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# Preparation

- How does Vtrans help towns prepare for potential flooding?
  - Support assessment of town infrastructure
    - Where are the problems?
      - General interaction with town officials
      - Road Erosion Inventories (REI)
    - Evaluation of current conditions
      - Look at town infrastructure ditches, culverts, road surface
    - Prioritize issues
  - Promoting preventative maintenance
    - Town Road and Bridge Standards
  - Know your contacts

# Response/Recovery

- What is the Vtrans' role during response/recovery?
  - Perform damage assessment
    - Where are the damages?
    - Are damages on a Federal-aid highway?
    - What is the severity of damages?
  - Does the town need assistance in obtaining necessary resources such as materials or contractors?
  - Technical assistance
  - Assist with documentation
  - Are there any additional funding sources for impacted communities?

# Other Disaster Funding Sources

- Emergency Relief Program – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
  - Eligibility – damaged as a direct result of natural disaster and damaged highway must be either:
    - Functionally classified as a rural major collector or higher
    - Functionally classified as an urban collector or higher within federal-aid urban area
  - Overall disaster eligibility threshold: minimum $700,000
  - Per site repair cost threshold: minimum $5,000
  - Two types of work:
    - Emergency
    - Permanent

# Other Disaster Funding Sources

- Town Highway Emergency Fund
  - State aid for non-federal disasters
  - To qualify, damages > 10% of the town's non-winter maintenance budget
  - Reimbursement is the greater of either:
    - 90% of repair/replacement costs OR
    - Eligible repair/replacement costs, minus an amount equal to 10% of the overall total highway budget minus the town's winter maintenance portion

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