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**CHITTENDEN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES PREPARE COUNTY-WIDE ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN
FOR EMERGENCY PREPARATION & DISASTER RELIEF**

Winooski, VT – The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is working with its 19 member municipalities to prepare a 2016 update to its Multi-Jurisdictional (county-wide) All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The purpose of mitigation planning is to identify policies and actions that can be implemented over the long term to reduce risk and future losses. The planning process is as important as the plan itself, as it creates a framework to reduce damages to lives, property, and the economy from future disasters.

FEMA regulations require that this All Hazards Mitigation Plan be updated, adopted, and approved every five years in order for jurisdictions to maintain eligibility for pre-disaster mitigation funding. This five-year update cycle also helps to ensure the Plan remains current and relevant.

Each municipality within Chittenden County has its own Municipal All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, all of which are set to expire on August 8, 2016. The CCRPC is working with each municipality to update these individual plans and adopt a county-wide version. An Update Committee was created in order to streamline this process.

The Update Committee will be hosting its first meeting on Wednesday, May 13 from 2:30-4:30pm at the CCRPC office in Winooski. At this meeting, the committee will review the 2011 Plan's identified hazards, review the hazard evaluation process, and review the multi-jurisdictional mitigation strategies to determine whether they are still appropriate, or whether modifications or additions are needed based on current knowledge and conditions.

The public is invited to participate in this update process and provide input into both the individual municipal Plans and the Multi-Jurisdictional Plan. All meeting information will be available on the CCRPC's website, and the draft updated Plans will be posted there for public review and comment.

For more information, please visit the CCRPC's All Hazards Mitigation Plan webpage at: ccrpcvt.org/em/hazard-mitigation or contact Dan Albrecht, Senior Planner: dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org or (802) 846-4490 x29.

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