

## Community Survey for Castleton's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Town of Castleton is updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The goal of this Plan is to develop a strategy that makes Castleton more resistant to severe weather events and more resilient after a disaster. We are seeking your input to help 1) identify potential natural hazard impacts and 2) develop mitigation strategies to reduce these impacts in the future.

1. How long have you lived in or owned a business or property in Castleton?

- Less than a year
- One to five years
- More than five years

2. Have you experienced damage during a past severe weather event?

- No
- Yes - if Yes, please provide a brief description of the damage and when it occurred.

3. Is your home or business property located in a FEMA designated floodplain?

- I don't know
- No
- Yes – if Yes, do you have insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

4. Have you seen areas in the community damaged during a past severe weather event?

- No
- Yes - if Yes, please provide a brief description of the damage and when it occurred.

5. In your opinion, which of the following are most important to protect against potential future severe weather impacts in Castleton? Please rank with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Loss of life or injuries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business closure or loss
- \_\_\_\_\_ Damage or loss of roads, bridges, public utilities (e.g., water, sewer)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Protection against dam breaches
- \_\_\_\_\_ Damage to schools and other public properties (e.g., parks, buildings)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Damage or loss of cultural/historic properties
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loss or damage to agricultural operations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Damage to environmental resources (e.g., wetlands, lakes, ponds, rivers, forests)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Protection of vulnerable populations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Protection of wildlife

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6. In this context, hazard mitigation is a sustained measure that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from the effects of natural hazards (defined as severe weather events).

What types of hazard mitigation measures would you like to see the community prioritize?

- Structure & Infrastructure Projects  
(e.g., culvert upsizing, bridge replacement, property buyouts)
  - Natural Systems Protection  
(e.g., streambank restoration)
  - Local Plans & Regulations  
(e.g., adoption of River Corridor bylaws, updating the Town Plan to better integrate with the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan)
  - Outreach & Education Programs  
(e.g., mailing information on flood mitigation options for homeowners with their tax bills, posting information on the Town website)
7. Anything else you would like to provide for consideration and incorporation into the Castleton Local Hazard Mitigation Plan?

**Return completed surveys by April 14, 2023 to:** Mike  
Jones, Town Manager  
Town Office, 263 Route 30 North, Bomoseen, VT 05732

or

**Drop off the survey or place in the drop box at the  
Town Office Building by April 14, 2023**

**Thank you for taking the time to share your input!**

