

Community Stakeholder Survey for Washington County's Hazard Mitigation Plan

Hazard mitigation is an action that reduces the long-term impacts of hazards (i.e. high winds, wind events, snow/ice, wildfire, drought, earthquake) on the community including people, buildings, environmental systems, and other infrastructure. *Hazard mitigation* is also known as *adaptation* - or adjusting building and restoration patterns in such a way that acknowledge and account for potential hazards.

The hazards assessed in the municipally adopted Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and that should be considered for a more focused risk assessment for are: Severe Spring/Summer Storms, Severe Fall/Winter Storms, Flooding, Wildfire, Landslide, Drought, Erosion, earthquake, tsunami.

**Names & Contact information will be kept private.*

1. Your Name (*Not required*)

2. Email (if you would like to be contacted for follow up if needed)

3. Location within community - street of residence or business, nearest cross street or general area within community, or agency/organization you are representing while completing this survey.

4. The previous county plan was adopted in 2018. How do you think your community's priorities have changed since the last plan was adopted? *Consider changing demographics such as an aging population with different vulnerabilities to hazards, recent experiences with hazard events, or new awareness in the community and evolving values.*

5. Have you experienced or seen areas in the community prone to one or multiple hazards such as flood, ice, drought, wind, or invasive species? Please detail below. *If you use or own property along a waterway, please note acres or feet lost due to erosion and associated flood event if applicable.*

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6. What do you consider a community asset for you, and which protecting and recovering from hazard will be critical for overall community recovery? *(ie. landmarks, community gathering spaces, stores, employers, town services, volunteer services, parks, bridges, culturally significant places, etc)*

7. What types of mitigation actions would you like to see the community prioritize?

- Structure and Infrastructure Projects (e.g. culvert upsizing, bridge replacement)
- Natural Systems Protection (e.g. streambank restoration)
- Local Plans and Regulations (e.g. adoption of River Corridor bylaws, updating your town plan to better integrate with the Hazard Mitigation Plan)
- Education and Awareness Programs (e.g. sending out information flood mitigation opportunities for homeowners with their tax bills, having a discussion at Town Annual Meeting on town mitigation actions)
- Other:

8. Are there mitigation actions that you think should be included in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan? *Please refer to the list of mitigation actions from the 2018 plan available (available on the Washington County website).*

9. How can the community best involve you in the plan implementation and monitoring process? *(e.g. virtual meetings, online surveys, in-person meetings during the day or evening, website or social media updates, etc)*

10. Anything else you would like to provide for consideration and incorporation into the Washington County 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan?

Survey Submission: Email your finished survey to: wnemadirector@washingtoncountymaine.com, or mail to Washington County EMA P.O. Box 297 Machias, ME. 04654 or physically drop off to Washington County Emergency Management Agency 28 Center St., Machias, ME 04654 by **Friday, April 26, 2024**

Thank you for your participation!!