Regional Planning Commission	Planning Team Member
Ann Zolotas	South Hero Selectboard Chair	Planning Team Member
Skip Brown	South Hero Selectboard	Planning Team Member
Troy Toth	South Hero Rescue	Stakeholder (First Response)
William Johnson	Vermont Electric Co-op	Stakeholder (Electric Utility)

John Bartlet / Amber Baker	Acting Milton Town Co- Managers	Stakeholder (neighboring community)
Ray Allen	Grand Isle Co. Sheriff's Office	Stakeholder (Law Enforcement)
Bill Baron	Grand Isle EMD	Stakeholder (neighboring community)
Adam White	Grand Isle Fire Chief	Stakeholder (neighboring community)
Jacqueline Kelley	EP, Vermont Department of Health, St. Albans District	Stakeholder (Public Health)
Mike Murdock	Chair, Grand Isle County Regional Emergency Management Committee President, Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association, Inc.	Stakeholder (First Response/Mutual Aid)
Jordan Posner	Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources (C.I.D.E.R.)	Stakeholder (Range of Community Services including older adults and people with disabilities and functional access needs)
Jess Graff	Director, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)	Stakeholder (People with Disabilities and Functional Access Needs)
Whitney Doremus	Grand Isle Food Shelf	Stakeholder (Food, Water, Shelter)
Ashley Bartley	Visiting Nurses Association	Stakeholder (Senior Healthcare, Hospice and Community Support Services)
Jan Carney	University Of Vermont Medical Center	Stakeholder (Hospital)
Lisa Tourville	Champlain Islands Community Health Center	Stakeholder (non-profit healthcare center)
Julie Pidgeon, Principal Rich Monterosso Chair School Board	Folsom Education and Community Center	Stakeholder (Education)
Terry Robinson	South Hero Historical Society	Stakeholder (Historical)

Outreach Contacts

Senior Living	Bayview Crossing 10 Carter Lane South Hero, VT 05486 (802)578-6855
Business and Community	Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corp 3501 US-2 North Hero, VT 05474
Campground – Special Needs	Camp-Ta-Kum-Ta Sunset View Road South Hero, VT 05486 (802) 372-5863
Community Action	Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) Director Jess Graff 5 Lemnah Dr., Suite 5 St. Albans, VT 05478 (802) 527-7392
Community Action	Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources (C.I.D.E.R.) 12 Carter Lane South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-6425
Daycare	Champlain Islands Parent Child Center South 114 South St. South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-4704
Food Shelf	Grand Isle Food Shelf Grand Isle, VT 05458
Government Office	South Hero Town Office 333 US Route 2 South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-5552
Government Office (neighboring)	Grand Isle Town Office 9 Hyde Road Grand Isle, VT 05458 (802)372-8830
Government Office (neighboring)	Milton Town Office 43 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468 (802)893-6655
Health Facility	Champlain Islands Health Center 52 Community Lane South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-4687
Historical	South Hero Historical Society PO Box 180 South Hero, VT 05486

Hospital	University of Vermont Medical Center 111 Colchester Avenue Burlington, VT 05401
Library	Worthen Library 28 Community Lane South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-6209
Municipal Highway Department	South Hero Town Garage 280 US Route 2 South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-4485
Water – South Hero Fire District#4	Kevin Winch
Religious Facility	Congregational Church – South Hero 75 South St, South Hero, VT 05486 (802) 372-6967
Religious Facility	Saint Rose of Lima Parish 501 US Route 2 South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-4092
RV Park and Marina	Apple Island Resort 71 US Route 2 South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-3800
Schools	Folsom Education and Community Center 75 South Street South Hero, VT 05486 (802)372-6600