**Community Stakeholder Survey for [Municipality]'s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Hazard mitigation is an action that reduces the long-term impacts of hazards (ie. Heavy rain, wind events, snow/ice) on that 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 State Hazard Mitigation Plan, and that should be considered for a more focused risk assessments in your Local Hazard Mitigation Plan are: Fluvial Erosion, Inundation Flooding, Ice, Snow, Wind, Heat, Cold, Drought, Landslides, Wildfire, Earthquake, Invasive Species, Infectious Disease Outbreak, and Hail.

1. Name

2. Street of residence and nearest cross street or general area within community (eg. southwest Middlesex) or agency/organization you are representing while completing this survey.

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

4. The previous plan for [X community] was adopted in [year of adoption]. 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.

***Or***

4. [X community] does not have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. What do you feel should be the priorities for your community in developing the first Local Hazard Mitigation Plan? 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. The previous plan was directed by the following agreed upon goals, would you change these goals and how would you like them changed? Please make suggestions for revisions, omissions, and additions.

[Enter previous plan goals]

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***Or***

5. [X community] does not have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan can utilize the State Hazard Mitigation Goals to base their own unique goals on, how would you adapt these goals to your community? Please make suggestions for revisions, omissions, and additions.

**State Goals**

Protect, restore and enhance Vermont’s natural resources to promote healthy, resilient ecosystems.

Enhance the resilience of our built environment – our communities, infrastructure, buildings, and cultural assets.

Develop and implement plans and policies that create resilient natural systems, built environments, and communities.

Create a common understanding of – and coordinated approach to – mitigation planning and action.

6. Have you experienced or seen areas in the community prone to one or multiple hazards such as flood, ice, 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.

Example 1: The culvert on Mulberry Street north of Maple Street causes water to back up and flood the road. Example 2: The wind blows snow from Windy Acres Farm across Route 10 causing slippery roads that have caused multiple accidents. Example 3: Stormwater in the Babbling Brook subdivision puddles at the intersection of Willow and Cattail streets and has nowhere to infiltrate into the ground.

7. 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)

8. 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 Local 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 Meeting day on town mitigation actions)

9. Are there mitigation actions that you think should be included in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan? Please refer to the list of mitigation actions for the previous plan available [location].

*[If there are mitigation actions you wish the community to prioritize list them here to be ranked]*

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

11. Anything else you would like to provide for consideration and incorporation into the [x community] Local Hazard Mitigation Plan?