

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: wname@director@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 **ASAP!!**

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Thank you for your participation!!