

D. Town Capabilities for Implementing Mitigation Strategies

The Town of Sharon is currently engaged in the following ongoing hazard mitigation programs, projects and activities:

	Type of Existing Authority / Policy / Program / Action	Resources: Staffing & Funding	Ability to Expand/Improve on
Community Preparedness Activities	<p>Program—Annual update of Sharon’s Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).</p> <p>Last updated and approved on 04/13/2015.</p>	<p>Updated by the Town.</p> <p>Administrative Assistant, assistance from TRORC and funding from Vermont</p> <p>DEMHS.</p>	<p>This document is reviewed and updated each year to ensure that the contact information of emergency response personnel is up to date. This information is then sent to Vermont Emergency Management and Homeland Security (VEMHS) for their records. The current program works well, no need to expand or improve on.</p>
	<p>Completed Action— Designated Red Cross Shelter— located at the Sharon Fire Station and Sharon Elementary</p>	<p>Staff time from the Town Clerk and volunteer time from another emergency management personnel.</p> <p>Funding from American Red Cross.</p>	<p>This is a one-time action. There is currently no need to expand on it.</p>
	<p>Completed Action— Town officers certified in ICS-100 level Training (Introductory)</p>	<p>Volunteer time from town officials. Funding from FEMA.</p>	<p>There is a need for constant renewed training as elected officials change.</p>
	<p>Program— Participation/attendance in the Local Emergency Planning Committee District 12 (LEPC 12)</p>	<p>Volunteer time from the Sharon Emergency Management Coordinator(s); meetings convened by TRORC.</p> <p>Funding from Vermont</p> <p>DEMHS.</p>	<p>No need to expand or improve on attendance, as it is satisfactory.</p>

<p>Insurance Programs</p>	<p>Authority/ Program—participation in National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)</p> <p>The Town participates and complies with the NFIP through them.</p> <p>enforcement of the Flood Hazard Area Bylaw, which was last adopted on 12/06/2010.</p> <p>[Note: This section of the Plan. satisfies the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6(c)(3)(ii).]</p>	<p>A contracted individual serves as the NFIP. Administrator. Assistance from TRORC and Vermont ANR. Funding from local resources—annual budget.</p>	<p>Sharon’s initial Flood Hazard Boundary Map was identified on 02/04/77 and their initial and current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is dated 09/28/07. Please note that elevation was not included on this map. The Town’s FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) has been updated, and the current effective date for both is 09/28/07.</p> <p>The Flood Hazard Area Bylaw is kept up to-date and regulate new development in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).</p>
<p>Land Use Planning</p>	<p>Policy/Program— Sharon Town Plan Adopted on 04/06/2015, includes a “Flood Resilience Chapter”</p>	<p>Volunteer time from the Planning Commission, and assistance from TRORC and other state agencies on specific subject matter. Funding from Municipal Planning Grants.</p>	<p>The Town Plan is reviewed/updated every five years, as required by statute. The Planning Commission may expand or improve on any section it deems necessary, or that is required by changes in state statute.</p>
	<p>Policy/Program— “River Corridor Management for the White River and Tributaries in Sharon, VT” - Sharon’s Phase II Stream Assessment report and appendices.</p> <p>Published 03/15/10.</p>	<p>Completed with staff time from Fitzgerald.</p> <p>Environmental Associates LLC and TRORC, and</p> <p>volunteer time from the Town of Sharon White River Task Force. Funding from Vermont Department of Conservation</p>	<p>There is currently no need to expand or improve on this document, but it should be reviewed periodically.</p>
	<p>Completed Authority—Sharon Flood Hazard Area Bylaws</p> <p>Last adopted on 12/06/2010.</p>	<p>Volunteer time from the Planning Commission, and assistance from TRORC and Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Funding from Municipal Planning Grants.</p>	<p>During the Town Plan review/update period, the Flood Hazard Area Bylaws are also reviewed and updated if needed.</p>

	<p>Authority— Sharon Subdivision Regulations</p> <p>Adopted on 12/18/2009.</p>	<p>Volunteer time from the Planning Commission.</p> <p>Funding from Municipal Planning Grants.</p>	<p>The Subdivision Regulations may be updated when deemed appropriate by the Selectboard. Currently, there is no need to expand or improve on these regulations.</p>
<p>Hazard Control & Protection of Critical Infrastructure & Facilities</p>	<p>Policy/Program— Sharon Hazard Mitigation Plan</p> <p>Adopted on 01/20/2009.</p>	<p>Updated with volunteer time from local officials and assistance from TRORC and Vermont DEMHS. Funding from DEMHS/FEMA.</p>	<p>The 2015 Sharon Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will replace the 2009 Plan. The 2015 LHMP has evolved from the 2009 Plan and has greatly expanded and improved upon it. Future iterations of the Town's LHMP will be updated by the Town at least every five years.</p>
	<p>Authority— 2014 Town Road and Bridge Standards</p> <p>Adopted 03/03/2014</p>	<p>Adopted by the Selectboard, implemented by the Road Foreman, and assistance from TRORC. Funding from VTrans and the local budget to implement.</p>	<p>Specifies minimum construction standards for roadway, ditches, culverts and bridges and guardrails. VTrans updates the Town Road and Bridge Standards on a fairly regular basis. The Town has the authority to require above-and-beyond what is written in the policy. Needs to be recertified each year.</p>
	<p>Program/Action— Home Buyouts</p>	<p>Staff time from Town Selectboard Assistant and volunteer time from other Town officials.</p> <p>Administrative assistance from TRORC. Funding from HMGP and CDBG.</p>	<p>A brownfield site in town, the Davis Estate Property (a.k.a Norm's Garage), is a property buy-out site. It will be cleaned up by the State of Vermont, and then acquired by the Town. The property will remain as open space. Other vulnerable properties that would be ideal candidates for property buy outs include Green's Mobile Home Park, several sites on Vermont Route 132, several sites on Fay Brook Road, the Sharon Fire Department on Vermont Route 14, and an additional site across from the Sharon Health Center on Vermont Route 14.</p>

	<p>Program—Projects with White River Partnership for riparian buffers, other water quality improvement projects</p>	<p>Staff time from the White River Partnership and the Selectboard Assistant/other Town Office staff; possibility for volunteer hours or town match requirements (based on grant). Permission/buy in from private landowners for some projects. Funding (state and federal) sought and obtained by the White River Partnership.</p>	<p>The White River Partnership, in coordination with the Town of Sharon has completed a number of water quality improvement projects in the past and continues to do so. There is no need to expand or improve on this program, as needs are identified and then funding is sought to implement the appropriate project.</p>
	<p>Program—Culvert inventory completed in November 2015 for the Town of Sharon</p> <p>This inventory includes georeferenced locations and attributes for all culverts/drop inlets in Sharon. The Town received targeted assistance in the culvert inventory and specific priority projects were identified.</p>	<p>Staff time from the Sharon Road Foreman; assistance from TRORC. Funding from Better Backroads grant; local personnel time.</p>	<p>Once completed, the Town will use the culvert inventory to further its culvert mitigation improvement program and seeking funding through various sources for implementation projects. Routine in house updates occur on an on-going basis. There is no need to expand or improve on this program at this time.</p>
<p>Education/ Public Outreach</p>	<p>Action— Use of Town website and listserv</p>	<p>Staff time from the Selectboard Assistant and other town officials. Funding from local budgets.</p>	<p>This is an ongoing action, and there is no need to expand or improve on the use at this time.</p>
	<p>Action — Public training associated with Red Cross Shelter designation</p>	<p>Staff time from Town Office personnel; volunteer time from meeting attendees. Funding from the American Red Cross.</p>	<p>This was a one-time action, and there is no need to expand or improve on it at this time.</p>

	<p>Completed Action— Community Recovery Partnership Meeting</p> <p>Meeting held on Jan. 17, 2012 in Sharon, VT.</p>	<p>Organized by the State of Vermont and partnering organizations for the</p> <p>following towns— Sharon, Royalton, Bethel, and</p> <p>Randolph—in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene (Aug. 2011). Staff and</p> <p>volunteer time; funding from the State of Vermont and partnering organizations.</p>	<p>This was a one-time action, and there is no need to expand or improve upon it.</p>
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