

Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency

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Mr. Barry Tibbetts
Windham Town Manager
8 School Rd.
Windham, Maine 04062

Dear Mr. Tibbetts:

In keeping with the Code of Federal Regulations CFR 44 §201.6, Cumberland County is working on our Five Year Hazard Mitigation Plan. While technically it is not due until April 2022, we have been informed that we should complete the Plan for approval to FEMA by April 2021. This accelerates our planning timeline by about six months, and is a result of FEMA's concerns about staff deployments for COVID-19 or staffing shortages caused by the illness.

Participation by each municipality gives FEMA a better understanding of the County's needs, and allows each municipality to be eligible for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants (the new pre-Disaster Mitigation program), and Flood Mitigation Assistance grants. Several of our towns have received much-needed project funding from these grants in the past.

We need your help to complete the work. As an alternative to convening additional videoconference meetings, please use the Google form [Mitigation Planning](#) to answer questions that relate to your specific community needs. **Due date for this is January 15, 2020.** The time commitment to completing this Google form should be about one hour.

Here is a summary of your municipality's participation to date:

☐ Kick off meeting, January 20, 2020

☐ Annual Mitigation Plan updates ☐ 2017 ☒ 2018 ☒ 2019 ☒ 2020

☒ Local Capability Assessment Google form

There may be some additional "asks" as we move to complete the Plan under a tight deadline. Please consider adding Plan approval to your local jurisdiction's agenda for October, November or December of 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Cushing at 207-892-6785 or cushing@cumberlandcounty.org. Should you be interested in a virtual meeting to discuss the Plan at your convenience, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Matthew Mahar