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ARC	American Red Cross
ASFPM	Association of State Floodplain Managers
BCA	Benefit Cost Analysis
BCR	Benefit-Cost Ratio
BFE	Base Flood Elevation
BOCA	Building Officials and Code Administrators
CLA	Candlewood Lake Authority
CLEAR	Center for Land Use Education and Research (University of Connecticut)
CM	Centimeter
CRS	Community Rating System
DEEP	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
DEMHS	Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
DFA	Dam Failure Analysis
DMA	Disaster Mitigation Act
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPW	Department of Public Works
EAP	Emergency Action Plan
ECC	Emergency Communications Center
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
FIS	Flood Insurance Study
FMA	Flood Mitigation Assistance
GIS	Geographic Information System
HMA	Hazard Mitigation Assistance
HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
HMP	Hazard Mitigation Plan
HURDAT	Hurricane Database (NOAA's)
HURISK	Hurricane Center Risk Analysis Program
HVCEO	Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
ICC	International Code Council
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ISO	Insurance Services Office, Inc.
KM	Kilometer
KT	Knot
LID	Low Impact Development
LOMC	Letter of Map Change
MM	Millimeter
MMI	Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
MPH	Miles per Hour
NAI	No Adverse Impact
NCDC	National Climatic Data Center
NESIS	Northeast Snowfall Impact Scale

LIST OF ACRONYMS (Continued)

NFIA	National Flood Insurance Act
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NFIRA	National Flood Insurance Reform Act
NOAA	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OPM	Office of Policy and Management
POCD	Plan of Conservation and Development
PDM	Pre-Disaster Mitigation
RFC	Repetitive Flood Claims
RLP	Repetitive Loss Property
RSI	Regional Snowfall Index
SFHA	Special Flood Hazard Area
SLOSH	Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes
SRL	Severe Repetitive Loss
SSURGO	Soil Survey Geographic
STAPLEE	Social, Technical, Administrative, Political, Legal, Economic, and Environmental
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
USACE	The United States Army Corps of Engineers
USD	United States Dollars
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USGS	United States Geological Survey

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Newtown has developed the subject hazard mitigation plan along with nine other communities in western Connecticut through a grant to the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO[1]). Although each of the ten communities developed or updated a single-jurisdiction plan, certain components of the planning process were shared throughout the ten-town regional planning area. The primary goal of this hazard mitigation plan is to prevent loss of lives and reduce the damage to property, infrastructure, and important economic resources from natural disasters.

Newtown is a community of approximately 27,560 (2010 US Census) that is located in southwestern Connecticut. Newtown was established in 1711 and includes the following neighborhoods: the Borough of Newtown, Sandy Hook, Hawleyville, Botsford and Dodgingtown.

Like other communities in Connecticut, Newtown has been impacted by recent disasters such as the winter storms of January 2011, Tropical Storm Irene of August 2011, Winter Storm Alfred of October 2011, and Hurricane Sandy of 2012:

- The snow storms of January 2011 required the town to remove snow from many roofs, and several buildings collapsed.
- Flooding from Tropical Storm Irene was moderate, but the storm brought down many trees and power outages in the town lasted up to eleven days.
- Winter Storm Alfred caused power outages that lasted up to 15 days. Tree damage was also severe, especially among conifers.
- Hurricane Sandy generated much less debris than Irene or Alfred but power outages lasted up to eleven days.

Economic development in Newtown is consistent with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Fairfield Hills near the Town Center was once a State psychiatric hospital from 1931 to 1995 but is now zoned for adaptive reuse. Some development has occurred on the Fairfield Hills property since the Town purchased it from the State in 2004 including the relocation of the Town Center into the renovated Bridgeport Hall, the relocation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to the campus, the construction of the Newtown Youth Academy, installation of a baseball field, and the construction of the Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Facility.

In general, potential flooding problems in Newtown are concentrated along the Pootatuck River, with highest risk areas along Turkey Hill Road, Nearbrook Drive and Meadow Brook Road. There are also three residential repetitive loss properties in Newtown. Town officials indicated that flooding issues associated with these properties are due to drainage problems. While drainage may be an issue, it should be noted that two of the properties are within the special flood hazard area of the Housatonic River and riverine flooding could also be a concern.

Newtown is a Class 9 Community Rating System (CRS) community. With freeboard of four feet for residential structures and 10 feet for nonresidential structures, Newtown is among communities with the

[1] The planning area included the City of Danbury and the Towns of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Newtown, New Fairfield, New Milford, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman. Subsequent to the commencement of the planning process, HVCEO merged with Southwestern Regional Planning Agency to form an 18-town regional planning organization known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

most stringent flood damage prevention regulations. Freeboard was adopted in the town's original flood damage prevention regulations in 1983.

Newtown remains at risk to storm events that are severe enough to bring down trees. The town has a taken a more proactive approach to tree trimming along roads and has two tree wardens – one for the borough and one for the town. The town has increased its trimming efforts over the past few years. The tree trimming budget is estimated around $200,000 with an emergency budget of $75,000. The town plans around trimming conducted by Connecticut Light & Power (the local electric utility), but the town desires better communication with the utility about when and where they are planning to trim.

The town's capabilities relative to winter storms are significant. However, icing is a concern along Route 25 in the western portion of town.

The town does not have any significant specific concerns regarding dams, but portions of the town along the Housatonic River are downstream of – and adjacent to – several significant hazard dams. These dams must be maintained and must have up-to-date Emergency Action Plans (EAPs). For the dams with lower hazard class, the town would like to provide technical assistance to private dam owners regarding effective maintenance strategies.

Newtown has identified a number of mitigation strategies to decrease risks from future floods and other hazards. The town has also identified methods of increasing emergency service capabilities, such as securing standby power supplies and potentially relocating the Public Works facility from a flood hazard area. When the town updates its hazard mitigation plan in five years[2], these mitigation strategies will be reviewed for progress and updated as needed.

A table of hazard mitigation strategies and actions is provided in Appendix A. The record of municipal adoption for this plan is provided in Appendix B. Appendix C contains a worksheet to be used by the town for annually documenting the status of potential mitigation actions. The remaining appendices include documentation of the planning process and other resources.

[2] Updates will be pursued by the town or in connection with the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Purpose

The goal of emergency management activities is to prevent loss of life and property. The four phases of emergency management include Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery. Mitigation differs from the remaining three phases in that hazard mitigation is performed with the goal to eliminate or reduce the need to respond. The term *hazard* refers to an extreme natural event that poses a risk to people, infrastructure, or resources. In the context of natural disasters, hazard mitigation is commonly defined as any sustained action that permanently reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people, property, and resources from hazards and their effects.

The primary purpose of a hazard mitigation plan (HMP) is to identify hazards and risks, existing capabilities, and activities that can be undertaken by a community or group of communities to prevent loss of life and reduce property damages associated with the identified hazards. This HMP is prepared specifically to identify hazards in the Town of Newtown, Connecticut. The HMP is relevant not only in emergency management situations but also should be used within the Town's land use, environmental, and capital improvement frameworks.

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The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA), commonly known as the 2000 Stafford Act amendments, was approved by Congress and signed into law in October 2000, creating Public Law 106-390. The purposes of the DMA are to establish a national program for pre-disaster mitigation and streamline administration of disaster relief. The DMA requires local communities to have a FEMA-approved mitigation plan in order to be eligible to apply for and receive Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants.

The HMA "umbrella" contains several competitive grant programs designed to mitigate the impacts of natural hazards. This HMP was developed to be consistent with the general requirements of the HMA program as well as the specific requirements of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for post-disaster mitigation activities, as well as the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs. These programs are briefly described below.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program

The PDM Program was authorized by Part 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5133. The PDM program provides funds to states, territories, tribal governments, communities, and universities for hazard mitigation planning and implementation of mitigation projects prior to disasters, providing an opportunity to reduce the nation's disaster losses through PDM planning and the implementation of feasible, effective, and cost-efficient mitigation measures. Funding of pre-disaster plans and projects is meant to reduce overall risks to populations and facilities. PDM funds should be used primarily to support mitigation activities that address natural hazards. In addition to providing a vehicle for funding, the PDM program provides an opportunity to raise risk awareness within communities.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

The HMGP is authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The HMGP provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the HMGP is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster. A key purpose of the HMGP is to ensure that any opportunities to take critical mitigation measures to protect life and property from future disasters are not "lost" during the recovery and reconstruction process following a disaster. The "5% Initiative" is a subprogram that provides the opportunity to fund mitigation actions that are consistent with the goals and objectives of the state and local mitigation plans and meet all HMGP requirements but for which it may be difficult to conduct a standard benefit-cost analysis (Section 1.5) to prove cost effectiveness. The grant to prepare the subject plan came through the HMGP program.

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program

The FMA program was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA) of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 4101) with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FEMA provides FMA funds to assist states and communities with implementing measures that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, homes, and other structures insurable under the NFIP. The long-term goal of FMA is to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP through mitigation activities.

The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 eliminated the Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) programs and made the following significant changes to the FMA program:

- The definitions of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties have been modified;
- Cost-share requirements have changed to allow more Federal funds for properties with repetitive flood claims and severe repetitive loss properties; and
- There is no longer a limit on in-kind contributions for the non-Federal cost share.

The NFIP provides the funding for the FMA program. The PDM and FMA programs are subject to the availability of appropriation funding, as well as any program-specific directive or restriction made with respect to such funds.

One potentially important change to the PDM, HMGP, and FMA programs is that "green open space and riparian area benefits can now be included in the project benefit cost ratio (BCR) once the project BCR reaches 0.75 or greater." The inclusion of environmental benefits in the project BCR is limited to acquisition-related activities.

Effective August 15, 2013, acquisitions and elevations will be considered cost-effective if the project costs are less than $276,000 and $175,000, respectively. Structures must be located in Special Flood Hazard Areas (the area of the 1% annual chance flood). The benefit-cost analysis (BCA) will not be required.

Table 1-1 presents potential mitigation project and planning activities allowed under each FEMA grant program described above as outlined in the most recent HMA Unified Guidance document.

Table 1-1
Eligible Mitigation Project Activities by Program

Eligible Activities	HMGP	PDM	FMA
Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition or Relocation	X	X	X
Structure Elevation	X	X	X
Mitigation Reconstruction			X
Dry Floodproofing of Historic Residential Structures	X	X	X
Dry Floodproofing of Non-residential Structures	X	X	X
Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects	X	X	X
Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings	X	X	
Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Facilities	X	X	X
Safe Room Construction	X	X	
Wind Retrofit for One- and Two-Family Residences	X	X	
Infrastructure Retrofit	X	X	X
Soil Stabilization	X	X	X
Wildfire Mitigation	X	X	
Post-Disaster Code Enforcement	X		
Generators	X	X	
5% Initiative Projects	X		
Advance Assistance	X		

Source: Table 3 – HMA Unified Guidance document

Many of the strategies and actions developed in this plan fall within the above list of eligible activities.

1.2 Hazard Mitigation Goals

The primary goal of this HMP is to ***reduce the loss of or damage to life, property, infrastructure, and natural, cultural, and economic resources from natural disasters.*** This includes the reduction of public and private damage costs. Limiting losses of and damage to life and property will also reduce the social, emotional, and economic disruption associated with a natural disaster.

Developing, adopting, and implementing this HMP is expected to:

- ***Increase access to and awareness of funding sources for hazard mitigation projects.*** Certain funding sources, such as the PDM program and the HMGP, may be available if the HMP is in place and approved.

- ***Identify mitigation initiatives to be implemented if and when funding becomes available.*** This HMP will identify a number of mitigation recommendations that can be prioritized and acted upon as funding allows.

- ***Connect hazard mitigation planning to other community planning efforts.*** This HMP can be used to guide Newtown's development through interdepartmental and inter-municipal coordination.

- ***Improve the mechanisms for pre- and post-disaster decision making efforts.*** This Plan emphasizes actions that can be taken now to reduce or prevent future disaster damages. If the actions identified in this Plan are implemented, damage from future hazard events can be minimized, thereby easing recovery and reducing the cost of repairs and reconstruction.

- ***Improve the ability to implement post-disaster recovery projects*** through development of a list of mitigation alternatives ready to be implemented.

- ***Enhance and preserve natural resource systems.*** Natural resources, such as wetlands and floodplains, provide protection against disasters such as floods. Proper planning and protection of natural resources can provide hazard mitigation at substantially reduced costs.

> ***Local Plan Development Process***
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> ***Local governments are the primary decision makers for land use, using land use and planning documents to make decisions along with management measures, zoning, and other regulatory tools. Development of a HMP at the community level is vital if the community is to effectively address natural hazards. While communities cannot prevent disasters from occurring, they can lessen the impacts and associated damages from such disasters. Effective planning improves a community's ability to respond to natural disasters and documents local knowledge on the most efficient and effective ways to reduce losses. The benefits of effective planning include reduced social, economic, and emotional disruption; better access to funding sources for natural hazard mitigation projects; and improving the community's ability to implement recovery projects.***

- ***Educate residents and policy makers about hazard risk and vulnerability.*** Education is an important tool to ensure that people make informed decisions that complement the Town's ability to implement and maintain mitigation strategies.

- ***Complement future Community Rating System (CRS) efforts.*** Implementation of certain mitigation measures may increase a community's rating with the NFIP and thus the benefits that it derives from FEMA. The Town currently participates in the Community Rating System (CRS).

1.3 Identification of Hazards and Document Overview

As stated in Section 1.1, the term *hazard* refers to an extreme natural event that poses a risk to people, infrastructure, or resources. Based on a review of the 2014 Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and correspondence with local officials, the following have been identified as hazards that can potentially affect the Town of Newtown:

- Flooding
- Hurricanes and Tropical Storms
- Summer Storms (including lightning, hail, and heavy winds) and Tornadoes
- Winter Storms
- Earthquakes
- Dam Failure
- Wildfires

The only hazard given attention in the 2014 Connecticut Hazard Mitigation Plan Update but not addressed in the Newtown Hazard Mitigation Plan is drought. However, this is the lowest-ranked hazard of those discussed in the state's plan, with a "medium-low" composite risk score for Fairfield County. In addition, the statewide and countywide annual estimated loss (AEL) for this hazard is $0 in the state plan. Thus, its inclusion was considered unnecessary.

This document has been prepared with the understanding that a single *hazard effect* may be caused by multiple *hazard events*. For example, flooding may occur as a result of frequent heavy rains, a hurricane, or a winter storm. Thus, Tables 1-2 and 1-3 provide summaries of the hazard events and hazard effects that impact the Town of Newtown and include criteria for characterizing the locations impacted by the hazard, the frequency of occurrence of the hazards, and the magnitude or severity of the hazards.

Notwithstanding their causes, the effects of several hazards are persistent and demand high expenditures from the Town. In order to better identify current vulnerabilities and potential mitigation strategies associated with other hazards, each hazard has been individually discussed in a separate chapter.

This document begins with a general discussion of Newtown's community profile, including the physical setting, demographics, development trends, governmental structure, and sheltering capacity. Next, each chapter of this Plan that is dedicated to a particular hazard event is broken down into six or seven different parts. These are *Setting*; *Hazard Assessment*; *Historic Record*; *Existing Capabilities*; *Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment*; and *Potential Mitigation Strategies and Actions*, and, for chapters with several recommendations, *a Summary of Specific Strategies and Actions.* These are described below.

- ***Setting*** addresses the general areas that are at risk from the hazard and categorizes the overall effect of each hazard.

- ***Hazard Assessment*** describes the specifics of a given hazard, including characteristics and associated effects. Also defined are associated return intervals, probability and risk, and relative magnitude.

- ***Historic Record*** is a discussion of past occurrences of the hazard and associated damages when available.

Table 1-2
Hazard Event Ranking

Natural Hazards	Location	Frequency of Occurrence	Magnitude/ Severity	Rank
	1 = small 2 = medium 3 = large	0 = unlikely 1 = possible 2 = likely 3 = highly likely	1 = limited 2 = significant 3 = critical 4 = catastrophic	
Winter Storms	3	3	2	8
Hurricanes	3	1	3	7
Summer Storms and Tornadoes	2	3	2	7
Earthquakes	3	1	2	6
Wildfires	1	2	1	4

- Each hazard may have multiple effects; for example, a hurricane causes high winds and flooding.
- Some hazards may have similar effects; for example, hurricanes and earthquakes may cause dam failure.

<u>Location</u>
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<u>Magnitude/Severity</u>
1 = limited: injuries and/or illnesses are treatable with first aid; minor "quality of life" loss; shutdown of critical facilities and services for 24 hours or less; property severely damaged < 10%
2 = significant: injuries and/or illnesses do not result in permanent disability; shutdown of several critical facilities for more than one week; property severely damaged <25% and >10%
3 = critical: injuries and/or illnesses result in permanent disability; complete shutdown of critical facilities for at least two weeks; property severely damaged <50% and >25%
4 = catastrophic: multiple deaths; complete shutdown of facilities for 30 days or more; property severely damaged >50%

Table 1-3
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Natural Hazard Effects	Location 1 = small 2 = medium 3 = large	Frequency of Occurrence 0 = unlikely 1 = possible 2 = likely 3 = highly likely	Magnitude/ Severity 1 = limited 2 = significant 3 = critical 4 = catastrophic	Rank
Nor'Easter Winds	3	3	2	8
Snow	3	3	2	8
Blizzard	3	3	2	8
Hurricane Winds	3	1	3	7
Falling Trees/Branches	2	3	2	7
Riverine Flooding	2	3	2	6
Ice	3	2	2	7
Thunderstorm and Tornado Winds	2	2	2	6
Flooding from Dam Failure	1	1	4	6
Shaking	3	1	2	6
Flooding from Poor Drainage	1	3	1	5
Lightning	1	3	1	5
Hail	1	2	1	4
Fire/Heat	1	2	1	4
Smoke	1	2	1	4

- ❑ Some effects may have a common cause; for example, a hurricane causes high winds and flooding.
- ❑ Some effects may have similar causes; for example, hurricanes and nor'easters both cause heavy winds.

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- ***Existing Capabilities*** gives an overview of the measures that the Town is currently undertaking to mitigate the given hazard. These may take the form of ordinances and codes, structural measures such as dams, or public outreach initiatives.

- ***Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment*** focuses on the specific areas at risk to the hazard. Specific land uses in the given areas are identified. Critical buildings and infrastructure that would be affected by the hazard are identified.

- ***Potential Mitigation Strategies and Actions*** identifies mitigation alternatives, including those that may be the least cost effective or inappropriate for Newtown.

- ***Summary of Specific Strategies and Actions*** provides a summary of the recommended courses of action for Newtown, which are included in the STAPLEE analysis described below.

This document concludes with a strategy for implementation of the HMP, including a schedule, a program for monitoring and updating the Plan, and a discussion of technical and financial resources.

1.4 Discussion of STAPLEE Ranking Method

To prioritize recommended mitigation measures, it is necessary to determine how effective each measure will be in reducing or preventing damage. A set of criteria commonly used by public administration officials and planners was applied to each proposed strategy. The method, called STAPLEE, is outlined in FEMA planning documents such as *Developing the Mitigation Plan* (FEMA 386-3) and *Using Benefit-Cost Review in Mitigation Planning* (FEMA 386-5). STAPLEE stands for the "Social, Technical, Administrative, Political, Legal, Economic, and Environmental" criteria for making planning decisions.

Benefit-cost review was emphasized in the prioritization process. Criteria were divided into potential benefits (pros) and potential costs (cons) for each mitigation strategy. The following questions were asked about the proposed mitigation strategies:

- **Social**:
  - Benefits: Is the proposed strategy socially acceptable to Newtown?
  - Costs: Are there any equity issues involved that would mean that one segment of Newtown could be treated unfairly? Will the action disrupt established neighborhoods, break up voting districts, or cause the relocation of lower-income people? Is the action compatible with present and future community values?

- **Technical**:
  - Benefits: Will the proposed strategy work? Will it reduce losses in the long term with minimal secondary impacts?
  - Costs: Is the action technically feasible? Will it create more problems than it will solve? Does it solve the problem or only a symptom?

- **Administrative**:
  - Benefits: Does the project make it easier for the community to administrate future mitigation or emergency response actions?

- Costs: Does Newtown have the capability (staff, technical experts, and/or funding) to implement the action, or can it be readily obtained? Can Newtown perform the necessary maintenance? Can the project be accomplished in a timely manner?

- **Political**:
  - Benefits: Is the strategy politically beneficial? Is there public support both to implement and maintain the project? Is there a local champion willing to see the project to completion? Can the mitigation objectives be accomplished at the lowest cost to the community (grants, etc.)?
  - Costs: Have political leaders participated in the planning process? Do project stakeholders support the project enough to ensure success? Have the stakeholders been offered the opportunity to participate in the planning process?

- **Legal**:
  - Benefits: Is there a technical, scientific, or legal basis for the mitigation action? Are the proper laws, ordinances, and resolutions in place to implement the action?
  - Costs: Does Newtown have the authority to implement the proposed action? Are there any potential legal consequences? Will the community be liable for the actions or support of actions, or for lack of action? Is the action likely to be challenged by stakeholders who may be negatively affected?

- **Economic**:
  - Benefits: Are there currently sources of funds that can be used to implement the action? What benefits will the action provide? Does the action contribute to community goals, such as capital improvements or economic development?
  - Costs: Does the cost seem reasonable for the size of the problem and the likely benefits? What burden will be placed on the tax base or local economy to implement this action? What proposed actions should be considered but be tabled for implementation until outside sources of funding are available?

- **Environmental**:
  - Benefits: Will this action beneficially affect the environment (land, water, endangered species)?
  - Costs: Will this action comply with local, state, and federal environmental laws and regulations? Is the action consistent with community environmental goals?

Each proposed mitigation strategy presented in this plan was evaluated and quantitatively assigned a "benefit" score and a "cost" score for each of the seven STAPLEE criteria, as outlined below:

- For potential benefits, a score of "1" was assigned if the project will have a beneficial effect for that particular criterion; a score of “0.5” was assigned if there would be a slightly beneficial effect; or a "0" if the project would have a negligible effect or if the questions were not applicable to the strategy.

- For potential costs, a score of "-1" was assigned if the project would have an unfavorable impact for that particular criterion; a score of “-0.5” was assigned if there would be a slightly unfavorable impact; or a "0" if the project would have a negligible impact or if the questions were not applicable to the strategy.

- Technical and Economic criteria were double weighted (multiplied by two) in the final sum of scores.

- The total benefit score and cost score for each mitigation strategy was summed to determine each strategy's final STAPLEE score.

An evaluation matrix with the total scores from each strategy can be found in Appendix A. Strategies are prioritized according to final score in Section 10. The highest scoring is determined to be of more importance economically, socially, environmentally, and politically and, hence, is prioritized over those with lower scoring.

The highest-ranking proposed structural projects were additionally evaluated through qualitative methods. The results of the qualitative assessments are included in Appendix A. See Section 10.3 for details.

1.5 Discussion of Benefit-Cost Ratio

Although a community may implement recommendations as prioritized by the STAPLEE method, an additional consideration is important for those recommendations that may be funded under the FEMA mitigation grant programs. To receive federal funding, the mitigation action must have a benefit-cost ratio (BCR) that exceeds a value of 1.0. Calculation of the BCR is conducted using FEMA's Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) toolkit. The calculation method may be complex and vary with the mitigation action of interest. Calculations are dependent on detailed information such as property value appraisals, design and construction costs for structural projects, and tabulations of previous damages or NFIP claims.

Although it is beyond the scope of this Plan to develop precise BCRs for each recommendation, the likelihood of receiving funding is estimated for each recommendation as presented in Appendix A. When pursuing grants for selected projects, this information can be used to help select the projects that have the greatest chance of successfully navigating through the application review process.

1.6 Documentation of the Planning Process

The Town is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) the regional planning body responsible for Newtown and nine other member municipalities: Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman. Three municipalities in the region (Danbury, New Fairfield, and Sherman) developed HMPs in 2011 and 2012. The remaining seven municipalities, including Newtown, participated in the planning process from 2013 through 2014 to develop single-jurisdiction HMPs.

Mrs. Patricia Llodra, the town First Selectman coordinated the development of this HMP; the adoption of this plan in the Town of Newtown will be coordinated by all Town personnel.

Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI) prepared the subject Plan. The following individuals provided information, data, studies, reports, and observations and were involved in the development of the Plan:

- ❑ Ms. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman
- ❑ Mr. Ron Bolmer, Town Engineer
- ❑ Ms. Donna Culbert, Director of Health
- ❑ Mr. George Benson, Director of Planning and Land Use
- ❑ Mr. Rob Sibley, Deputy Director of Planning and Land Use and member of the Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM)
- ❑ Mr. Fred Hurley, Public Works Director
- ❑ Mr. Bill Halstead, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director
- ❑ Mr. David Hannon, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO)

An extensive data collection, evaluation, and outreach program was undertaken to compile information about existing hazards and mitigation in the town, as well as to identify areas that should be prioritized for hazard mitigation. Appendix B contains copies of meeting minutes, the public information meeting presentation, and other records that document the development of this HMP. The following is a list of meetings that were held as well as other efforts to develop this plan:

- ❑ ***A project kickoff meeting with Town personnel was held February 27, 2014.*** Necessary documentation was collected, and problem areas within the town were discussed.

- ❑ ***A public information meeting was held on April 30, 2014.*** Preliminary finds were presented and comments solicited.

  The following individuals attended:

  - Mr. George Benson, Director of Planning and Land Use
  - Mr. Bill Halstead, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director
  - Mr. David Hannon, HVCEO
  - Mr. Andy Gorosko, Newtown Bee Newspaper
  - Ms. Linda Zukauskas, The Voices Newspaper

  The following were points of discussion:

  - Mr. Hannon mentioned the importance of protecting the local aquifer from natural hazards.
  - Mr. Benson indicated that CL&P has conducted extensive trimming throughout Newtown which has reduced the risk of power outages.
  - Mr. Benson indicated that the town is considering the use of solar panels at the Batchelder site.
  - Town staff recently conducted "stream walks" throughout Newtown to identify areas in need of stabilization. These areas have been located via GPS and will be prioritized based on need *[this point has been directly incorporated into a proposed mitigation action listed in Section 3.7]*.
  - Town officials expressed concerns with the stormwater runoff in the vicinity of Route 84 and Exit 11.
  - David Hannon indicated that the most significant issue in Newtown related to natural disasters is storms that bring down trees and increase risks of damage to property and life.

- Mr. Benson indicated that owners of small private dams do not have the financial means to conduct necessary repairs.
- Mr. Hannon briefly discussed FEMA funding and stated that funds can be provided to both private and public entities.

❑ ***The Draft Plan was reviewed by the Town in August 2014.*** Town officials reviewed the Plan, discussed components with appropriate Town staff including those listed above, and provided detailed comments in October 2014 to improve the Plan.

❑ ***The Plan was reviewed by DEMHS in January 2015 and by FEMA in ___ 2015.***

Public Participation

Residents, business owners, and other stakeholders of Newtown, neighboring communities, and local and regional entities were invited to the public information meeting via the local newspapers; *the Newtown Bee,* and via the home page of the Town's website. Copies of these announcements are included in Appendix B.

Additional opportunities for the public to review the Plan will be implemented in advance of the public hearing to adopt this plan, contingent on receiving conditional approval from FEMA. The draft that is sent for FEMA review will be posted on the Town website (www.newtown-ct.gov) as well as the HVCEO website (www.hvceo.org) to provide opportunities for public review and comment. Such comments will be incorporated into the final draft where applicable. The public and interested parties will be notified of the opportunity to review the Plan via the two websites and in the two local newspapers; the Newtown Bee and the Voices.

1.7 Coordination with Neighboring Communities

Newtown has coordinated with neighboring municipalities both within and outside the HVCEO planning area in the past relative to hazard mitigation and emergency preparedness and will continue to do so. For example, during the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for the Town of Oxford, a representative of the Newtown Land Use Agency responded via telephone to state that there are many potential flood-related projects that Newtown and Oxford could collaborate on along the Housatonic River. In particular, improved communications between both communities and First Light should be pursued regarding emergency response along the Housatonic River at Lake Zoar. Other municipalities that border Newtown include Southbury and Bridgewater to the north, Brookfield to the northwest, Bethel to the west, Redding to the southwest, and Easton and Monroe to the south.

The monthly HVCEO meetings have provided a continuing forum for the member municipalities to collaborate and share thoughts about hazards that may span municipal boundaries. In 2014, a letter was mailed to the hazard mitigation planning contacts for all local jurisdictions surrounding the HVCEO planning region. Representatives from Putnam County (NY), Westchester County (NY), the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (CT), Greater Bridgeport Regional Council (CT), and Council of Governments Central Naugatuck Valley (CT) were copied on this correspondence. Comments pertaining to Newtown were not provided by any of these recipients.

2.0 COMMUNITY PROFILE

2.1 Physical Setting

Incorporated in 1711, the Town of Newtown is located in northeastern Fairfield County and is home to a population of 27,560 (2010 U.S. Census). Newtown is bordered by the municipalities of Southbury and Bridgewater to the north, Oxford to the east, Monroe to the southeast, Easton and Redding to the south, and to the west by Bethel and Brookfield. Refer to Figures 2-1 and 2-2 for maps showing the regional location of Newtown.

Newtown is located in the southern foothills of the Berkshire Mountains and is bordered to the northeast by the Housatonic River. Newtown is traversed by Interstate 84, U.S. Routes 6 and 302, and Connecticut Routes 25 and 34. It covers 38,644 acres or 60.38 square miles, making it the fifth largest town by area in the state. Newtown includes the Borough, Sandy Hook, Hawleyville, Botsford and Dodgingtown "neighborhoods."

According to the 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development, Newtown's terrain is largely rolling, punctuated by steep hills and deep valleys, outcroppings, floodplains and wetlands. The varying terrain of Newtown makes the town vulnerable to an array of natural hazards.

2.2 Existing Land Use

According to the 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), "the Town of Newtown has total land area of approximately 58 square miles (37,110 acres). The Town includes a diversity of land use types including agricultural, commercial, government, industrial, institutional, open space, residential, transportation, and vacant areas."

The POCD identifies that "the predominant land use in Newtown is for residential housing representing 48% of the land area. Agricultural lands is the second largest land use at 16%. Federal, State, and Town government lands comprise 10% of the land area in Newtown. Transportation, which includes Interstate 84 and state and local roads and their respective right-of-ways, makes up 6% of Newtown's land area." About 9% of Newtown's lands is considered vacant.

Table 2-1 summarizes 2006 land cover data which was derived from satellite imagery. Areas shown as turf and grass are maintained grasses such as residential and commercial lawns or golf courses. Development is generally spread throughout the community and not particularly concentrated in any one area. According to this data, about 63% of Newtown is forested and approximately 17.5% is developed.

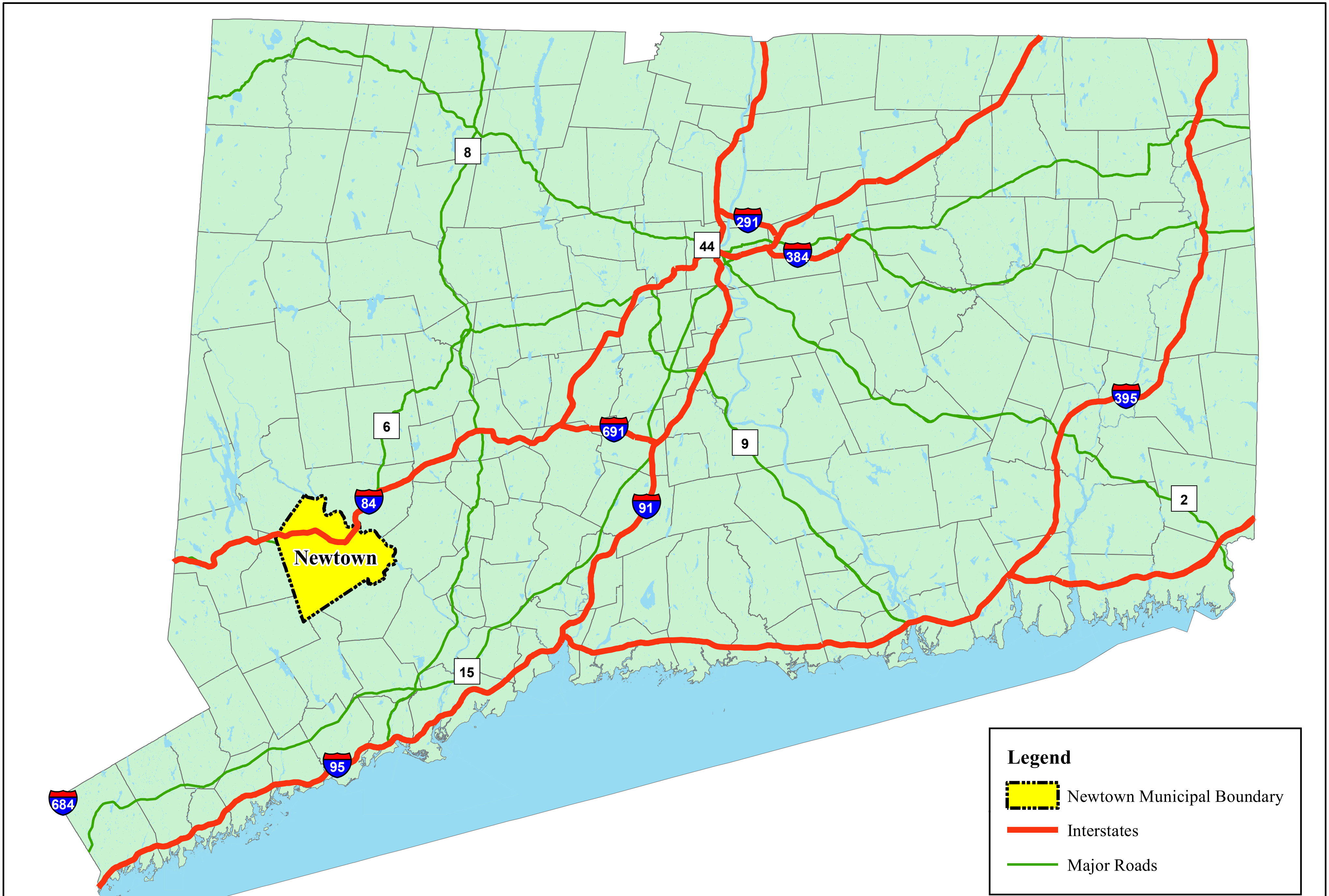

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Figure 2-1: Location Map of Newtown

Town of Newtown
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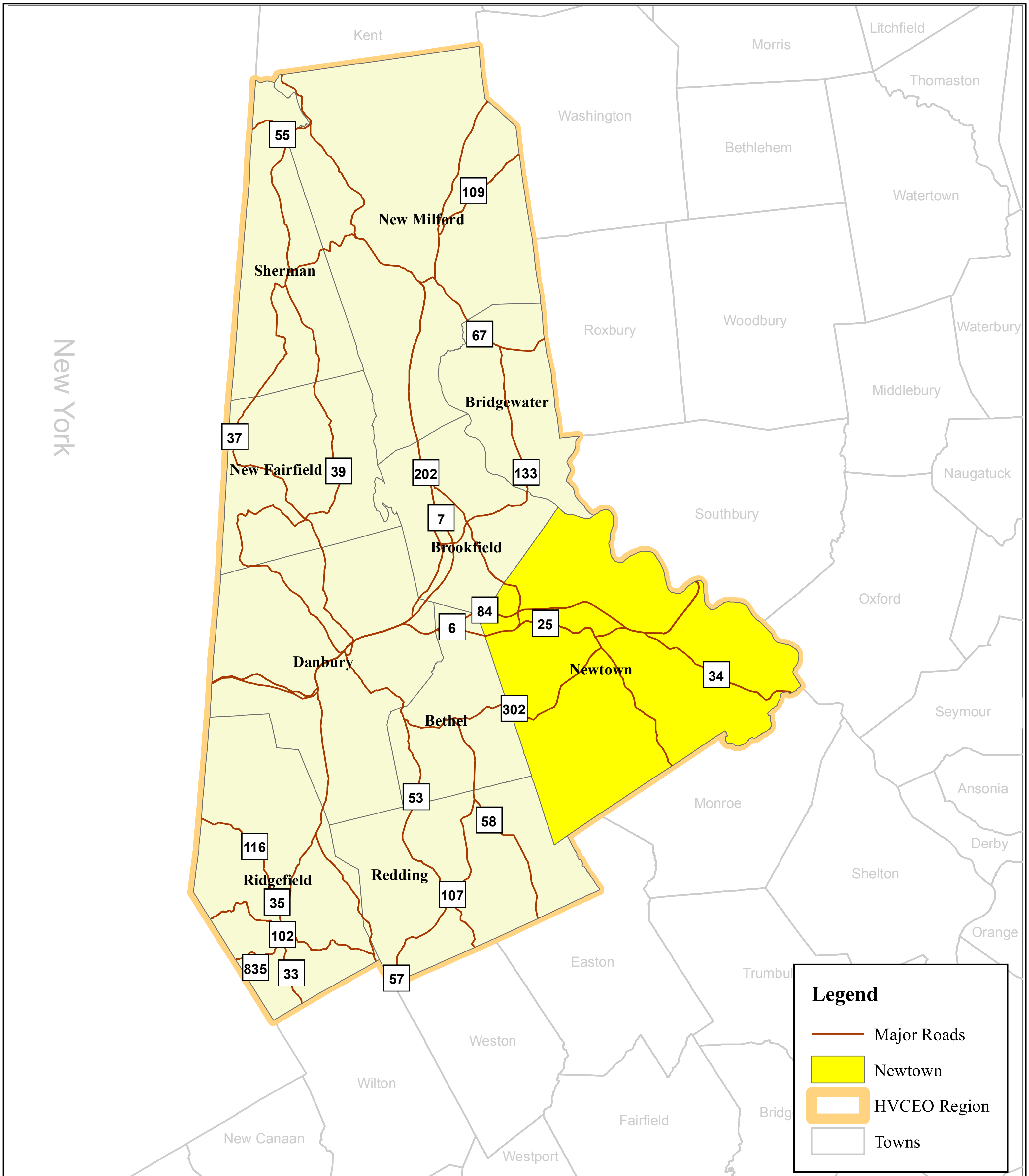

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Figure 2-2: Newtown in the Multi Jurisdictional Planning Region

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Table 2-1
2006 Land Cover by Area

Land Cover	Area within Town (acres)	Percent of Community
Deciduous Forest	20,637	54.7%
Developed	6,583	17.5%
Turf & Grass	3.397	9.0%
Coniferous Forest	1,833	4.9%
Water	1,117	3.0%
Barren	171	0.5%
Agricultural Field	1940	5.1%
Forested Wetland	1,339	3.6%
Other Grasses	394	1.0%
Non-forested Wetland	68	0.2%
Utility (Forest)	216	0.6%
Tidal Wetland	0	0.0%
Total	**37,695**	**100.0%**

Source: UCONN Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR)

2.3 Geology

Geology is important to the occurrence and relative effects of natural hazards such as floods and earthquakes. Thus, it is important to understand the geologic setting and variation of bedrock and surficial formations in Newtown.

The amount of stratified glacial meltwater deposits present in a community is important as areas of stratified materials are generally coincident with inland floodplains. These materials were deposited at lower elevations by glacial streams, and these valleys were later inherited by the larger of our present day streams and rivers. Oftentimes these deposits are associated with public water supply aquifers or with wetland areas that provide significant floodplain storage. However, the smaller glacial till watercourses throughout Newtown can also cause flooding. The amount of stratified drift also has bearing on the relative intensity of earthquakes.

The Town of Newtown's bedrock consists primarily of gneiss and schist. The bedrock alignment trends generally southeast to northwest through the town. Figure 2-3 present the bedrock geology in the Town of Newtown.

The main bedrock formation in Newtown is Brookfield Gneiss which is dark and light, commonly speckled or banded, medium- to coarse-grained, massive to poorly foliated gneiss, composed of plagioclase, biotite, and hornblende, generally with quartz and K-feldspar, the latter commonly as megacrysts 1 to 3 cm across (also plagioclase megacrysts in darker rocks), locally associated with amphibolite or hornblende schist.

Continental ice sheets moved across Connecticut at least twice in the late Pleistocene era. As a result, Newtown's surficial geology is characteristic of the depositional environments that occurred during glacial and postglacial periods. Refer to Figure 2-4 for a depiction of surficial geology.

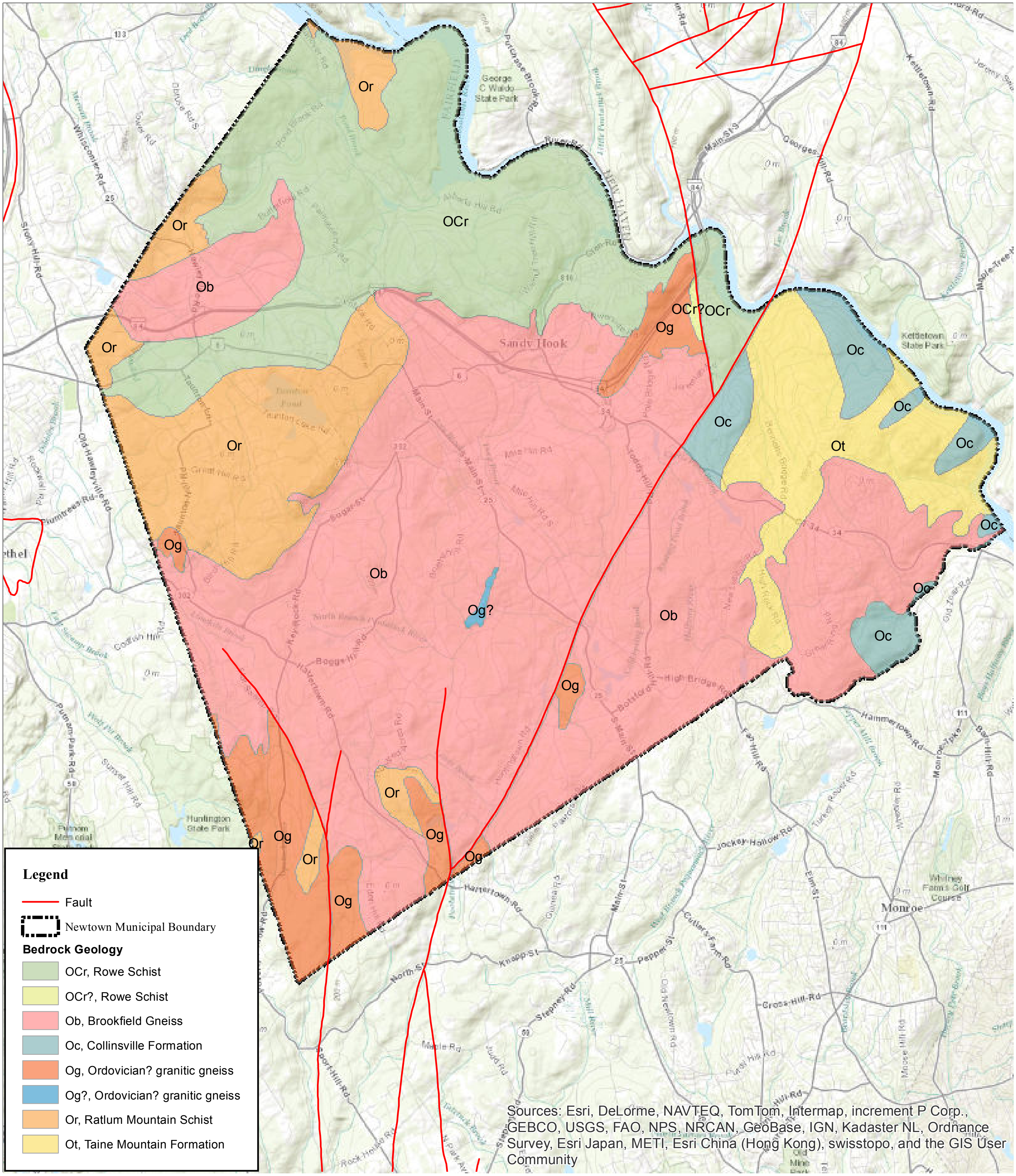

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Figure 2-3: Bedrock Geology

LOCATION:
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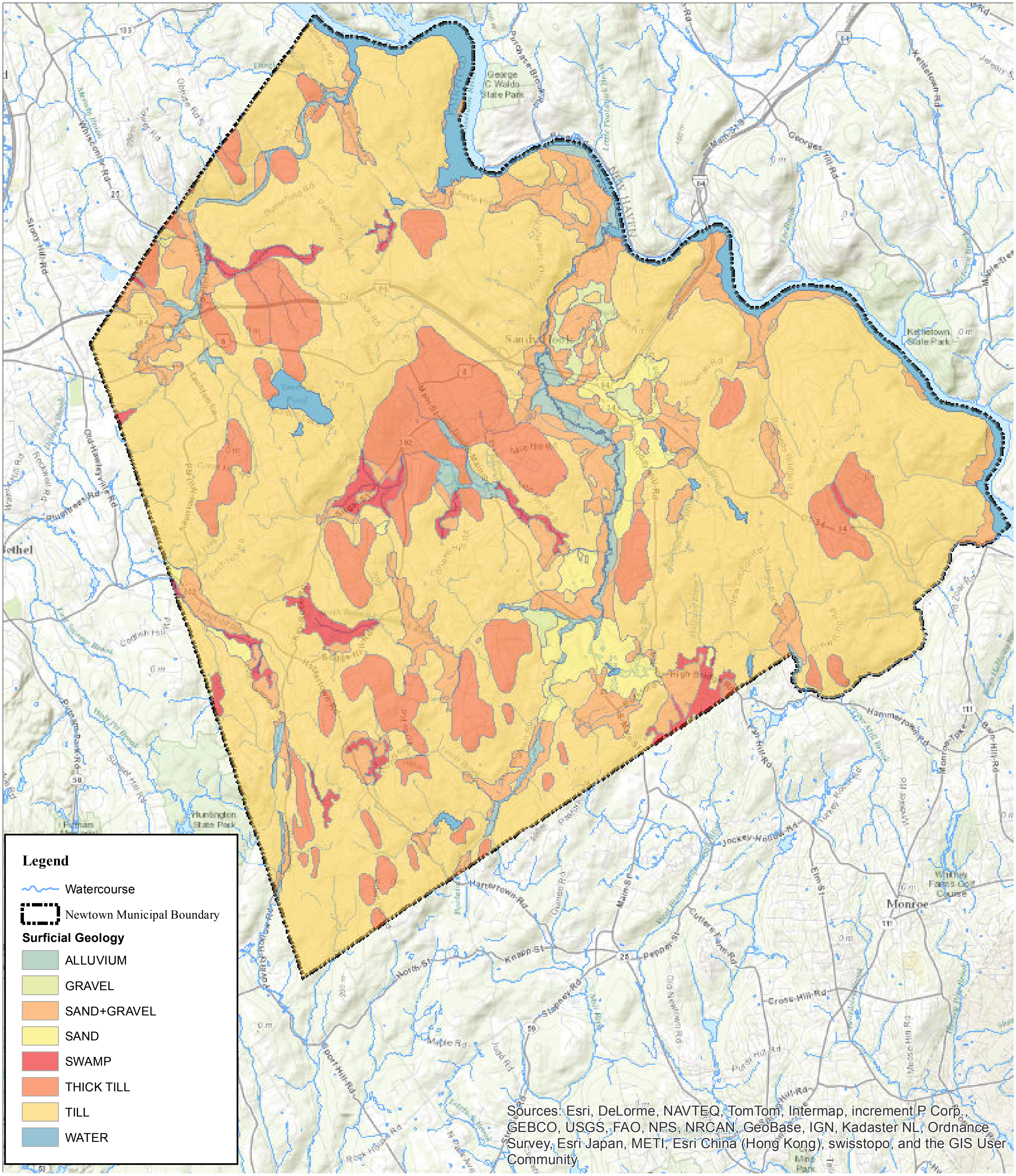

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Figure 2-4: Surficial Geology

LOCATION: Newtown, CT

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Newtown is covered primarily by glacial till. Tills contain an unsorted mixture of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and boulders deposited by glaciers as a ground moraine. The deposits are generally less than 50 feet thick although deeper deposits of till are scattered across the hillier sections of the town. Stratified glacial meltwater deposits are related to the various water bodies in town, particularly the Housatonic River. These deposits primarily contain stratified sands and gravels.

2.4 Current Climate Conditions and Climate Change

Newtown has a climate characterized by moderate but distinct seasons. The mean annual temperature is 49.7 degrees Fahrenheit based on temperature data compiled by the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) from the Danbury station between 1981 and 2010. Summer high temperatures typically rise to the mid-80s, and winter temperatures typically dip into the mid-teens as measured in Fahrenheit. Extreme conditions raise summer temperatures to near 100 degrees and winter temperatures to below zero. Average annual snowfall is 43.6 inches per year. Mean annual precipitation is 51.8 inches, with at least four inches of precipitation occurring in each month with the exception of February.

By comparison, average annual statewide precipitation based on more than 100 years of record is less at 45 inches. However, average annual precipitation in Connecticut has been increasing by 0.95 inches per decade since the end of the 19th century (Miller et. al., 1997; NCDC, 2005). Likewise, annual precipitation in the town has increased over time.

The continued increase in precipitation only heightens the need for hazard mitigation planning as the occurrence of floods may change in accordance with the greater precipitation.

Like many towns in the United States, Newtown experienced a population boom following World War II. This population increase led to concomitant increases in impervious surfaces and infrastructure. Many new storm drainage systems and culverts were likely designed using rainfall data published in "Technical Paper No. 40" by the U.S. Weather Bureau (now the National Weather Service) (Hershfield, 1961). The rainfall data in this document dates from the years 1938 through 1958. These values are the standard used in the current *Connecticut DOT Drainage Manual* (2000) and have been the engineering standard in Connecticut for many years.

This engineering standard was based on the premise that extreme rainfall series do not change through time such that the older analyses reflect current conditions. Recent regional and state-specific analyses have shown that this is not the case as the frequency of two-inch rainfall events has increased, and storms once considered a one-in-100 year event are now likely to occur twice as often. As such, the Northeast Regional Climate Center (NRCC) has partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to provide a consistent, current regional analysis of rainfall extremes (http://precip.eas.cornell.edu/) for engineering design. The availability of updated data has numerous implications for natural hazard mitigation as will be discussed in Section 3.0.

2.5 Drainage Basins and Hydrology

Newtown is divided among the following eight subregional drainage basins: Aspetuck River, Deep Brook, Halfway River, Housatonic River, Limekiln Brook, Pequonnock River, Pond Brook and Pootatuck River. The drainage basins are shown on Figure 2-5 and described in detail below.

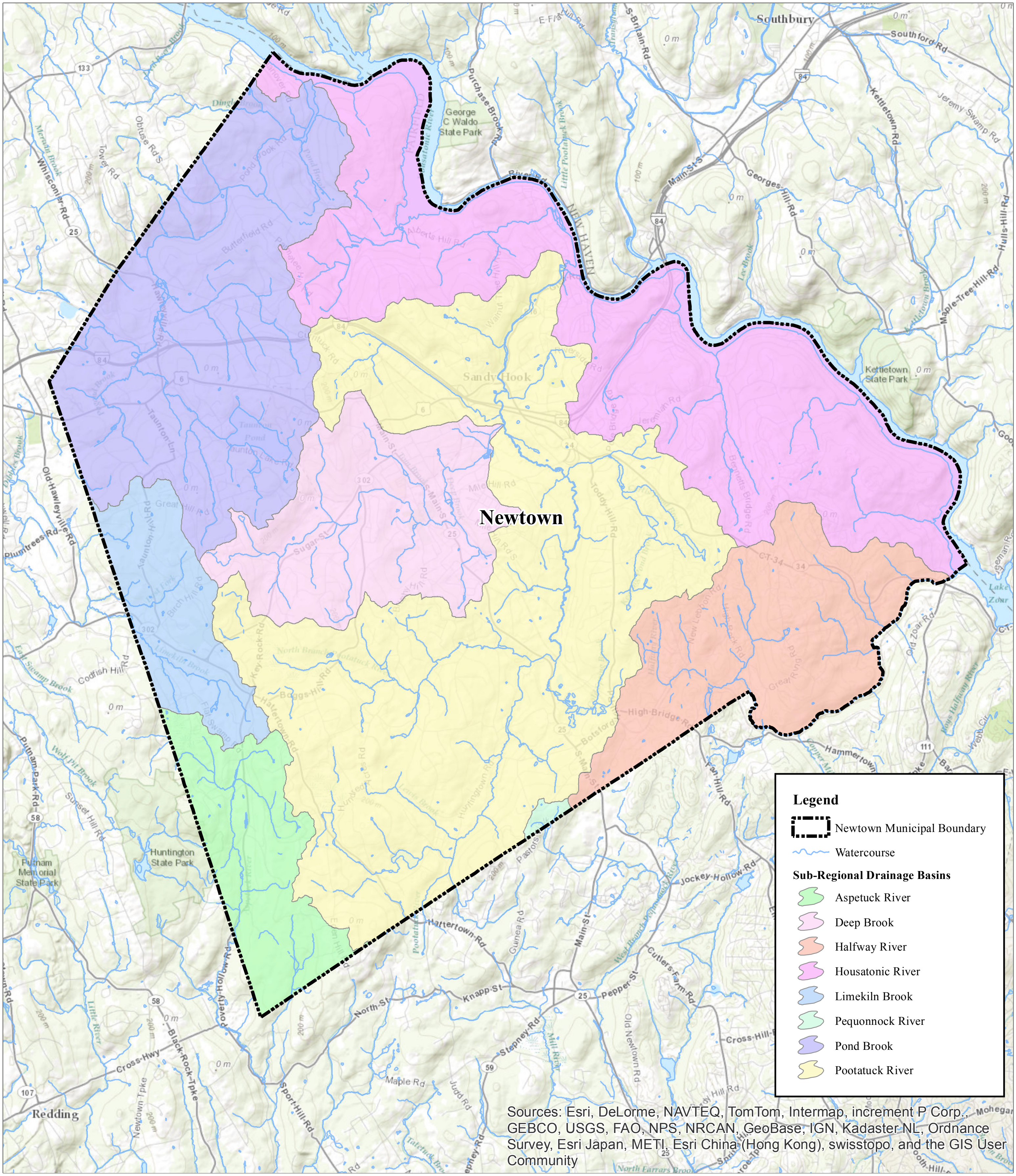

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Figure 2-5: Sub-Regional Drainage Basins

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The majority of the drainage basins have FEMA-defined Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) along the primary watercourses. Such areas consist of 1% annual chance storm floodplains without elevations, 1% annual chance storm floodplains with elevations, and 0.2% annual chance floodplains. Refer to Section 3 for more detail regarding SFHAs.

Aspetuck River

Beginning in the southern sections of Bethel and Newtown, the headwaters of the Aspetuck River flow south into Redding and Easton. Many small tributaries flow into the main channel of the river as it continues south eventually continuing into the Aspetuck Reservoir and ultimately Long Island Sound.

Deep Brook

Deep Brook is a brook located entirely in the Town of Newtown with a small drainage basin of 0.8 square mile. The Brook commences in a pond located west of Head of Meadow Road and runs northeast along Route 302. The brook continues to meander through Newtown on an easterly direction where it flows into the Pootatuck River.

Halfway River

The Halfway River originates in Newtown in the vicinity of Marlin Road. The river continues to flow in an easterly direction where it flows into Lake Zoar, which is an impoundment of the Housatonic River.

Housatonic River

The Housatonic River drains an area of 1,948 square miles from Pittsfield, Massachusetts to Milford, Connecticut where it empties into Long Island Sound. The river flows a total of 134 miles from its upper reach to the sound with 1,234 square mile of the total drainage area existing in Connecticut. After crossing into Connecticut, the river creates the border for several towns as it flows south through the northwestern part of the state. Once into the Housatonic Valley region, the river breaks to the southeast flowing through New Milford and forming the boundary between Brookfield, Bridgewater, Southbury, and Newtown as it flows towards Long Island Sound. Many of the sub-regional drainages in these towns flow into the Housatonic River along with small tributaries that flow directly into the river. The Housatonic River is lined with 100-year floodplains that extend on either side of the river with areas that further extend making up the 500-year floodplains.

Limekiln Brook

Limekiln Brook originates on a hillside east of Poverty Hollow Road in Newtown. The brook flows generally northwest towards Danbury, receiving inflow from several unnamed tributaries and minor streams including East Fork Brook and Dibbles Brook before being joined by the major stream East Swamp Brook at the Danbury corporate boundary.

Pequonnock River

The Pequonnock River begins just south of Newtown in neighboring Monroe. The river flows in a southerly direction through Trumbull and Bridgeport before flowing into the Long Island Sound. Only a very small portion of the drainage basin is located in southern Newtown.

Pond Brook

With a drainage basin area of around 14 square miles, much of the flow is directed north from Newtown towards the Housatonic River. The headwaters begin south of Interstate 84 in Newtown at Taunton Pond and its tributaries, although several tributaries flowing south-southeast from Brookfield. Most of the input streams flow directly into the main channel of Pond Brook before it empties into a cove of Lake Lillinonah, which is an impoundment of the Housatonic River.

Pootatuck River

The Pootatuck River is the largest watershed in Newtown and encompasses a significant amount of the town's land area. The River originates in neighboring Monroe and flows in a northeast direction. The River meanders through town, to the east of the Fairfield Hills campus, through Sandy Hook and flows into the Housatonic River near Walnut Tree Hill Road.

According to the 2014 POCD, "the Pootatuck Aquifer is the source for the Aquarion Water system, which supplies water to central Newtown, Sandy Hook Center, Mt Pleasant Road, and South Main Street. The aquifer also is the source for the town-owned water system that supplies the Fairfield Hills area and Garner Correctional Institution."

A high priority for the town is to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to protect the water supply from natural hazards and activities associated with potential development. Town officials have also expressed concerns with runoff from Interstate 84 at Exit 11, which has the potential to impact the Pootatuck River.

2.6 Population and Demographic Setting

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Newtown had a population of 27,560, with 425 persons per square mile. As noted in Table 2-2, Newtown is the third most populated municipality in the HVCEO region. The Connecticut State Data Center predicts that population growth in Newtown will increase slightly over the next eleven years. The population in 2025 is projected to be 28,720.

Table 2-2
Population and Population Density by Municipality, Region and State, 2010

Municipality	Total Population	Land Area (square miles)	Population Density per Square Mile
Bethel	18,584	16.94	1,094
Bridgewater	1,727	17.36	109
Brookfield	16,452	20.37	819
Danbury	80,893	43.93	1,815
New Fairfield	13,881	25.16	560
New Milford	28,142	63.88	446
Newtown	27,560	58.90	425
Redding	9,158	32.03	276
Ridgefield	24,638	34.86	695
Sherman	3,581	23.39	176
HVCEO Region	224,616	336.82	658
Connecticut	3,574,097	4,844.80	738

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2010

2.7 Governmental Structure

Newtown operates under a Charter adopted in 1961 and most recently revised in 2008. The Charter retains a limited Town Meeting form of government with an elected Board of Selectmen (three selectmen) supervising the administration of Town affairs. The First Selectman acts as the town's Chief Executive and Administrative Officer and a twelve member Legislative Council acts as the legislative body. Financial matters are supervised by a Board of Finance and an appointed Finance Director.

In addition to Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting, there are boards, commissions and committees providing input and direction to Town administrators. Also, Town departments provide municipal services and day-to-day administration. Many of these commissions and departments play a role in hazard mitigation, including the Planning and Zoning Commission, Conservation Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission, the Building Department, the Land Use Office, the Fire Department, Emergency Management Services, and the Highway Department.

Drainage complaints are typically routed through the Land Use Department. These complaints are usually received via phone, fax, mail, or email and are recorded in a logbook. The complaints are investigated as necessary until remediation surrounding the individual complaint is concluded.

2.8 Development Trends

Over the last few years residential development in Newtown has been limited to a few small subdivisions (two to three lots) and active adult communities. The five lakeside communities are often undergoing some form of redevelopment.

Fairfield Hills, formerly a State psychiatric hospital from 1931 to 1995, is in an area zoned for adaptive reuse. Development that has occurred on the Fairfield Hills property since the Town purchased it from the State in 2004 includes:

- The Newtown Youth Academy was the first new structure built on the campus in 2008.
- The Town Center was relocated into the renovated Bridgeport Hall in 2009, consolidating many municipal government services under one roof that had formerly been located at Edmund Town Hall and the Tier One Facility on Pecks Lane.
- The EOC was relocated to the campus in 2010.
- A 90-foot base-path baseball field has been constructed.
- A Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Facility has been completed.
- A new Senior Center located on the Fairfield Hills campus has been programmed into the Town's 2016 – 2017 Capital Improvement Program.

In 2011, the Fairfield Hills Master Plan Review Committee was formed to update the existing Fairfield Hills Master Plan based on current economic and social conditions.

According to the town's 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development, "several parcels of residential land have been re-zoned to permit both business and residential uses on these lots.

Several industrial sites are vacant, but recently some of the larger uses have been converted for different uses. One such conversion is for a high tech application that could become a magnet to attract similar or supporting high tech companies."

The POCD also states that "between 2004 and June 2012, forty-six new commercial/industrial buildings were constructed and a number of additions, building upgrades and tenant fit-outs occurred. The development was concentrated along the South Main Street corridor, the Borough of Newtown, Turnberry Lane and Sandy Hook Center. A number of approved projects are under construction or have not broken ground yet. A lot of vacant retail and office space is gradually being filled."

Overall, town personnel believe that economic development is consistent with the town's plan of conservation and development.

2.9 Critical Facilities, Sheltering Capabilities, and Emergency Response

The Town considers its police, fire, governmental, schools, and major transportation arteries to be its most important critical facilities since these are needed to ensure that emergencies are addressed while day-to-day management of Newtown continues. The Town also considers various infrastructure and facilities (such as water and sewer pump stations) to be critical facilities. Table 2-3 identifies all of these critical facilities.

Table 2-3
Critical Facilities

Facility	Address or Location	Comment	Emergency Power?	Shelter?	In 1% Annual Chance Floodplain?
Newtown Municipal Center / Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	3 Primrose Street	Various municipal buildings and the EOC is a shelter	✓		No
Police Department	3 Main Street	Emergency Response	✓		No
New Ambulance Facility	Primrose Street	Emergency Response	✓		No
Newtown Middle School	11 Queen Street	School and Shelter	✓	✓	No
Reed Intermediate School	3 Trades Lane	School			No
Fraser Woods Montessori School	173 S Main Street	School			No
St. Rose School	40 Church Hill Road	School			No
Housatonic Valley Waldorf School	40 Dodgingtown Road	School			No
Hawley School	29 Church Hill Road	School			No
Head O'Meadow School	94 Boggs Hill Road	School			No
Middle Gate School	7 Cold Spring Road	School			No
Sandy Hook School	375 Fan Hill Road	School			No
Newtown High School	12 Berkshire Road	School and Shelter	✓	✓	No
Wastewater Treatment Plant	Commerce Road	Critical infrastructure			-
Electrical substations	Various Locations	Critical infrastructure			-
Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company	18-20 Riverside Road	Emergency Response and backup EOC			No
Hawleyville Fire Company	34 Hawleyville Road	Emergency Response			No
Botsford Fire Rescue	315 South Main Street	Emergency Response			No
Newtown Hook and Ladder	45 Main Street	Emergency Response			No
Dodgingtown Fire Company	55 Dodgingtown Road	Emergency Response			No
All wellheads located in town	Various Locations	Critical infrastructure			Yes
The public water system managed by Aquarion	Various Locations	Critical infrastructure			Yes (parts)

Emergency shelters are an important subset of critical facilities, as they are needed in many emergency situations. There are three designated shelters in the town that are also considered critical facilities: The Emergency Operations Center on Primrose Street, the Newtown Middle School on Queen Street and the Newtown High School on Berkshire Road. The High School is the primary shelter for the town. Each of these facilities have back-up power.

Emergency Response Capabilities

The Police Department and Emergency Management Services coordinates emergency preparedness in the Town of Newtown. The Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is a stand-alone facility. The EOC's goal is to provide citizens with the highest level of emergency preparedness before, during, and after disasters or emergencies. Emergency management coordinates with all departments internally to develop plans, protocols, and procedures that assure the safety of Newtown's citizens. It also provides technical assistance to state and local emergency response agencies and public officials. A backup EOC is located at the Sandy Hook Firehouse.

In Connecticut, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) added a regional focus. DESPP has divided Connecticut into five emergency planning regions and as part of this new view, the DEMHS subsection (Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security) of DESPP has been partnering with HVCEO and other regional planning organizations to strengthen emergency response. Newtown is located in Region 5, consisting of forty three towns in western Connecticut.

The Town's EOP guides its response to emergencies arising from both natural and anthropogenic hazards. The Town utilizes a program known as "CodeRED" to direct geographically specific emergency notification telephone calls into affected areas. The local radio station is also utilized for notifications purposes.

The Town's Highway Department performs tree and shrub removal and trimming on Town-owned lands and rights-of-way. During emergencies and following storms, the Public Works Department, in conjunction with the Parks Department, responds to calls related to downed trees.

Public transportation is also available to move residents into and out of the town. HARTransit operates regular bus service in the town that may be available for use to move people and supplies. In addition, Town school buses and vans may be available for transportation during emergency situations.

3.0 FLOODING

3.1 Setting

According to FEMA, most municipalities in the United States have at least one clearly recognizable floodprone area around a river, stream, or large body of water. These areas are outlined as SFHAs and delineated as part of the NFIP. Floodprone areas are addressed through a combination of floodplain management criteria, ordinances, and community assistance programs sponsored by the NFIP and individual municipalities.

Many communities also have localized flooding areas outside the SFHA. These floods tend to be shallower and chronically reoccur in the same area due to a combination of factors. Such factors can include ponding, poor drainage, inadequate storm sewers, clogged culverts or catch basins, sheet flow, obstructed drainageways, sewer backup, or overbank flooding from minor streams.

In general, the potential for flooding is widespread across Newtown, with the majority of major flooding occurring along established SFHAs. The areas impacted by overflow of river systems are generally limited to river corridors and floodplains. Indirect flooding that occurs outside floodplains and localized nuisance flooding along tributaries are also common problems in the town. This type of flooding occurs particularly along roadways as a result of inadequate drainage and other factors. The frequency of flooding in Newtown is considered likely for any given year, with flood damage potentially having significant effects during extreme events.

3.2 Hazard Assessment

Flooding is the most common and costly natural hazard in Connecticut. The state typically experiences floods in the early spring due to snowmelt and in the late summer/early autumn due to frontal systems and tropical storms although localized flooding caused by thunderstorm activity can be significant. Flooding can occur as a result of other natural hazards, including hurricanes, summer storms, and winter storms. Flooding can also occur as a result of ice jams or dam failure (Section 8.0) and may also cause landslides and slumps in affected areas. According to FEMA, there are several different types of inland flooding:

- **Riverine Flooding**: Also known as overbank flooding, it occurs when channels receive more rain or snowmelt from their watershed than normal, or the channel becomes blocked by an ice jam or debris. Excess water spills out of the channel and into the channel's floodplain area.

- **Flash Flooding:** A rapid rise of water along a water channel or low-lying urban area, usually a result of an unusually large amount of rain and/or high velocity of water flow (particularly in hilly areas) within a very short period of time. Flash floods can occur with limited warning.

- **Shallow Flooding:** Occurs in flat areas where a lack of a water channel results in water being unable to drain away easily. The three types of shallow flooding include:
  - **Sheet Flow:** Water spreads over a large area at uniform depth.
  - **Ponding:** Runoff collects in depressions with no drainage ability.
  - **Urban Flooding:** Occurs when man-made drainage systems are overloaded by a larger amount of water than the system was designed to accommodate.

Flooding presents several safety hazards to people and property and can cause extensive damage and potential injury or loss of life. Floodwaters cause massive damage to the lower levels of buildings, destroying business records, furniture, and other sentimental papers and artifacts. In addition, floodwaters can prevent emergency and commercial egress by blocking streets, deteriorating municipal drainage systems, and diverting municipal staff and resources.

Furthermore, damp conditions trigger the growth of mold and mildew in flooded buildings, contributing to allergies, asthma, and respiratory infections. Snakes and rodents are forced out of their natural habitat and into closer contact with people, and ponded water following a flood presents a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Gasoline, pesticides, poorly treated sewage, and other aqueous pollutants can be carried into areas and buildings by floodwaters and soak into soil, building components, and furniture.

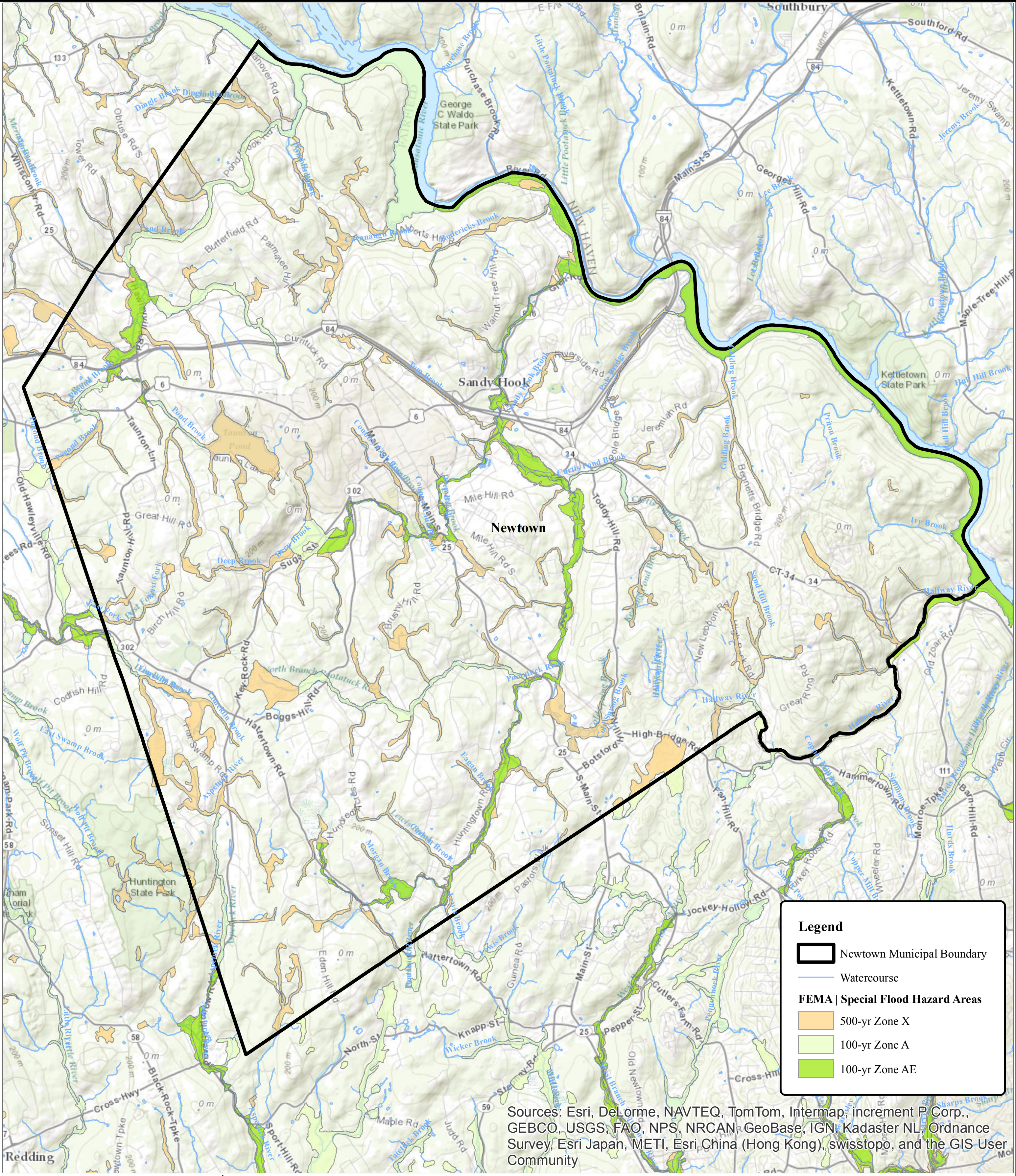
Floodplains ***are lands along watercourses that are subject to periodic flooding;*** ***floodways*** ***are those areas within the floodplains that convey the majority of flood discharge. Floodways are subject to water being conveyed at relatively high velocity and force. The*** ***floodway fringe*** ***contains those areas of the 1% annual chance floodplain that are outside the floodway and are subject to inundation but do not convey the floodwaters at a high velocity.***

In order to provide a national standard without regional discrimination, the 1% annual chance flood has been adopted by FEMA as the base flood for purposes of floodplain management and to determine the need for insurance. The risk of having a flood of this magnitude or greater increases when periods longer than one year are considered. For example, FEMA notes that a structure located within a 1% annual chance flood zone has a 26% chance of suffering flood damage during the term of a 30-year mortgage. Similarly, a 500-year flood has a 0.2% chance of occurring in a given year. The 500-year floodplain indicates areas of moderate flood hazard.

The Town has consistently participated in the NFIP since June 15, 1979 and intends to continue participation in the NFIP. SFHAs in Newtown are delineated on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS). The FIRM delineates areas within Newtown that are vulnerable to flooding and was most recently published on October 16, 2013 as part of the Fairfield County FIS.

A regulatory floodplain with AE designation has been mapped along the Pootatuck River and the Housatonic River. Areas identified as providing flood storage are identified with A Zone designations, meaning they are regulated as floodplain, but flood elevations have not been established, portions of the Housatonic River and its tributaries distribute these traits. Refer to Figure 3-1 for the areas of Newtown susceptible to flooding based on FEMA flood zones. Table 3-1 describes the various zones depicted on the FIRM panel for Newtown.

Flooding can occur in some areas with a higher frequency than those mapped by FEMA. This nuisance flooding occurs during heavy rains with a much higher frequency than those used to calculate the 1% annual chance flood event and often in different areas than those depicted on the FIRM panels. These frequent flooding events occur in areas with insufficient drainage; where conditions may cause flashy, localized flooding; and where poor maintenance may exacerbate drainage problems (see Section 3.5).



SOURCE(S):
2013 Fairfield County DFIRM

Figure 3-1: FEMA | Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA)

LOCATION:
Newtown, CT

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Town of Newtown
Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Table 3-1
FIRM Zone Descriptions

Zone	Description
A	An area with a 1% chance of flooding in any given year for which no base flood elevations (BFEs) have been determined.
AE	An area with a 1% chance of flooding in any given year for which BFEs have been determined. This area may include a mapped floodway.
Area Not Included	An area that is located within a community or county that is not mapped on any published FIRM.
X	An area that is determined to be outside the 1% and 0.2% annual chance floodplains.
X500	An area with a 0.2% chance of flooding in any given year, for which no base flood elevations have been determined.

During large storms, the recurrence interval level of a flood discharge on a tributary tends to be greater than the recurrence interval level of the flood discharge on the main channel downstream. In other words, a 1% annual chance flood event on a tributary may only contribute to a 2% annual chance flood event downstream. This is due to the distribution of rainfall throughout large watersheds during storms and the greater hydraulic capacity of the downstream channel to convey floodwaters. Dams and other flood control structures can also reduce the magnitude of peak flood flows if pre-storm storage is available.

The recurrence interval level of a precipitation event also generally differs from the recurrence interval level of the associated flood. An example would be Tropical Storm Floyd in 1999, which caused rainfall on the order of a 250-year event while flood frequencies were slightly greater than a 10-year event on the Naugatuck River in Beacon Falls, Connecticut. Flood events can also be mitigated or exacerbated by in-channel and soil conditions, such as low or high flows, the presence of frozen ground, or a deep or shallow water table, as can be seen in the following historic record.

3.3 Historic Record

The Town of Newtown has experienced various degrees of flooding in every season of the year throughout its recorded history. Melting snow combined with early spring rains has caused frequent spring flooding. Numerous flood events have occurred in late summer to early autumn resulting from storms of tropical origin moving northeast along the Atlantic coast. Winter floods result from the occasional thaw, particularly during years of heavy snow or periods of rainfall on frozen ground. Other flood events have been caused by excessive rainfalls upon saturated soils, yielding greater than normal runoff.

In general, potential flooding problems in Newtown are concentrated along the Pootatuck River, with highest risk areas along Turkey Hill Road, Nearbrook Drive and Meadow Brook Road. Minor flooding problems are widespread throughout Newtown. The most common damage is to infrastructure and occurs due to flash flooding. However, extreme events along defined floodplains can result in damage to insured structures.

According to the NCDC Storm Events Database, since 1996 there have been 22 flooding and 72 flash flooding events in Fairfield County. The following are descriptions of historic floods in the vicinity of the Town of Newtown based on historic records and information in the NCDC storm Events Database, as supplemented by correspondence with municipal officials. Note that flooding was not necessarily limited to the described areas.

- September 16, 1999: Torrential record rainfall, which caused serious widespread urban, small stream, and river flooding, preceded the remnants of Hurricane Floyd. Serious widespread flooding of low-lying and poor drainage areas resulted in the closure of many roads and basement flooding across Fairfield, New Haven, and Middlesex Counties.

- July 15, 2000: Bands of heavy rain, oriented from southeast to northwest, developed across the region. Heavy rainfall caused serious and widespread flooding of low-lying and poor drainage areas, especially along streets in Newtown, Hamden, and North Branford.

- September 8, 2004: The remnants of Hurricane Frances produced torrential rainfall across western Connecticut, with total rainfall amounts ranging from one to six inches. The rainfall produced flash flooding of many roads in Fairfield County.

- June 2, 2006: Flash flooding forced the closure of Route 58 in neighboring Bethel because the road was washed out.

- October 28, 2006: An area of low pressure produced approximately one inch rainfall with areas of two to three inches which caused flash flooding across parts of Southern Connecticut. Streams in Brookfield, west of Newtown, were out of their banks.

- October 1, 2010: Low pressure tracked up the east coast and interacted with a stalled frontal boundary and approaching upper level low pressure system. Strong southerly flow allowed for the transport of tropical moisture, including the remnants of Tropical Storm Nicole, up the coast which resulted in heavy rain and flooding in portions of Fairfield and New Haven Counties. Ponding of water six inches deep accumulated alongside a major swamp located near the intersection of Boggs Hill Rd. and Palestine Rd in Newtown.

- March 30, 2010: A two-day storm ending March 30, 2010 produced four and a half inches of rain resulting in a disaster declaration for Fairfield County. Statewide, there were 3,681 registrations for aid totaling $4,383,365 for housing assistance and $244,276 for other needs assistance, as well as 3,438 Small Business Administration loan applications with $2,659,200 in assistance approved. Repeated severe spring storms occurred through May 17, 2010.

- August 28-29, 2011: Tropical Storm Irene moved in north northeast across eastern New York and western New England producing widespread flooding due to extreme rainfall and heavy winds. Much of the rain had fallen within a twelve hour period and in Fairfield County totals ranged from five to ten inches. Numerous road closures were reported due to flooding, downed trees and power lines causing some evacuations and widespread, long duration power outages. Approximately 25,000 customers were affected by power outages and a Major Disaster Declaration was declared by FEMA.

- September 2, 2013: Several upper level shortwave troughs interacting with a warm, moist airmass and a surface trough produced scattered thunderstorms across the area. Precipitable waters ranged between two and two and a half inches, which resulted in heavy rain and flash flooding in Fairfield County.

3.4 Existing Capabilities

The Town through its land use regulations works to reduce future increases in flow associated with development.

Ordinances, Regulations, and Plans

Regulations, codes, and ordinances that apply to flood hazard mitigation in conjunction with and in addition to NFIP regulations include:

- ***Chapter 136 of the Town Code – Flood Damage Ordinance.*** Amended in 2010, the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is essentially the local articulation of the NFIP requirements. The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to; a) restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health safety and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities; b) require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction; c) Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which are involved in the accommodation of floodwaters; d) Control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase erosion or flood damage; and e) Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert floodwaters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands.

    - Section 136.8 states that a flood hazard development permit shall be required in conformance with the provisions of this chapter prior to the commencement of any development activities.

    - Section 136-14 outlines permit requirements.

    - Section 136-18 outlines specific standards and requires the following in SFHA's A and AE: 1) residential construction, new construction or substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, **elevated at least to four feet above the base flood elevation**; 2) New construction or substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or nonresidential structure located in Zone A or AE shall have the lowest floor, including basement, **elevated at least to 10 feet above the level of the base flood elevation.**

    - Section 136-18 also discusses floodways and states that Since the floodway is an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of floodwaters which carry debris, potential projectiles and has erosion potential, the following provisions shall apply: prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other developments, unless certification (with supporting technical data) by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating, through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice, that encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels during occurrence of the base flood discharge.

- ***Zoning Regulations***. The Town of Newtown Zoning Regulations were most recently updated in 2014 and have been enacted to accomplish the following purposes: "to lessen congestion in the streets; to secure safety from fire, panic, flood and other dangers; to promote health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate adequate provision for transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks and other public requirements; to conserve the value of the buildings and land; to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town of Newtown consistent with soil types, terrain and infrastructure capacity and to further such other purposes as may be authorized by statutes."

- ***Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations***. The purpose of the 2012 inland wetlands and watercourses regulations is to protect the quality of the inland wetlands and watercourses within the Town of Newtown by making provisions for the protection, preservation, maintenance, and use of inland wetlands and watercourses, including deterring and inhibiting the danger of flood and pollution.

  - Section 2.1 defines "Regulated Activity" as any operation within or use of a wetland or watercourse involving removal or deposition of material, or any obstruction, construction, alteration or pollution, of said wetland or watercourses, but shall not include the specified activities in Section 22a-40 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Furthermore any clearing, grubbing, filling, grading, paving, excavating, construction, depositing or removal of material and discharging of stormwater in the following areas is a regulated activity:

    1) Within two hundred feet measured horizontally from the ordinary high water mark of Taunton Pond, Lake Zoar, or Lake Lillinonah.
    2) On the land within one hundred feet measured horizontally from the boundary of any wetland or watercourse.

  - Section 4.1 states that no residential homes will be permitted "as of right" in wetlands and watercourses after July 1, 1987.

  - Section 4.4 states that no person may conduct or maintain a regulated activity without obtaining a permit. Section 7 outlines the permit application requirements.

- ***Plan of Conservation and Development***. Updated in 2014, this document is the Town vision statement for future development.

  - Section VI (page 161) identifies certain natural resource issues, goals and strategies such as:
    - The need to develop and maintain effective stormwater management systems for the protection of streams, watercourses and wildlife.
    - Prevent flooding and degradation of water quality through regulations and stormwater improvements.
    - Conservation and protection of natural systems.
    - Open space initiatives and public awareness.

- ***Subdivision Regulations.*** Amended in 2013, the Town's Subdivision Regulations establish minimum acceptable standards of street construction; regulate the layout and development of lots and streets; and outline measures to prevent degradation of potable water sources, control erosion and siltation, preserve adequate and convenient open spaces, and retain the natural features of the land.

- Section 20.3 states The land to be subdivided shall be of such character that it can be used for building purpose without danger to public health, safety or welfare. The land shall not be subdivided if the subdivision will endanger historical, archeological, natural or scenic resources. Land subject to periodic flooding, poor drainage, steep slopes or other hazardous conditions shall not be subdivided.

- Section 3.01.113 states that Any subdivision of land five acres or more in area which has areas of special flood hazard shall provide the base flood elevation data and engineering analysis necessary for compliance with the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of the Town of Newtown. Any such application shall include the opinion of the designated Town staff and/or agency responsible for administration of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance that the proposal is in compliance with the ordinance.

- Section 3.09.110 indicates that No subdivision plan shall be approved unless each lot, and roadway shown thereon complies with the Newtown Subdivision Regulations, the Zoning Regulations of the Town or Borough as applicable, the Newtown Road Ordinance and the Newtown Flood Damage Ordinance.

Overall, the intent of these regulations is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas of the town of Newtown by the establishment of standards designed to:

- Protect human life and public health
- Minimize expenditure of money for costly flood control projects
- Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding
- Minimize prolonged business interruptions
- Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains; electric, telephone, and sewer lines; and streets and bridges located in floodplains
- Maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of floodprone areas in such a manner as to minimize flood blight areas
- Ensure that purchasers of property are notified of special flood hazards
- Ensure the continued eligibility of owners of property in Salisbury for participation in the NFIP

<u>NFIP, Flood Insurance, and Community Rating System</u>

Mr. Rob Sibley, the Deputy Director of Planning and Land Use is currently the NFIP administrator for the Town and oversees the enforcement of NFIP regulations. The degree of flood protection established by the variety of regulations in the Town exceeds the minimum reasonable for regulatory purposes under the NFIP with four feet of freeboard for residential properties and ten feet for non-residential properties.

The Town is currently enrolled in the Community Rating System (CRS) program and has been since October 1, 1991. The CRS program is a voluntary program for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participating communities. The goals of the CRS are to reduce flood damages to insurable property, strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management. The CRS has been developed to provide incentives in the form of premium discounts for communities to go beyond the minimum floodplain management requirements to develop extra measures to provide protection from flooding.

Communities receive CRS credits for each activity completed. According to the CRS State Profile for Connecticut, the town of Newtown has received a total of 841 points and is currently rated Class 9, providing a 5% discount in flood insurance for Newtown residents.

Finally, the town is a member of CAFM, and the Deputy Director of Planning and Land Use attended the inaugural CAFM conference in October 2014. Future participation is anticipated.

Drainage and Street Flooding

There are areas of street flooding throughout the town, and these are addressed by the Highway Department as necessary. The Town Highway Department is in charge of the maintenance of the town's drainage systems and performs clearing of bridges and culverts and other maintenance as needed. Drainage complaints are routed to the Town Highway Department. The Town uses these reports to identify potential problems and plan for maintenance and upgrades

Structural Projects

According to the town POCD "the town is responsible for 45 bridges and all but 12 bridge improvements have been carried out." Town officials indicated the Turkey Hill Bridge and the Meadow Brook Bridge are due for replacement. In addition, the POCD also notes that "Newtown has an ongoing road maintenance program to address Town roads exhibiting structural base and drainage problems, as well as a program of annual street sealing to postpone future costly repairs, all done within the limits of available funding."

Communications

The National Weather Service issues a flood watch or a flash flood watch for an area when conditions in or near the area are favorable for a flood or flash flood, respectively. A flash flood watch or flood watch does not necessarily mean that flooding will occur. The National Weather Service issues a flood warning or a flash flood warning for an area when parts of the area are either currently flooding, highly likely to flood, or when flooding is imminent.

The Town can access the National Weather Service website at http://www.weather.gov/ to obtain the latest flood watches and warnings before and during precipitation events.

The Town receives regular weather updates through Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Region 5 email alerts as well as watches and warnings through the National Weather Service.

In summary, the Town primarily attempts to mitigate future flood damage and flood hazards by restricting building activities in floodprone areas. This process is carried out through both the Planning and Zoning and the Conservation Commission. All watercourses are to be encroached minimally or not at all to maintain the existing flood-carrying capacity These regulations rely primarily on the FEMA-defined 1% annual chance flood elevations to determine flood areas.

3.5 Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment

This section discusses specific areas at risk to flooding within the Town. As shown in the historic record, flooding can impact a variety of river corridors and cause severe damages in the town of Newtown. Flooding due to poor drainage and other factors is also a persistent hazard in the Town and can cause minor infrastructure damage and create nuisance flooding of yards and basements.

3.5.1 Vulnerability Analysis of Repetitive Loss Properties

Based on correspondence with the State of Connecticut NFIP Coordinator at the Connecticut DEEP, three repetitive loss properties (RLPs) are located in the Town of Newtown. All three properties are residential and the area is depicted on Figure 3-2. Town officials indicated that flooding issues associated with these properties are due to drainage problems. While drainage may be an issue, it should be noted that two of the properties are adjacent to the Housatonic River and riverine flooding could also be a concern.

Table 3-2
Repetitive Loss Properties

Type	Flooding Source	Mapped Floodplain
Residential	Housatonic River	1% Annual Chance
Residential	Housatonic River	1% Annual Chance
Residential	Housatonic River	1% Annual Chance

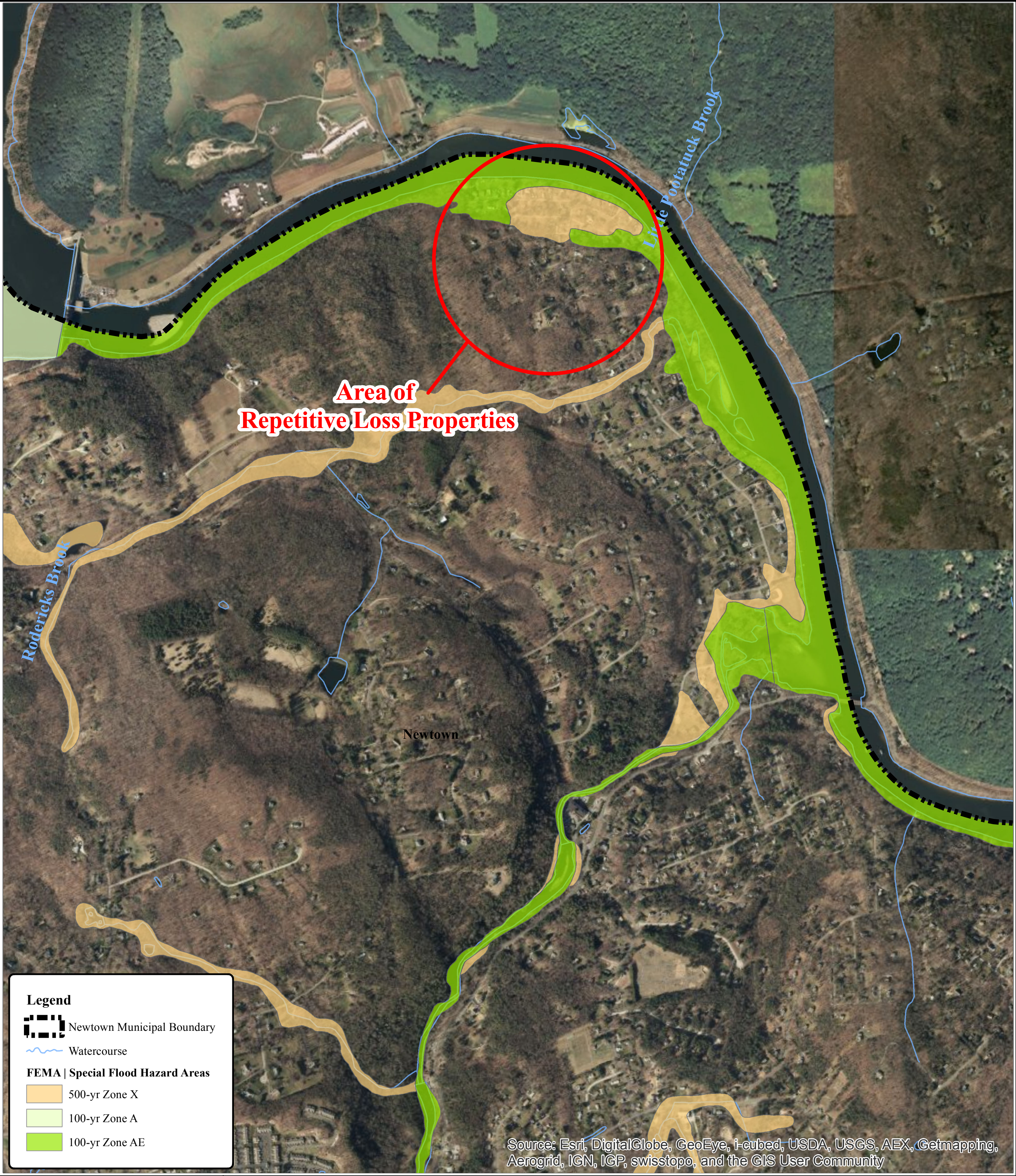
It may be beneficial to conduct a drainage evaluation of these properties to determine appropriate mitigation measures. In addition, the town may pursue the elevation of residential properties that are prone to flood damage with RLPs being prioritized for mitigation. The homes in the neighborhood identified in Figure 3-2 are a high priority for structure elevations.

3.5.2 Vulnerability Analysis of Critical Facilities

The list of critical facilities provided by the Town (Section 2.9) was used with the parcel data to accurately locate each critical facility throughout the town. None of the critical facilities were found to lie within the 1% annual chance floodplains.

3.5.3 Vulnerability Analysis of Areas Along Watercourses

The primary waterways in the town are the Pootatuck River and the Housatonic River. The remaining waterways in Newtown are mostly smaller streams and brooks. Lake Lillinonah and a variety of smaller lakes and ponds are significant recreational resources. Recall from Section 2.5 that floodplains with and without elevations are delineated for the majority of the floodprone brooks in the town. The majority of the brooks in the town are prone to flooding. Specific areas susceptible to flooding are identifiable by the FEMA defined special flood hazard areas. Refer to Figure 3-1 for the areas of Newtown that are susceptible to flooding based on FEMA flood zones.



SOURCE(S):
2013 Fairfield County DFIRM
2014 CT DEEP

Figure 3-2: Repetitive Loss Area
FEMA | Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA)

LOCATION:
Newtown, CT

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Town of Newtown
Hazard Mitigation Plan

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The most frequently flooded areas in town are adjacent to the Pootatuck River. Town officials indicated that flooding occasionally requires the town to close portions of Turkey Hill Road and Nearbrook Drive, as both roads become impassable during flood events. Flooding also occurs along Meadow Brook Road.

Flooding also occurs along the Housatonic River and Cutis Pond Brook. Halfway River experiences flooding but it does not affect any development. Pond Brook experiences scour damage and the bank is failing. Pond Brook Road and Edge Lake Road are at risk due to the failing banks.

Town officials indicated that development is highly restricted in SFHAs. The town requires four feet of freeboard for single-family residential and ten feet for commercial uses.

3.5.4 Vulnerability of Other Areas

There are other areas around the town that suffer from street flooding due to undersized or nonexistent drainage systems. These are addressed on a case-by-case basis through system maintenance and/or upgrades as necessary.

The five lakeside communities in Newtown suffer from drainage related flooding, as well as riverine flooding. These are areas with poor access due to one way streets and private roads. One of the lakeside communities is the location of the three RLPs listed above in Table 3-2.

3.5.5 *HAZUS-MH* Vulnerability Analysis

HAZUS-MH is FEMA's loss estimation methodology software for flood, wind, and earthquake hazards. The software utilizes year 2000 U.S. Census data and a variety of engineering information to calculate potential damages (specified in year 2006 United States dollars [USD]) to a user-defined region. The software was used to perform a basic analysis and generate potential damages to Newtown from a 1% annual chance riverine flood event simultaneously occurring along Deep Brook, Halfway Brook, Lewis Brook, Pond Brook, and the Housatonic and Pootatuck Rivers. Hydrology and hydraulics for the streams and rivers were generated utilizing the Connecticut LiDAR 10-foot Digital Elevation Model based on LiDAR collected in the year 2000. The summary report is included in Appendix C. The following paragraphs discuss the results of the *HAZUS-MH* analysis.

The FEMA default values were used for each of the town's census blocks in the *HAZUS* simulation. Approximately $2.5 billion of total building replacement value were estimated to exist within the Town of Newtown. Of that total, the HAZUS 1% annual chance riverine flood event estimates a total building-related loss of $32.90 million. A summary of potential damage estimates is shown in Table 3-4.

The *HAZUS-MH* simulation estimates that during a 1% annual chance flood event 79 buildings will be at least moderately damaged in the town from flooding. A total of 38 of these buildings will be substantially damaged and uninhabitable. Table 3-4 presents the expected damages based on building type.

Table 3-3
***HAZUS-MH* Flood Scenario – Potential Damage Estimates**

Occupancy	Dollar Exposure (2006 USD)
Residential	$ 1,934,061,000
Commercial	$ 397,201,000
Other	$ 221,284,000
Total	**$ 2,552,546,000**

Table 3-4
***HAZUS-MH* Flood Scenario – Building Stock Damages**
Number of Structures Damaged

Occupancy	1-10% Damaged	11-20% Damaged	21-30% Damaged	31-40% Damaged	41-50% Damaged	Substantially Damaged
Residential	0	0	3	8	30	38
Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**	**3**	**8**	**30**	**38**

HAZUS-MH utilizes a subset of critical facilities known as "essential facilities" that are important following natural hazard events. These include three fire stations, one police station, and thirteen schools. The software noted that under the 1% annual chance flood event no essential facilities would suffer damage.

The *HAZUS-MH* simulation estimated that a total of 1363 tons of debris would be generated by flood damage for the 1% annual chance flood scenario. It is estimated that 55 truckloads (at approximately 25 tons per truck) will be required to remove the debris. The breakdown of debris is as follows:

- Finishes (drywall, insulation, etc.) comprise 75% of this total.
- Structural material (wood, brick, etc.) comprise 14% of the total.
- Foundation material (concrete slab, concrete block, rebar, etc.) would comprise the remaining 11%.

HAZUS-MH calculated the potential sheltering requirement for the 1% annual chance flood event. The model estimates that 172 households will be displaced due to flooding. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated areas. Of these households, 299 people are projected to seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

HAZUS-MH also calculated the predicted economic losses due to the 1% annual chance flood event. Economic losses are categorized as either building-related losses or business interruption losses. Building-related losses (damages to building, content, and inventory) are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. Business interruption losses are those associated with the inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the flood and include lost income, relocation expenses, lost rental income, lost wages, and temporary living expenses for displaced people.

- A total of $32.69 million of building-related losses is expected. Building losses account for the building structure, contents, and inventory. As such, residential losses accounted for a total of $21.09 million, commercial losses totaled $6.81 million, and other (municipal and industrial) losses totaled $4.79 million.

- Building-related economic losses of $32.90 million are predicted if $0.21 million in business interruption losses are included.

In summary, flooding is the most persistent hazard to affect the Town of Newtown. Based on the historic record and *HAZUS-MH* simulations of the 1% annual chance flood events, the SFHAs and other areas are vulnerable to flooding damages, which can include direct structural damages, interruptions to business and commerce, emotional impacts, and injury or death.

3.6 Potential Mitigation Strategies and Actions

A number of measures can be taken to reduce the impact of a local or nuisance flood event. These include measures that prevent increases in flood losses by managing new development, measures that reduce the exposure of existing development to flood risk, and measures to preserve and restore natural resources. These are listed below under the categories of *prevention*, *property protection*, *structural projects*, *public education and awareness*, *natural resource protection*, and *emergency services*. All of the recommendations discussed in the subsections below are reprinted in a bulleted list in Section 3.7.

3.6.1 Prevention

> ***It is important to promote coordination among the various departments that are responsible for different aspects of flood mitigation. Coordination and cooperation among departments should be reviewed every few years as specific responsibilities and staff change.***

Prevention of damage from flood losses often takes the form of floodplain regulations and redevelopment policies that restrict the building of new structures within defined areas. These are usually administered by building, zoning, planning, and/or code enforcement offices through capital improvement programs and through zoning, subdivision, floodplain, and wetland regulations. It also occurs when land is prevented from being developed through the use of conservation easements or conversion of land into open space. Ordinances pertinent to the Town were discussed in Section 3.4. The following are general recommendations for flood damage prevention:

Open Space Creation and Preservation: According to the town POCD, "over the past 8 years, conservation work and the town's commitment of approximately $10 million have led to many accomplishments for Newtown's open space goals. The Town of Newtown and the Conservation Commission also seek available grants to help with property purchases. Newtown has already received several grants for open space purchases under the State Open Space Matching Grant Program. The Town of Newtown has been awarded $138,775 for the Pole Bridge Preserve, $157,000 for the Laurel Trail Property. A State grant of $500,000 supported a portion of the purchase of development rights for the Ferris Farm property while a grant of $326,000 from the

Housatonic River Natural Resource Damage Fund supported purchase of access and stream corridor on the Halfway River.

Several key properties have been added to the town open space roster and include the Eichler's Cove Marina, the Pond Brook Preserve, the Pole Bridge Preserve, the Point O'Rocks Preserve, Ferris Farm, Stone Bridge Preserve, and several smaller properties. Open space set asides from significant real estate developments such as development rights at Fulton's airfield have also been added to the protected listing."

Planning and Zoning: The Flood Damage Prevention ordinance and Zoning and Subdivision regulations in Newtown regulate development in flood hazard areas. Flood hazard areas should reflect a balance of development and natural areas although ideally they will be free from development. Policies also require the design and location of utilities to areas outside of flood hazard areas when applicable and the placement of utilities underground when possible.

Floodplain Development Regulations: The Town's floodplain ordinance requires engineering review of all development applications in the floodplain. Site plan and new subdivision regulations include the following:

- Requirements that every lot have a buildable area above the flood level
- Construction and location standards for the infrastructure built by the developer, including roads, sidewalks, utility lines, storm sewers, and drainageways

Adherence to the State Building Code requires that the foundation of structures will withstand flood forces and that all portions of the building subject to damage are above or otherwise protected from flooding. Floodplain ordinances in the town meet minimum requirements of the NFIP for subdivision and building codes.

Adoption of a different floodplain map is allowed under NFIP regulations as long as the new map covers a larger floodplain than the FIRM. It should be noted that the community's map will not affect the current FIRM or alter the SFHA used for setting insurance rates or making map determinations; it can only be used by the community to regulate floodplain areas. The FEMA Region I office has more information on this topic. Contact information can be found in Section 11.

FEMA encourages communities to use more accurate topographic maps to expand upon the FIRMs published by FEMA. This is because many FIRMs were originally created using USGS quadrangle maps with 10-foot contour intervals, but many municipalities today have contour maps of one- or two-foot intervals that show more recently constructed roads, bridges, and other anthropologic features. An alternate approach is to record high water marks and establish those areas inundated by a recent severe flood to be the new regulatory floodplain.

Reductions in floodplain area or revisions of a mapped floodplain can only be accomplished through revised FEMA-sponsored engineering studies or Letters of Map Change (LOMC).

Stormwater Management Policies: Development and redevelopment policies to address the prevention of flood damage must include effective stormwater management policies. Developers in Newtown are required to build detention and retention facilities where appropriate, and criteria for design are outlined in the Town's Subdivision Regulations. Additional techniques include enhancing infiltration to reduce runoff volume through the use of swales, infiltration trenches, vegetative filter strips, and permeable paving blocks. The goal is that post development stormwater does not leave a site at a rate higher than under predevelopment conditions.

Drainage System Maintenance: Development and redevelopment policies to address the prevention of flood damage must include effective stormwater management policies. Developers are typically required to build detention and retention facilities where appropriate. Additional techniques include enhancing infiltration to reduce runoff volume through the use of swales, infiltration trenches, vegetative filter strips, and permeable paving blocks. The goal is that post-development stormwater does not leave a site at a rate higher than under predevelopment conditions.

Standard engineering practice is to avoid the use of detention measures if the project site is located in the lower one-third of the overall watershed. The effects of detention are least effective and even detrimental if used at such locations because of the delaying effect of the peak discharge from the site that typically results when detention measures are used. By detaining stormwater in close proximity of the stream in the lower reaches of the overall watershed, the peak discharge from the site will occur later in the storm event, which will more closely coincide with the peak discharge of the stream, thus adding more flow to the peak discharge during any given storm event.

Education and Awareness: Other prevention techniques include the promotion of awareness of natural hazards among citizens, property owners, developers, and local officials. Technical assistance for local officials, including workshops, can be helpful in preparation for dealing with the massive upheaval that can accompany a severe flooding event. Research efforts to improve knowledge, develop standards, and identify and map hazard areas will better prepare a community to identify relevant hazard mitigation efforts. The Town has a variety of information available to citizens regarding flooding and flood damage prevention.

Wetlands: The Town Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission administers the Wetland Regulations, and the Planning and Zoning Commission administers the Zoning Regulations. The regulations simultaneously restrict development in floodplains, wetlands, and other floodprone areas. The Town Planner's office is charged with ensuring that development follows the Zoning Regulations and Inland Wetlands Regulations. The Town should develop a checklist that cross references the bylaws, regulations, and codes related to flood damage prevention that may be applicable to a proposed project and make this list available to potential applicants.

3.6.2 Property Protection

A variety of steps can be taken to protect existing public and private properties from flood damage. Potential measures for property protection include:

- ***Acquisition and demolition of floodprone structures with conversion of the lot to open space***. This open space could then become a new town park or be merged into an existing town park. This type of project eliminates future flooding damage potential to the structure, and such a project could be designed to increase floodplain storage, which would reduce future flooding potential to remaining properties.

- ***Relocation of structures at risk for flooding to a higher location on the same lot or to a different lot outside of the floodplain***. Moving an at-risk structure to a higher elevation can reduce or eliminate flooding damages to the structure. If the structure is relocated to a new lot, the former lot can be converted to open space in a manner similar to that described under the Acquisition section above.

- ❑ ***Elevation of the structure***. Home elevation involves the removal of the building structure from the basement and elevating it on piers to a height such that the first floor is located above the 1% annual chance flood level. The basement area is abandoned and filled to be no higher than the existing grade. All utilities and appliances located within the basement must be relocated to the first floor level.

- ❑ ***Construction of property improvements such as barriers, floodwalls, and earthen berms***. Such structural projects can be used to prevent shallow flooding. There may be properties within the town where implementation of such measures will serve to protect structures.

- ❑ ***Performing structural improvements that can mitigate flooding damage***. Such improvements can include:

  - ⇨ ***Dry floodproofing of the structure to keep floodwaters from entering***. Walls may be coated with compound or plastic sheathing. Openings such as windows and vents would be either permanently closed or covered with removable shields. Flood protection should extend only two to three feet above the top of the concrete foundation because building walls and floors cannot withstand the pressure of deeper water.

> ***<u>Dry floodproofing</u> refers to the act of making areas below the flood level watertight.***
>
> ***<u>Wet floodproofing</u> refers to intentionally letting floodwater into a building to equalize interior and exterior water pressures.***

  - ⇨ ***Wet floodproofing of the structure to allow floodwaters to pass through the lower area of the structure unimpeded***. Wet floodproofing should only be used as a last resort. If considered, furniture and electrical appliances should be moved away or elevated above the 1% annual chance flood elevation.

  - ⇨ ***Performing other potential home improvements to mitigate damage from flooding***. FEMA suggests several measures to protect home utilities and belongings, including:

    - Relocate valuable belongings above the 1% annual chance flood elevation to reduce the amount of damage caused during a flood event.
    - Relocate or elevate water heaters, heating systems, washers, and dryers to a higher floor or to at least 12 inches above the high water mark (if the ceiling permits). A wooden platform of pressure-treated wood can serve as the base.
    - Anchor the fuel tank to the wall or floor with noncorrosive metal strapping and lag bolts.
    - Install a backflow valve to prevent sewer backup into the home.
    - Install a floating floor drain plug at the lowest point of the lowest finished floor.
    - Elevate the electrical box or relocate it to a higher floor and elevate electric outlets to at least 12 inches above the high water mark.

- ❑ ***Encouraging property owners to purchase flood insurance under the NFIP and to make claims when damage occurs***. While having flood insurance will not prevent flood damage, it will help a family or business put things back in order following a flood event. Property owners should be encouraged to submit claims under the NFIP whenever flooding damage occurs in order to increase the eligibility of the property for projects under the various mitigation grant programs.

All of the above *property protection* mitigation measures may be useful for Town of Newtown residents to prevent damage from inland and nuisance flooding. The Building Official should be prepared to provide outreach and education in these areas where appropriate.

3.6.3 Emergency Services

A hazard mitigation plan addresses actions that can be taken before a disaster event. In this context, emergency services that would be appropriate mitigation measures for flooding include:

- ❑ Forecasting systems to provide information on the time of occurrence and magnitude of flooding
- ❑ A system to issue flood warnings to the community and responsible officials
- ❑ Emergency protective measures, such as an Emergency Operations Plan outlining procedures for the mobilization and position of staff, equipment, and resources to facilitate evacuations and emergency floodwater control
- ❑ Implementing an emergency notification system that combines database and GIS mapping technologies to deliver outbound emergency notifications to geographic areas or specific groups of people, such as emergency responder teams

Some of these mitigation measures are already in place in the Town. Additional proposals common to all hazards in this Plan for improving emergency services are recommended in Section 10.1.

3.6.4 Public Education and Awareness

The objective of public education is to provide an understanding of the nature of flood risk and the means by which that risk can be mitigated on an individual basis. Public information materials should encourage individuals to be aware of flood mitigation techniques, including discouraging the public from modifying channels and/or detention basins in their yards and dumping in or otherwise altering watercourses and storage basins. Individuals should be made aware of drainage system maintenance programs and other methods of mitigation. The public should also understand what to expect when a hazard event occurs and the procedures and time frames necessary for evacuation.

Based on the above guidelines, a number of specific proposals for improved *public education* are recommended to prevent damage from inland and nuisance flooding. These are common to all hazards in this Plan and are listed in Section 10.1.

3.6.5 Natural Resource Protection

Floodplains can provide a number of natural resources and benefits, including storage of floodwaters, open space and recreation, water quality protection, erosion control, and preservation of natural habitats. Retaining the natural resources and functions of floodplains can not only reduce the frequency and consequences of flooding but also minimize stormwater management and nonpoint pollution problems. Through natural resource planning, these objectives can be achieved at substantially reduced overall costs.

Measures for preserving floodplain functions and resources typically include:

- ***Adoption and enforcement of floodplain regulations to control or prohibit development that will alter natural resources***
- ***Development and redevelopment policies focused on resource protection***
- ***Information and education for both community and individual decision makers***
- ***Review of community programs to identify opportunities for floodplain preservation***

Projects that improve the natural condition of areas or to restore diminished or destroyed resources can reestablish an environment in which the functions and values of these resources are again optimized. Acquisitions of floodprone property with conversion to open space are the most common of these types of projects. Administrative measures that assist such projects include the development of land reuse policies focused on resource restoration and review of community programs to identify opportunities for floodplain restoration.

Based on the above guidelines, the following specific *natural resource protection* mitigation measures are recommended to help prevent damage from inland and nuisance flooding:

- Pursue additional open space properties in floodplains by purchasing RLPs and other floodprone structures and converting the parcels to open space.
- Pursue the acquisition of additional municipal open space properties as discussed in the Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Selectively pursue conservation objectives listed in the Plan of Conservation and Development and/or more recent planning studies and documents.
- Continue to regulate development in protected and sensitive areas, including steep slopes, wetlands, and floodplains.

3.6.6 Structural Projects

Structural projects include the construction of new structures or modification of existing structures (e.g., floodproofing) to lessen the impact of a flood event. Examples of structural projects include:

- Stormwater controls such as drainage systems, detention dams and reservoirs, and culvert resizing can be employed to modify flood flow rates.
- On-site detention can provide temporary storage of stormwater runoff.
- Barriers such as levees, floodwalls, and dikes physically control the hazard to protect certain areas from floodwaters.
- Channel alterations can be made to confine more water to the channel and modify flood flows.

- Individuals can protect private property by raising structures and constructing walls and levees around structures.

Care should be taken when using these techniques to ensure that problems are not exacerbated in other areas of the impacted watersheds.

Given the many culverts and bridges in a typical community and the increasing rainfall rates in Connecticut described in Section 2.4, reevaluation of the drainage computations on culverts and bridges is recommended.

3.7 <u>Summary of Specific Strategies and Actions</u>

While many potential mitigation activities were addressed in Section 3.6, the recommended mitigation strategies for addressing flooding problems in the Town of Newtown are listed below.

<u>Prevention</u>

- Require developers to demonstrate whether detention or retention of stormwater is the best option for reducing peak flows downstream of a project and provide a design for the appropriate alternative.

<u>Property Protection</u>

- Encourage property owners to purchase flood insurance under the NFIP and to report claims when flooding damage occurs.
- Pursue elevation of residential properties that are prone to flood damage, with RLPs being prioritized.
- Conduct drainage evaluations along Turkey Hill Road, Nearbrook Drive, Meadow Brook Road and in the vicinity of the five lakeside communities to determine appropriate measures that should be taken to reduce flooding along these streets.

<u>Public Education</u>

- Compile a checklist that cross-references the bylaws, regulations, and codes related to flood damage prevention that may be applicable to a proposed project and make this list available to potential applicants. The information in Section 3.4 provides a starting point for this list.
- Provide outreach regarding home elevation and relocation, flood barriers, dry floodproofing, wet floodproofing, and other home improvement techniques (Section 3.6.2) to private homeowners and businesses with flooding problems.
- Hold workshops involving all Town departments to provide training for dealing with widespread flooding damage.

<u>Natural Resource Protection</u>

- Pursue the acquisition of additional municipal open space inside SFHAs and set it aside as greenways, parks, or other nonresidential, noncommercial, or nonindustrial use.
- Evaluate scour damage along Pond Brook and develop mitigation measures.
- Develop a priority list of areas identified during the stream walk (described on Page 1-11) that are in need of stabilization and implement corrective actions.

Structural Projects

- ❑ Consider conducting a town wide drainage analysis to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as stormwater retrofits.
- ❑ Review culvert conveyances based on Northeast Regional Climate Center guidance for increasing precipitation [regional analysis of rainfall extremes (http://precip.eas.cornell.edu/) for engineering design]
- ❑ Complete necessary improvements of town bridges. Specifically, Turkey Hill Bridge and Meadow Brook Bridge which are due for replacement.
- ❑ Develop a plan to stabilize low-lying roads, especially in the lakeside communities.

Emergency Services

- ❑ Ensure adequate barricades are available to block flooded areas in floodprone areas of the town.

In addition, mitigation strategies important to all hazards are included in Section 10.1.

4.0 HURRICANES

4.1 Setting

Several types of hazards may be associated with tropical storms and hurricanes including heavy or tornado winds, heavy rains, and flooding. While only some of the areas of Newtown are susceptible to flooding damage caused by hurricanes, wind damage can occur anywhere in the town. Hurricanes, therefore, have the potential to affect any area within the Town of Newtown. A hurricane striking Newtown is considered a possible event each year and could cause critical damage to the town and its infrastructure.

4.2 Hazard Assessment

Hurricanes are a class of tropical cyclones that are defined by the National Weather Service as warm-core, nonfrontal, low-pressure, large-scale systems that develop over tropical or subtropical water and have definite organized circulations. Tropical cyclones are categorized based on the speed of the sustained (one-minute average) surface wind near the center of the storm. These categories are Tropical Depression (winds less than 39 miles per hour [mph]), Tropical Storm (winds 39-74 mph, inclusive), and Hurricanes (winds at least 74 mph).

The geographic areas affected by tropical cyclones are called tropical cyclone basins. The Atlantic tropical cyclone basin is one of six in the world and includes much of the North Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico. The official Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1 and extends through November 30 of each year although occasionally hurricanes occur outside this period.

Inland Connecticut is vulnerable to hurricanes despite moderate hurricane occurrences when compared with other areas within the Atlantic tropical cyclone basin. Since hurricanes tend to weaken within 12 hours of landfall, inland areas are relatively less susceptible to hurricane wind damages than coastal areas in Connecticut; however, the heaviest rainfall often occurs inland as was seen in Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Therefore, inland areas are vulnerable to riverine and urban flooding during a hurricane.

The Saffir-Simpson Scale

The "Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale" was used prior to 2009 to categorize hurricanes based upon wind speed, central pressure, and storm surge, relating these components to damage potential. In 2009, the scale was revised and is now called the "Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale." The modified scale is more scientifically defensible and is predicated only on surface wind speeds. The following descriptions are from the 2014 *Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update*.

A Hurricane Watch is an advisory for a specific area stating that a hurricane poses a threat to coastal and inland areas. Individuals should keep tuned to local television and radio for updates.

A Hurricane Warning is then issued when the dangerous effects of a hurricane are expected in the area within 24 hours.

- **Category One Hurricane:** Sustained winds 74-95 mph (64-82 kt). Minimal Damage: Damage is primarily to shrubbery, trees, foliage, and unanchored mobile homes. No real damage occurs in building structures. Some damage is done to poorly constructed signs.

- **Category Two Hurricane:** Sustained winds 96-110 mph (83-95 kt). Moderate Damage: Considerable damage is done to shrubbery and tree foliage, some trees are blown down. Major structural damage occurs to exposed mobile homes. Extensive damage occurs to poorly constructed signs. Some damage is done to roofing materials, windows, and doors; no major damage occurs to the building integrity of structures.

- **Category Three Hurricane:** Sustained winds 111-130 mph (96-113 kt). Extensive damage: Foliage torn from trees and shrubbery; large trees blown down. Practically all poorly constructed signs are blown down. Some damage to roofing materials of buildings occurs, with some window and door damage. Some structural damage occurs to small buildings, residences and utility buildings. Mobile homes are destroyed. There is a minor amount of failure of curtain walls (in framed buildings).

- **Category Four Hurricane:** Sustained winds 131-155 mph (114-135 kt). Extreme Damage: Shrubs and trees are blown down; all signs are down. Extensive roofing material and window and door damage occurs. Complete failure of roofs on many small residences occurs, and there is complete destruction of mobile homes. Some curtain walls experience failure.

- **Category Five Hurricane:** Sustained winds greater than 155 mph (135 kt). Catastrophic Damage: Shrubs and trees are blown down; all signs are down. Considerable damage to roofs of buildings. Very severe and extensive window and door damage occurs. Complete failure of roof structures occurs on many residences and industrial buildings, and extensive shattering of glass in windows and doors occurs. Some complete buildings fail. Small buildings are overturned or blown away. Complete destruction of mobile homes occurs

4.3 Historic Record

Through research efforts by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Climate Center in cooperation with the National Hurricane Center, records of tropical cyclone occurrences within the Atlantic cyclone basin have been compiled from 1851 to present. These records are compiled in NOAA's hurricane database (HURDAT), which contains historical data recently reanalyzed to current scientific standards as well as the most current hurricane data. During HURDAT's period of record (1851-2011), two Category Three Hurricanes, seven Category Two Hurricanes, seven Category One Hurricanes, and 39 tropical storms have tracked within a 150-nautical-mile radius of Newtown. The representative storm strengths were measured as the peak intensities for each individual storm passing within the 150-mile radius. The 16 hurricanes noted above occurred in August through October as noted in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1
Tropical Cyclones by Month Within 150 Miles of Newtown Since 1851

Category	July	August	September	October
Tropical Storm[1]	6	13	12	5
One	0	2	3	2
Two	0	3	3	1
Three	0	0	2	0
Total	**6**	**18**	**20**	**8**

[1]One tropical storm occurred in May, one occurred in June, and one occurred in November.

A description of more recent tropical cyclones near Newtown follows:

- The most devastating hurricane to strike Connecticut, and believed to be the strongest hurricane to hit New England in recorded history, is believed to have been a Category Three Hurricane at its peak. Dubbed the "Long Island Express of September 21, 1938," this name was derived from the unusually high forward speed of the hurricane (estimated to be 70 mph). As a Category Two Hurricane, the center of the storm passed over Long Island, made landfall near Milford, Connecticut, and moved quickly northward into northern New England.

  The majority of damage was caused from storm surge and wind damage. Surges up to 18 feet were recorded along portions of the Connecticut coast, and 130 mile per hour gusts flattened forests, destroyed nearly 5,000 cottages, farms, and homes, and damaged an estimated 15,000 more throughout New York and southern New England. The storm resulted in catastrophic fires in New London and Mystic, Connecticut. Fourteen to 17 inches of rain were reported in central Connecticut, causing severe flooding. Overall, the storm left an estimated 564 dead, 1,700 injured, and caused physical damages in excess of $38 million (1938 USD).

- The "Great Atlantic Hurricane" hit the Connecticut coast in September 1944. This storm was a Category Three Hurricane at its peak intensity but was a Category One Hurricane when its center passed over eastern Long Island and made landfall near New London, Connecticut. The storm brought rainfall in excess of six inches to most of the state and rainfall in excess of eight to 10 inches in Fairfield County. Most of the wind damage from this storm occurred in southeastern Connecticut although wind gusts of 109 mph were reported in Hartford, Connecticut. Injuries and storm damage were lower in this hurricane than in 1938 because of increased warning time and fewer structures located in vulnerable areas due to the lack of rebuilding after the 1938 storm.

- Another Category Two Hurricane, Hurricane Carol (naming of hurricanes began in 1950), made landfall near Clinton, Connecticut in late August of 1954 shortly after high tide and produced storm surges of 10 to 15 feet in southeastern Connecticut. This storm was also a Category Three Hurricane at peak intensity. Rainfall amounts of six inches were recorded in New London, and wind gusts peaked at over 100 mph. Near the coast, the combination of strong winds and storm surge damaged or destroyed thousands of buildings, and the winds toppled trees that left most of the eastern part of the state without power. Overall damages in the northeast were estimated at one billion dollars (1954 USD), and 48 people died as a direct result of the hurricane.

- Hurricane Edna was a Category Two Hurricane when its center passed southeast of Long Island in September 1954.

- The year 1955 was a devastating year for flooding in Connecticut. Connie was a declining tropical storm over the Midwest when its effects hit Connecticut in August 1955, producing heavy rainfall of four to six inches across the state. The saturated soil conditions exacerbated the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Diane five days later, the wettest tropical cyclone on record for the northeast. The storm produced 14 inches of rain in a 30-hour period, causing destructive flooding conditions along nearly every major river system in the state. When heavy rains caused the flood of October 1955, serious flooding was reported along Harbor Brook in downtown Brookfield.

- Hurricane Donna of 1960 was a Category Four Hurricane when it made landfall in southwestern Florida and weakened to a Category Two hurricane when it made landfall near Old Lyme, Connecticut.

- Hurricane Belle of August 1976 was a Category One Hurricane as it passed over Long Island but was downgraded to a tropical storm before its center made landfall near Stratford, Connecticut. Belle caused five fatalities and minor shoreline damage.

- Hurricane Gloria of September 1985 was a Category Three Hurricane when it made landfall in North Carolina and weakened to a Category Two Hurricane before its center made landfall near Bridgeport, Connecticut. The hurricane struck at low tide, resulting in low to moderate storm surges along the coast. The storm produced up to six inches of rain in some areas and heavy winds that damaged structures and uprooted thousands of trees. The amount and spread of debris and loss of power were the major impacts from this storm, with over 500,000 people suffering significant power outages.

- Hurricane Bob was a Category Two Hurricane when its center made landfall in Rhode Island in August 1991. The hurricane caused storm surge damage along the Connecticut coast but was more extensively felt in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Heavy winds were felt across eastern Connecticut with gusts up to 100 mph and light to moderate tree damage. The storm was responsible for six deaths in the state. Total damage in southern New England was approximately $680 million (1991 USD).

- Tropical Storm Floyd seriously impacted Connecticut in 1999. Floyd was the storm of record in the Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and is discussed in more detail in Section 3.3 due to heavy rainfall that caused widespread flood damage. The winds associated with Tropical Storm Floyd also caused power outages throughout New England and at least one death in Connecticut.

- Hurricane Irene peaked as a Category Three storm before it made landfall in North Carolina and tracked northward along the Delmarva Peninsula and New Jersey before the remnants of the eye crossed over New York Town on Sunday, August 28, 2011. Anticipating storm surges along the Atlantic coastline, many states and municipalities issued mandatory evacuations on August 26 and 27, 2011. Many coastal towns ordered a mandatory evacuation to all residents in anticipation of Hurricane Irene's landfall on Saturday, August 27, 2011. The largest damage was done to electrical lines throughout the state of

Connecticut. More than half of the state (over 754,000 customers) was without power following the storm, with some areas not having electricity restored for more than a week. Ten deaths were attributed to the storm in Connecticut.

In Newtown, Irene caused widespread wind damage. Severe tree damage and damage to power-lines causing power outages and roadblocks were the biggest impact during the storm. There was one single-family house lost in the storm due to a falling tree. As a result of this storm the town has greatly increased its tree trimming program.

Irene was the Emergency Response Center's first declared disaster and power outages lasted up to eleven days. The middle school was opened as a shelter for four days.

- Hurricane Sandy struck the Connecticut shoreline as a Category 1 Hurricane in late October 2012, causing power outages for 600,000 customers and at least $360 million in damages in Connecticut. Newtown fared relatively well during Hurricane Sandy and no major damages were reported. Hurricane Sandy generated far less debris than either Irene or Winter Storm Alfred. The town's landfill served as the designated site used for debris during all storms.

4.4 Existing Capabilities

Flooding

Existing mitigation measures appropriate for flooding were discussed in Section 3.0. These include the ordinances, codes, and regulations that have been enacted to minimize flood damage. In addition, various structures exist to protect certain areas, including dam and local flood protection projects.

Wind

Wind loading requirements are addressed through the state building code. The 2005 Connecticut State Building Code was amended in 2009 and adopted with an effective date of August 1, 2009. The code specifies the design wind speed for construction in all the Connecticut municipalities, with the addition of split zones for some towns. For example, for towns along the Merritt Parkway such as Fairfield and Trumbull, wind speed criteria are different north and south of the parkway in relation to the distance from the shoreline. Effective December 31, 2005, the design wind speed for Newtown is 95 miles per hour. Newtown has adopted the Connecticut Building Code as its building code.

Connecticut is located in FEMA Zone II regarding maximum expected wind speed. The maximum expected wind speed for a three-second gust is 160 mph. This wind speed could occur as a result of either a hurricane or a tornado in western Connecticut and southeastern New York. The American Society of Civil Engineers recommends that new buildings be designed to withstand this peak three-second gust.

The town has a proactive approach to tree trimming and has two tree wardens – one for the borough and one for the town. Within the past few years the town has increased its trimming efforts. The tree trimming budget is estimated around $200,000 with an emergency budget of $75,000. The town plans around CLP's trimming but the town desires better communication with CL&P about when and where they are planning to trim.

Connecticut Light & Power, the local electric utility, provides tree maintenance near its power lines. Connecticut Light & Power was under intense scrutiny after storms Irene and Alfred in 2011. The utility has reportedly done an adequate job trimming trees since 2011.

During emergencies, the Town currently has three designated emergency shelters available for residents as discussed in Section 2.9. During Tropical Storm Irene, the Town used the CodeRED emergency notification system to notify all residents in the SFHA that they may evacuate and use one of the shelters. The Board of Education used its notification system to notify people on its list of emergency procedures. Prior to severe storm events, the Town ensures that warning/notification systems and communication equipment are working properly and prepares for the possible evacuation of impacted areas.

4.5 Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment

NOAA issues an annual hurricane outlook to provide a general guide to each upcoming hurricane season based on various climatic factors. However, it is impossible to predict exactly when and where a hurricane will occur. NOAA believes that "hurricane landfalls are largely determined by the weather patterns in places the hurricane approaches, which are only predictable within several days of the storm making landfall."

NOAA has utilized the National Hurricane Center Risk Analysis Program (HURISK) to determine return periods for various hurricane categories at locations throughout the United States. As noted on the NOAA website, hurricane return periods are the frequency at which a certain intensity or category of hurricane can be expected with 75 nautical miles of a given location. For example, a return period of 20 years for a particular category storm means that on average during the previous 100 years a storm of that category passed within 75 nautical miles of that location five times. Thus, it is expected that similar category storms would pass within that radius an additional five times during the next 100 years.

Table 4-2 presents return periods for various category hurricanes to impact Connecticut. The nearest two HURISK analysis points were New York Town and Block Island, Rhode Island. For this analysis, these data are assumed to represent western Connecticut and eastern Connecticut, respectively.

Table 4-2
Return Period (in Years) for Hurricanes to Strike Connecticut

Category	New York Town (Western Connecticut)	Block Island, Rhode Island (Eastern Connecticut)
One	17	17
Two	39	39
Three	68	70
Four	150	160
Five	370	430

According to the 2014 *Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update*, hurricanes have the greatest destructive potential of all natural disasters in Connecticut due to the potential combination of high winds, storm surge and coastal erosion, heavy rain, and flooding that can accompany the hazard. It is generally believed that New England is long overdue for another major hurricane strike. As shown in Table 4-2, NOAA estimates that the return period for a Category Two or Category Three storm to strike Fairfield County to be 39 years and 68 years, respectively. The last major hurricane to impact Connecticut was Hurricane Bob in 1991. Category One Hurricane Earl in 2010 and Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 were reminders that hurricanes do track close to Connecticut.

The 2014 Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update also notes that some researchers have suggested that the intensity of tropical cyclones has increased over the last 35 years, with some believing that there is a connection between this increase in intensity and climate change. While most climate simulations agree that greenhouse warming enhances the frequency and intensity of tropical storms, models of the climate system are still limited by resolution and computational ability. However, given the past history of major storms and the possibility of increased frequency and intensity of tropical storms due to climate change, it is prudent to expect that there will be hurricanes impacting Connecticut in the near future that may be of greater frequency and intensity than in the past.

Tropical Cyclone Vulnerability

In general, as the residents and businesses of the state of Connecticut become more dependent on the internet and mobile communications, the impact of hurricanes on commerce will continue to increase. A major hurricane has the potential of causing complete disruption of power and communications for up to several weeks, rendering electronic devices and those that rely on utility towers and lines inoperative.

Debris such as signs, roofing material, and small items left outside become flying missiles in hurricanes. Extensive damage to trees, towers, aboveground and underground utility lines (from uprooted trees or failed infrastructure), and fallen poles cause considerable disruption for residents. Streets may be flooded or blocked by fallen branches, poles, or trees, preventing egress. Downed power lines from heavy winds can also start fires during hurricanes with limited rainfall.

The Town of Newtown is vulnerable to hurricane damage from wind and flooding and from any tornadoes accompanying the storm. In fact, most of the damage to the town from historical tropical cyclones has been due to the effects of flooding. Fortunately, Newtown is less vulnerable to hurricane damage than coastal towns in Connecticut because it does not need to deal with the effects of storm surge. Factors that influence vulnerability to tropical cyclones in the town include building codes currently in place, local zoning and development patterns, and the age and number of structures located in highly vulnerable areas of the community.

Based on the population projections in Section 2.6, the population of the Town of Newtown is estimated to increase by approximately 1,160 people through 2025. All areas of growth and development increase the town's vulnerability to natural hazards such as hurricanes although new development is expected to mitigate potential damage by meeting the standards of the most recent building code. As noted in Section 4.1, wind damage from hurricanes and tropical storms has the ability to affect all areas of Newtown while areas susceptible to flooding are even more vulnerable. Areas of known and potential flooding problems are discussed in Section 3.0, and tornadoes (which sometimes develop during tropical cyclones) will be discussed in Section 5.0.

Newtown's housing stock consists of historic buildings greater than 50 and sometimes 100 years old, relatively younger buildings built before 1990 when the building code changed to address wind damage, and relatively recent buildings that utilize the new code changes. Since most of the existing housing stock in the town predates the recent code changes, many structures are highly susceptible to roof and window damage from high winds. Homes located within SFHAs are also at risk from flooding as a result of the heavy rainfall that typically occurs during tropical storms and hurricanes.

Some critical facilities are more susceptible than others to flooding damage associated with hurricane rainfall. Such facilities susceptible to flooding were discussed in Section 3.5.

As the Town of Newtown is not affected by storm surge, hurricane sheltering needs have not been calculated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the town. The Town determines sheltering need based upon areas damaged or needing to be evacuated within the town. Under limited emergency conditions, a high percentage of evacuees will seek shelter with friends or relatives rather than go to established shelters. During extended power outages, it is believed that only 10% to 20% of the affected population of the town will relocate while most will stay in their homes until power is restored. In the case of a major (Category Three or above) hurricane, it is likely that the Town will depend on state and federal aid to assist sheltering displaced populations until normalcy is restored.

<u>HAZUS-MH Simulation and Loss Estimates</u>

In order to quantify potential hurricane damage, HAZUS-MH simulations were run for historical and probabilistic storms that could theoretically affect Newtown. For the historical simulations, the results estimate the potential maximum damage that would occur in the present day (based on year 2006 dollar values using year 2000 census data) given the same storm track and characteristics of each event. The probabilistic storms estimate the potential maximum damage that would occur based on wind speeds of varying return periods. Note that the simulations calculate damage for <u>wind effects alone</u> and not damages due to flooding or other non-wind effects. Thus, the damage and displacement estimates presented below are likely lower than would occur during a hurricane associated with severe rainfall. Results are presented in Appendix C and summarized below.

Figure 4-1 depicts the spatial relationship between the two historical storm tracks used for the HAZUS simulations (Hurricane Gloria in 1985 and the 1938 hurricane) and Newtown. These two storm tracks produced the highest winds to affect Newtown out of all the hurricanes in the HAZUS-MH software.

The FEMA default values were used for each census tract in the HAZUS simulations. A summary of the default building counts and values was shown in Table 3-3.

The FEMA *Hurricane Model HAZUS-MH Technical Manual* outlines various damage thresholds to classify buildings damaged during hurricanes. The five classifications are summarized below:

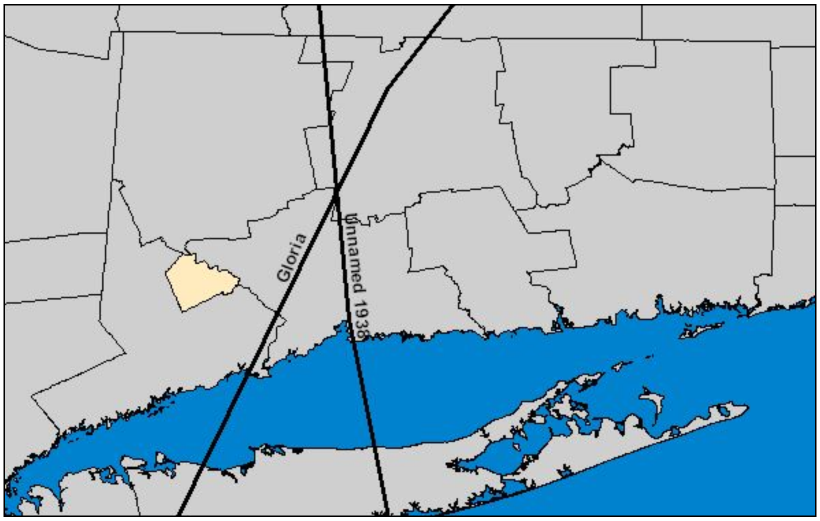


Figure 4-1: Historical Hurricane Storm Tracks

- **No Damage or Very Minor Damage**: Little or no visible damage from the outside. No broken windows or failed roof deck. Minimal loss of roof cover, with no or very limited water penetration.
- **Minor Damage**: Maximum of one broken window, door, or garage door. Moderate roof cover loss that can be covered to prevent additional water entering the building. Marks or dents on walls requiring painting or patching for repair.
- **Moderate Damage**: Major roof cover damage, moderate window breakage. Minor roof sheathing failure. Some resulting damage to interior of building from water.
- **Severe Damage**: Major window damage or roof sheathing loss. Major roof cover loss. Extensive damage to interior from water. Limited, local joist failures. Failure of one wall.
- **Destruction:** Essentially complete roof failure and/or more than 25% of roof sheathing. Significant amount of the wall envelope opened through window failure and/or failure of more than one wall. Extensive damage to interior.

Table 4-3 presents the peak wind speeds during each wind event simulated by HAZUS for Newtown. The number of expected residential buildings to experience various classifications of damage is presented in Table 4-3, and the total number of buildings expected to experience various classifications of damage is presented in Table 4-4. Minimal damage is expected to buildings for wind speeds less than 69 mph, with overall damages increasing with increasing wind speed.

Table 4-3
HAZUS Hurricane Scenarios – Number of Residential Buildings Damaged

Return Period or Storm	Peak Wind Gust (mph)	Minor Damage	Moderate Damage	Severe Damage	Total Destruction	Total
10-Years	40-41	None	None	None	None	None
20-Years	55-56	1	None	None	None	1
Gloria (1985)	69	5	None	None	None	5
50-Years	73-74	21	None	None	None	21
100-Years	85-87	217	8	None	None	225
200-Years	96-98	779	60	None	None	839
Unnamed (1938)	101	947	86	1	1	1,035
500-Years	108-111	2,065	358	23	13	2,459
1000-Years	116-119	2,832	797	112	71	3,812

Table 4-4
HAZUS Hurricane Scenarios – Total Number of Buildings Damaged

Return Period or Storm	Minor Damage	Moderate Damage	Severe Damage	Total Destruction	Total
10-Years	None	None	None	None	None
20-Years	3	None	None	None	3
Gloria (1985)	9	None	None	None	9
50-Years	27	None	None	None	27
100-Years	237	10	None	None	247
200-Years	840	69	2	None	911
Unnamed (1938)	1,023	99	4	1	1,127
500-Years	2,248	414	35	13	2,710
1000-Years	3,092	933	148	73	4,246

The HAZUS simulations consider a subset of critical facilities termed "essential facilities" which are important during emergency situations. Essential facilities in HAZUS-MH may not necessarily be the same today as they were in 2000. Nevertheless, the information is useful from a planning standpoint. As shown in Table 4-5, minor damage to schools occurs at wind speeds of approximately 101 mph and greater with loss of use to all schools at speeds of 111 mph.

Table 4-5
HAZUS-MH Hurricane Scenarios – Essential Facility Damage

Return Period or Storm	Emergency Operations Centers (2)	Fire Stations (3)	Police Stations (1)	Schools (13)
10-Years	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor
20-Years	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor
Gloria (1985)	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor
50-Years	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor
100-Years	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor
200-Years	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor
Unnamed (1938)	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	Minor damage with loss of use to 4 school

Return Period or Storm	Emergency Operations Centers (2)	Fire Stations (3)	Police Stations (1)	Schools (13)
500-Years	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	Minor damage with loss of use to all schools
1000-Years	None or Minor	None or Minor	None or Minor	Minor damage with loss of use to all schools

Table 4-6 presents the estimated tonnage of debris that would be generated by wind damage during each HAZUS storm scenario. The model breaks the debris into four general categories based on the different types of material handling equipment necessary for cleanup. As shown in Table 4-6, minimal debris are expected for storms less than the 50-year event, and reinforced concrete and steel buildings are not expected to generate debris. Much of the debris that is generated is structure-related.

Table 4-6
HAZUS-MH Hurricane Scenarios – Debris Generation (Tons)

Return Period or Storm	Brick / Wood	Reinforced Concrete / Steel	Eligible Tree Debris	Other Tree Debris	Total
10-Years	None	None	None	None	None
20-Years	None	None	None	None	None
Gloria (1985)	25	None	None	None	25
50-Years	120	None	None	None	120
100-Years	607	None	4,055	13,299	17,961
200-Years	1,768	None	5,422	17,667	24,857
Unnamed (1938)	2,168	None	5,589	18,170	25,927
500-Years	5,725	None	13,466	43,891	63,082
1000-Years	12,135	None	25,460	83,457	121,052

Table 4-7 presents the potential sheltering requirements based on the various wind events simulated by HAZUS. No sheltering requirements are predicted in the model for Newtown at hurricane of 1938 levels and above; however, it is likely that hurricanes will also produce heavy rain and flooding that will increase the overall sheltering need in Newtown.

Table 4-7
HAZUS Hurricane Scenarios – Shelter Requirements

Return Period or Storm	Number of Displaced Households	Short Term Sheltering Need (Number of People)
10-Years	None	None
20-Years	None	None
Gloria (1985)	None	None
50-Years	None	None
100-Years	None	None
200-Years	1	None
Unnamed (1938)	4	1
500-Years	29	5
1000-Years	120	21

Table 4-8 presents the predicted economic losses due to the various simulated wind events. Property damage loss estimates include the subcategories of building, contents, and inventory damages. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building or its contents. Business interruption loss estimates include the subcategories of lost income, relocation expenses, and lost wages. The business interruption losses are associated with the inability to operate a business due to the damage sustained during a hurricane, and also include temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their home because of the storm.

Table 4-8
HAZUS Hurricane Scenarios – Economic Losses

Return Period or Storm	Residential Property Damage Losses	Total Property Damage Losses	Business Interruption (Income) Losses	Total Losses
10-Years	None	None	None	None
20-Years	$590	$590	$40	$620
Gloria (1985)	$565,020	$625,470	$1,450	$626,930
50-Years	$1,606,290	$1,688,160	$3,010	$1,691,170
100-Years	$6,564,390	$7,019,860	$356,280	$7,376,140
200-Years	$15,044,160	$16,681,050	$1,087,850	$17,768,900
Unnamed (1938)	$18,134,770	$20,334,400	$1,685,850	$22,020,240
500-Years	$49,993,540	$57,554,930	$6,102,530	$63,657,460
1000-Years	$116,599,580	$137,017,060	$15,399,610	$152,416,670

Losses are minimal for storms with return periods of less than 20-years (56 mph) but increase rapidly as larger storms are considered. For example, a reenactment of the 1938 hurricane would cause approximately $22 million in wind damages to Newtown. As these damage values are based on 2006 dollars, it is likely that these estimated damages will be higher today due to inflation.

In summary, hurricanes are a very real and potentially costly hazard to Newtown. Based on the historic record and HAZUS-MH simulations of various wind events, the entire community is vulnerable to wind damage from hurricanes. These damages can include direct structural damages, interruptions to business and commerce, emotional impacts, and injury and possibly death.

4.6 Potential Mitigation Strategies and Actions

Many potential mitigation measures for hurricanes include those appropriate for inland flooding. These were presented in Section 3.6. However, hurricane mitigation measures must also address the effects of heavy winds that are inherently caused by hurricanes. Mitigation for wind damage is therefore emphasized in the subsections below.

4.6.1 Prevention

Although hurricanes and tropical storms cannot be prevented, a number of methods are available to continue preventing damage from the storms and perhaps to mitigate damage. The following actions have been identified as potential preventive measures:

- ❑ Perform periodic tree limb inspection and maintenance programs to ensure that the potential for downed power lines is diminished.
- ❑ Continue requiring the location of utilities underground in new developments or during redevelopment whenever possible.
- ❑ Continue to review and update the currently enacted Emergency Operations Plan, evacuation plans, supply distribution plans, and other emergency planning documents for the town as appropriate.
- ❑ Develop a phased approach to replacing aboveground utility lines with underground utility lines, taking advantage of opportunities such as streetscaping projects.

4.6.2 Property Protection

Most people perform basic property protection measures in advance of hurricanes, including cutting dangerous tree limbs, boarding windows, and moving small items inside that could be carried away by heavy winds. Property protection measures for hurricanes include those described for flooding in Section 3.6.2 due to the potential for heavy rainfall to accompany the storm. In terms of new construction and retrofits, various structural projects for wind damage mitigation on buildings are described in Section 4.6.5.

The local tree warden should attempt education and outreach regarding dangerous trees on private property, particularly for trees near homes with dead branches overhanging the structure or nearby power lines. These limbs are the most likely to fall during a storm.

4.6.3 Emergency Services

The EOP of the Town includes guidelines and specifications for communication of hurricane warnings and watches as well as for a call for evacuation. The public needs to be made aware of evacuation routes and the locations of public shelters in advance of a hurricane event, which can be accomplished (1) by placing this information on the Town website, (2) by creating informational displays in local municipal buildings and high traffic businesses such as supermarkets, and (3) through press releases to local radio and television stations and local newspapers. Newtown should identify and prepare additional facilities for evacuation and sheltering needs. The Town should also continue to review its mutual aid agreements and update as necessary to ensure that help is available as needed and that the town is not hindered responding to its own emergencies as it assists with regional emergencies.

4.6.4 Public Education and Awareness

Tracking of hurricanes has advanced to the point where areas often have one week of warning time or more prior to a hurricane strike. The public should be made aware of available shelters prior to a hurricane event, as well as potential measures to mitigate personal property damage. This was discussed in Section 4.6.3 above. A number of specific proposals for improved public education are recommended to prevent damage and loss of life during hurricanes. These are common to all hazards in this Plan and are listed in Section 10.1.

4.6.5 Structural Projects

While structural projects to completely eliminate wind damage are not possible, potential structural mitigation measures for buildings include designs for hazard-resistant construction and retrofitting techniques. These generally take the form of increased wind and flood resistance as well as the use of storm shutters over exposed glass and the inclusion of hurricane straps to hold roofs to buildings. The four categories of structural projects for wind damage mitigation in private homes and critical facilities include the installation of shutters, load path projects, roof projects, and code plus projects and are defined below.

- ❑ Shutter mitigation projects protect all windows and doors of a structure with shutters, lamentations, or other systems that meet debris impact and wind pressure design requirements. All openings of a building are to be protected, including garage doors on residential buildings, large overhead doors on commercial buildings, and apparatus bay doors at fire stations.
- ❑ Load path projects improve and upgrade the structural system of a building to transfer loads from the roof to the foundation. This retrofit provides positive connection from the roof framing to the walls, better connections within the wall framing, and connections from the wall framing to the foundation system.
- ❑ Roof projects involve retrofitting a building's roof by improving and upgrading the roof deck and roof coverings to secure the building envelope and integrity during a wind or seismic event.
- ❑ Code plus projects are those designed to exceed the local building codes and standards to achieve a greater level of protection.

Given the relative infrequency of hurricane wind damage in the Town of Newtown, it is unlikely that any structural project for mitigating wind damage would be cost effective unless it was for a critical facility. The Town should encourage the above measures in new construction and require it for new critical facilities. Continued compliance with the amended Connecticut Building Code for wind speeds is necessary. Literature should be made available by the Building Department to developers during the permitting process regarding these design standards.

4.7 Summary of Specific Strategies and Actions

While many potential mitigation activities were addressed in Section 4.6, the recommended mitigation strategies for mitigating hurricane and tropical storm winds in the Town of Newtown are listed below.

- ❑ Continue town wide tree limb inspection and maintenance programs to ensure that the potential for downed power lines is diminished. Continue to encourage property owners to trim branches located over structures and power lines.
- ❑ Pursue funding to place utilities underground in existing developed areas.
- ❑ The Building Department should provide literature regarding appropriate design standards for wind.
- ❑ Encourage the use of structural techniques related to mitigation of wind damage in new residential and commercial structures to protect new buildings to a standard greater than the minimum building code requirements. Require such improvements for new municipal critical facilities.

- The Town would like improve communications with CL&P, particularly with respect to trimming times and locations within Newtown.
- Work with CL&P to determine the feasibility of placing non-conducting steel cables above power lines to protect them from falling branches and trees.

In addition, important recommendations that apply to all hazards are listed in Section 10.1.

5.0 SUMMER STORMS AND TORNADOES

5.1 Setting

Like hurricanes and winter storms, summer storms and tornadoes have the potential to affect any area within the Town of Newtown. Furthermore, because these types of storms and the hazards that result (flash flooding, wind, hail, and lightning) might have limited geographic extent, it is possible for a summer storm to harm one area within the town without harming another. The entire Town of Newtown is therefore susceptible to summer storms (including heavy rain, flash flooding, wind, hail, and lightning) and tornadoes.

Based on the historic record, it is considered highly likely that a summer storm that includes lightning will impact the Town of Newtown each year although lightning strikes have a limited effect. Strong winds and hail are considered likely to occur during such storms but also generally have limited effects. A tornado is considered a possible event in Fairfield County each year that could cause significant damage to a small area.

5.2 Hazard Assessment

Heavy wind (including tornadoes and downbursts), lightning, heavy rain, hail, and flash floods are the primary hazards associated with summer storms. Flooding caused by heavy rainfall was covered in Section 3.0 of this Plan and will not be discussed in detail herein.

Tornadoes

NOAA defines a tornado as "a violently rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground." The two types of tornadoes include those that develop from supercell thunderstorms and those that do not. While the physics of tornado development are fairly well understood, there are many unknowns still being studied regarding the exact conditions in a storm event required to trigger a tornado, the factors affecting the dissipation of a tornado, and the effect of cloud seeding on tornado development.

Supercell thunderstorms are long lived (greater than one hour) and highly organized storms feeding off an updraft that is tilted and rotating. This rotation is referred to as a "mesocyclone" when detected by Doppler radar. The figure below is a diagram of the anatomy of a supercell that has spawned a supercell tornado. Tornadoes that form from a supercell thunderstorm are a very small extension of the larger rotation; they are the most common and the most dangerous type of tornado as most large and violent tornadoes are spawned from supercells.

Non-supercell tornadoes are defined by NOAA as circulations that form without a rotating updraft. Damage from these types of tornadoes tends to be F2 or less (see Fujita Scale, below). The two types of non-supercell tornadoes are gustnadoes and landspouts.

- A gustnado is a whirl of dust or debris at or near the ground with no condensation tunnel that forms along the gust front of a storm.

- A landspout is a narrow, ropelike condensation funnel that forms when the thunderstorm cloud is still growing and there is no rotating updraft. Thus, the spinning motion originates near the ground. Waterspouts are similar to landspouts but occur over water.

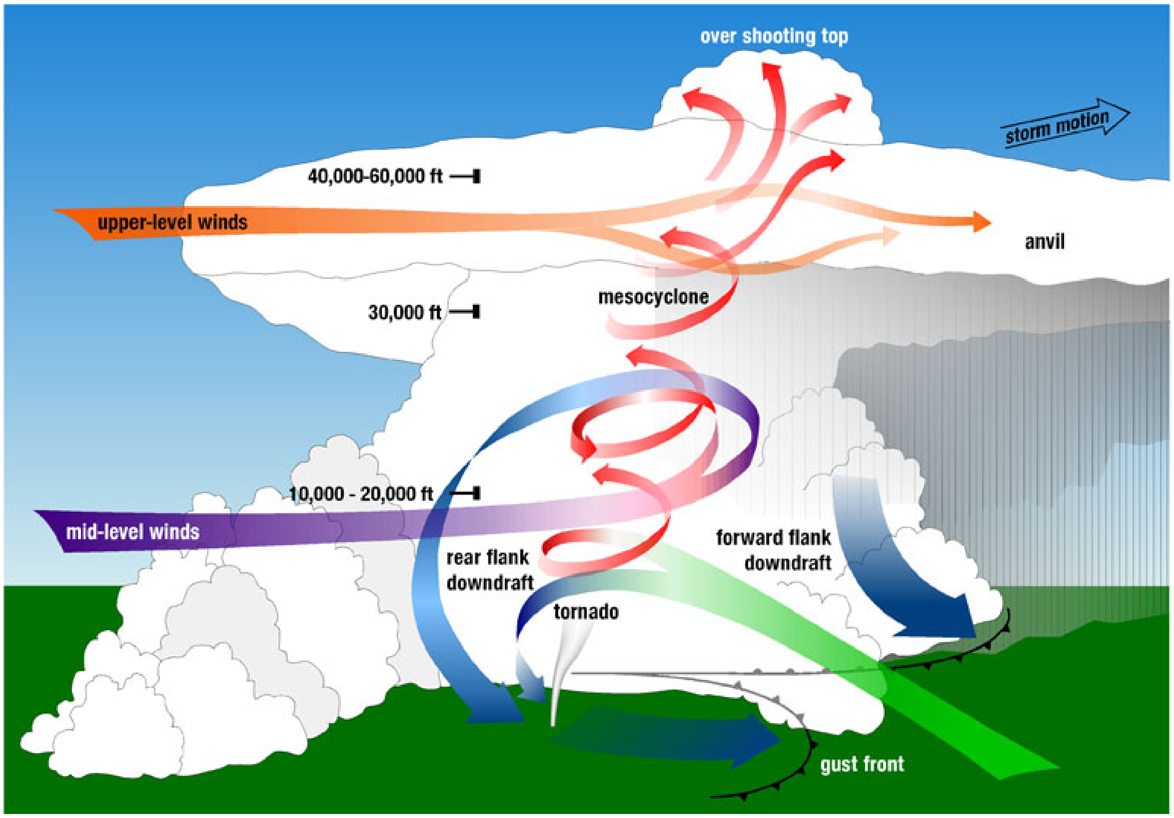
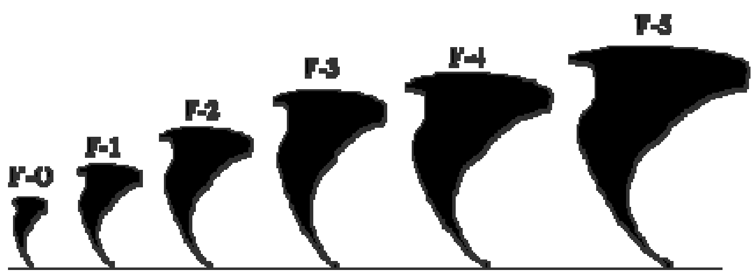


Figure 5-1: Anatomy of a Tornado. Image from NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory.



Fujita Tornado Scale. Image courtesy of FEMA.

The Fujita Scale was accepted as the official classification system for tornado damage for many years following its publication in 1971. The Fujita Scale rated the intensity of a tornado by examining the damage caused by the tornado after it has passed over a man-made structure. The scale ranked tornadoes using the now-familiar notation of F0 through F5, increasing with wind speed and intensity. A description of the scale follows in Table 5-1.

According to NOAA, weak tornadoes (F0 and F1) account for approximately 69% of all tornadoes. These tornadoes last an average of five to 10 minutes and account for approximately 3% of tornado-related deaths. Strong tornadoes (F2 and F3) account for approximately 29% of all tornadoes and approximately 27% of all tornado deaths. These storms may last for 20 minutes or more. Violent supercell tornadoes (F4 and above) are extremely destructive but rare and account for only 2% of all tornadoes. These storms sometimes last over an hour and result in approximately 70% of all tornado-related deaths.

Table 5-1
Fujita Scale

F-Scale Number	Intensity	Wind Speed	Type of Damage Done
F0	Gale tornado	40-72 mph	Some damage to chimneys; branches broken off trees; shallow-rooted trees knocked over; damage to sign boards.
F1	Moderate tornado	73-112 mph	Peels surface off roofs; mobile homes pushed off foundations or overturned; moving autos pushed off the roads; attached garages may be destroyed.
F2	Significant tornado	113-157 mph	Considerable damage. Roofs torn off frame houses; mobile homes demolished; boxcars pushed over; large trees snapped or uprooted; light object missiles generated.
F3	Severe tornado	158-206 mph	Roof and some walls torn off well-constructed houses; trains overturned; most trees in forest uprooted.
F4	Devastating tornado	207-260 mph	Well-constructed houses leveled; structures with weak foundations blown off for some distance; cars thrown and large missiles generated.
F5	Incredible tornado	261-318 mph	Strong frame houses lifted off foundations and carried considerable distances to disintegrate; automobile-sized missiles fly through the air in excess of 100 meters; trees de-barked; steel-reinforced concrete structures badly damaged.

The Enhanced Fujita Scale was released by NOAA for implementation on February 1, 2007. According to the NOAA website, the Enhanced Fujita Scale was developed in response to a number of weaknesses to the Fujita Scale that were apparent over the years, including the subjectivity of the original scale based on damage, the use of the worst damage to classify the tornado, the fact that structures have different construction depending on location within the United States, and an overestimation of wind speeds for F3 and greater.

Similar to the Fujita Scale, the Enhanced Fujita Scale is also a set of wind estimates based on damage. It uses three-second gusts estimated at the point of damage based on a judgment of eight levels of damage to 28 specific indicators. Table 5-2 relates the Fujita and Enhanced Fujita Scales.

Table 5-2
Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale

Fujita Scale			Derived EF Scale		Operational EF Scale	
F Number	*Fastest 1/4-mile (mph)*	*3-Second Gust (mph)*	*EF Number*	*3-Second Gust (mph)*	*EF Number*	*3-Second Gust (mph)*
0	40-72	45-78	0	65-85	0	65-85
1	73-112	79-117	1	86-109	1	86-110
2	113-157	118-161	2	110-137	2	111-135
3	158-207	162-209	3	138-167	3	136-165
4	208-260	210-261	4	168-199	4	166-200
5	261-318	262-317	5	200-234	5	Over 200

Official records of tornado activity date back to 1950. According to NOAA, an average of 1,000 tornadoes is reported each year in the United States. The historic record of tornadoes near Newtown is discussed in Section 5.3. Tornadoes are most likely to occur in Connecticut in June, July, and August of each year.

Lightning

Lightning is a discharge of electricity that occurs between the positive and negative charges within the atmosphere or between the atmosphere and the ground. According to NOAA, the creation of lightning during a storm is a complicated process that is not fully understood. In the initial stages of development, air acts as an insulator between the positive and negative charges. However, when the potential between the positive and negative charges becomes too great, a discharge of electricity (lightning) occurs.

Image courtesy of NOAA.

In-cloud lightning occurs between the positive charges near the top of the cloud and the negative charges near the bottom. Cloud-to-cloud lightning occurs between the positive charges near the top of the cloud and the negative charges near the bottom of a second cloud. Cloud-to-ground lightning is the most dangerous. In summertime, most cloud-to-ground lightning occurs between the negative charges near the bottom of the cloud and positive charges on the ground.

According to NOAA's National Weather Service, there is an average of 100,000 thunderstorms per year in the United States. An average of 41 people per year died, and an average of 262 people were injured from lightning strikes in the United States from 2000 to 2009. Most lightning deaths and injuries occur outdoors, with 45% of lightning casualties occurring in open fields and ballparks, 23% under trees, and 14% involving water activities.

The historic record of lightning strikes both in Connecticut and near Newtown is presented in Section 5.3.

Downbursts

A downburst is a severe localized wind blasting down from a thunderstorm. They are more common than tornadoes in Connecticut. Depending on the size and location of downburst events, the destruction to property may be significant.

Downburst activity is, on occasion, mistaken for tornado activity. Both storms have very damaging winds (downburst wind speeds can exceed 165 miles per hour) and are very loud. These "straight line" winds are distinguishable from tornadic activity by the pattern of destruction and debris such that the best way to determine the damage source is to fly over the area.

Downbursts fall into two categories:

- ***Microbursts*** *affect an area less than 2.5 miles in diameter, last five to 15 minutes, and can cause damaging winds up to 168 mph.*
- ***Macrobursts*** *affect an area at least 2.5 miles in diameter, last five to 30 minutes, and can cause damaging winds up to 134 mph.*

It is difficult to find statistical data regarding frequency of downburst activity. NOAA reports that there are 10 downburst reports for every tornado report in the United States. This implies that there are approximately 10,000 downbursts reported in the United States each year and further implies that downbursts occur in approximately 10% of all thunderstorms in the United States annually. This value suggests that downbursts are a relatively uncommon yet persistent hazard.

Hail

Hailstones are chunks of ice that grow as updrafts in thunderstorms keep them in the atmosphere. Most hailstones are smaller in diameter than a dime, but stones weighing more than 1.5 pounds have been recorded. NOAA has estimates of the velocity of falling hail ranging from nine meters per second (m/s) (20 mph) for a one centimeter (cm) diameter hailstone, to 48 m/s (107 mph) for an eight cm, 0.7 kilogram stone. While crops are the major victims of hail, larger hail is also a hazard to people, vehicles, and property.

According to NOAA's National Weather Service, hail caused four deaths and an average of 47 injuries per year in the United States from 2000 to 2009. Hailstorms typically occur in at least one part of Connecticut each year during a severe thunderstorm.

5.3 Historic Record

According to NOAA, the highest number of occurrences of tornadoes in Connecticut is in Litchfield (22 events between 1950 and 2009) and Hartford counties, followed by New Haven and Fairfield counties, and then Tolland, Middlesex, Windham, and finally New London County.

An extensively researched list of tornado activity in Connecticut is available on Wikipedia. This list extends back to 1648 although it is noted that the historical data prior to 1950 is incomplete due to lack of official records and gaps in populated areas. Based on available information through July 2012, New Haven County has experienced a total of 21 tornado events with reported damages totaling tens of millions of dollars. Table 5-3 summarizes the tornado events near Newtown through July 2013 based on the Wikipedia list.

According to the NCDC Storm Events database, the May 16, 2007 EF-1 tornado “touched down near the Rock Ridge Country Club, just north of Route 302 in Newtown. It traveled east to northeast and passed just south of the main town center in Newtown. The tornado passed across Route 25, South Main Street and lifted along Sugarloaf Road, between Toddy Hill Road and Berkshire Drive. High winds damaged many trees which fell through houses and cars along this path, which was approximately 4.5 miles with an average path width of 100 yards. There was a well-defined narrow track of discontinuous damage, where the damage converged in toward the track center.”

Table 5-3
Tornado Events Near Newtown From 1648 to August 2010

Date	Location	Fujita Tornado Scale	Property Damage	Injuries / Deaths
September 15, 1901	Shelton to Monroe (south of Newtown)	NR	Several barns were destroyed and hundreds of trees were leveled	1 killed
July 14, 1950	Ridgefield, CT	F2	Roof of high school torn off, tree damage	3 injured
August 9, 1968	Near Danbury, CT	F1	NR	NR
June 29, 1990	Danbury, CT	F0	$2,500	7 injured from flying glass
July 9, 1996	Monroe, CT	F1	Downed Trees	NR
May 31, 2002	Brookfield, CT 2nd touchdown in Southbury, CT	F1	NR	NR
May 16, 2007	Bethel, CT to Newtown, CT	EF1	Widespread wind damage affected other parts of the state	NR

NR = None Reported

Thunderstorms occur on 18 to 35 days each year in Connecticut. The NOAA Technical Memorandum NWS SR-193 documents lightning fatalities, injuries, and damage reports in the United States from 1959 through 1994. This memorandum notes that there were 13 fatalities, 75 injuries, and 269 damage reports due to lightning between 1959 and 1994. According to the National Lightning Safety Institute, only two lightning-related fatalities occurred in Connecticut between 1990 and 2003. The National Weather Service publication *Storm Data* recorded one death in Connecticut from lightning strikes between 1998 and 2008 (on June 8, 2008, lightning struck a pavilion at Hammonasset Beach in Madison, Connecticut, injuring four and killing one).

Hail is often a part of such thunderstorms as seen in the historic record for Newtown (below). A limited selection of summer storm damage in and around Newtown, taken from the NCDC Storm Events database, is listed below:

- August 25, 1998 – As an area of thunderstorms moved east to northeast across the region, they produced high winds, frequent lightning, and heavy rain. High winds downed trees that caused power lines to fall in front of Newtown High School. They also downed several trees on Sherman Street in Sandy Hook.

- September 16, 1999 – In addition to the flooding damages described in Section 3.3.1, the remnants of Tropical Storm Floyd also produced wind gusts up to 60 miles per hour causing widespread downing of trees and power lines.

- June 20, 2001 – With a warm humid unstable air mass in place, a line of scattered severe thunderstorms developed ahead of a cold front that moved slowly southeast. As severe thunderstorms moved east at around 30 mph, they produced high winds that downed trees and power lines in Newtown.

- June 30, 2001 – As a weak trough of low pressure approached the region, scattered severe thunderstorms developed. As they moved east, severe thunderstorms produced high winds that downed numerous tree limbs and whole trees in Newton, Seymour, Shelton, and Ansonia. Power lines were downed in Newton, and several houses were struck by lightning in Shelton.

- August 10, 2001 – Strong wind gusts accompanied thunderstorms, tearing trees down, which subsequently fell onto power lines and led to power outages. Nearly 60,000 customers were affected by the power outages across southern Connecticut. Numerous reports of downed trees were also reported in Fairfield County, near Newtown. Large hail also accompanied some of these thunderstorms. One inch diameter hail was reported in neighboring Bethel.

- June 22, 2005 – Showers and thunderstorms developed along a southward moving cold front on the afternoon of June 22nd. Some of the storms became severe as they headed in a general southward direction. They produced large hail and frequent lightning. Thunderstorms produced penny size hail as they moved through Monroe, just south of Newtown.

- May 16, 2007 – Thunderstorms produced 55 mph winds that knocked trees down on Carriage House Drive and Newtown Road. The storms also produced an EF1 tornado in Bethel.

- June 5, 2007 – Severe thunderstorms produced large hail (up to 1.75 inches in diameter, and accumulating up to 1 inch in depth) and damaging winds in parts of Northern Fairfield Counties. Isolated flash flooding also occurred due to heavy rainfall with radar storm total estimates of 2 to 3 inches.

- July 19, 2008 – A weak surface trough sparked thunderstorm development across the area. One of the storms became severe over southwestern Connecticut. Utility lines and several trees, including a massive tree, were downed in Newtown. A tree went through the roof of a residence, and a small fire was set by downed wires. Main Street was closed for several hours.

- July 17, 2009 **–** A pre-frontal trough brought a round of severe weather to Fairfield County in the afternoon. Nickel size hail was reported in Bethel.

- June 6, 2010 – A strong cold frontal passage produced numerous thunderstorms across western Connecticut. Trees and power lines were downed on Scudder Road in Newtown.

- July 21, 2010 – A stationary front, coupled with an approaching upper level trough caused severe thunderstorms, including isolated supercells, across Southern Connecticut.

- August 1, 2011 – A passing cold front and mid level shortwave combined to produce severe thunderstorms across Southwest Connecticut, with several reports of large hail and wind damage.

5.4 Existing Capabilities

Warning is the primary method of existing mitigation for tornadoes and thunderstorm-related hazards. The NOAA National Weather Service issues watches and warnings when severe weather is likely to develop or has developed, respectively. Tables 5-4 and 5-5 list the NOAA Watches and Warnings, respectively, as pertaining to actions to be taken by emergency management personnel in connection with summer storms and tornadoes.

Table 5-4
NOAA Weather Watches

Weather Condition	Meaning	Actions
Severe Thunderstorm	Severe thunderstorms are possible in your area.	Notify personnel and watch for severe weather.
Tornado	Tornadoes are possible in your area.	Notify personnel and be prepared to move quickly if a warning is issued.
Flash Flood	It is possible that rains will cause flash flooding in your area.	Notify personnel to watch for street or river flooding.

Table 5-5
NOAA Weather Warnings

Weather Condition	Meaning	Actions
Severe Thunderstorm	Severe thunderstorms are occurring or are imminent in your area.	Notify personnel and watch for severe conditions or damage (i.e., downed power lines and trees). Take appropriate actions listed in municipal emergency plans.
Tornado	Tornadoes are occurring or are imminent in your area.	Notify personnel, watch for severe weather, and ensure personnel are protected. Take appropriate actions listed in emergency plans.
Flash Flood	Flash flooding is occurring or imminent in your area.	Watch local rivers and streams. Be prepared to evacuate low-lying areas. Take appropriate actions listed in emergency plans.

A severe thunderstorm watch is issued by the National Weather Service when the weather conditions are such that a severe thunderstorm (winds greater than 58 miles per hour, or hail three-fourths of an inch or greater, or can produce a tornado) is likely to develop.

A severe thunderstorm warning is issued when a severe thunderstorm has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

Aside from warnings, several other methods of mitigation for wind damage are employed in Newtown as explained in Section 4.0. In addition, the Connecticut State Building Code includes guidelines for the proper grounding of buildings and electrical boxes.

Municipal responsibilities relative to summer storm and tornado mitigation and preparedness include:

- Developing and disseminating emergency public information and instructions concerning tornado, thunderstorm wind, lightning, and hail safety, especially guidance regarding in-home protection and evacuation procedures and locations of public shelters.
- Designating appropriate shelter space in the community that could potentially withstand lightning and tornado impact.

- ❑ Periodically testing and exercising tornado response plans.
- ❑ Putting emergency personnel on standby at tornado "watch" stage.

5.5 Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment

Description – According to the 2014 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Fairfield County is at a moderate to high risk of tornado activity based on historical occurrences. Therefore, by virtue of its location in Fairfield County, the Town of Newtown has moderate to high potential to experience tornado damage. In addition, NOAA states that climate change has the potential to increase the frequency and intensity of tornadoes, so it is possible that the pattern of occurrence in Connecticut could change in the future.

Although tornadoes pose a threat to all areas of the state, their occurrence is not considered frequent enough to justify the construction of tornado shelters. Instead, the state has provided NOAA weather radios to all public schools as well as many local governments for use in public buildings. The general public continues to rely on mass media for knowledge of weather warnings. Warning time for tornadoes is very short due to the nature of these types of events, so pre-disaster response time can be limited. However, the NOAA weather radios provide immediate notification of all types of weather warnings in addition to tornadoes, making them very popular with communities.

The central and southern portions of the United States are at higher risk for lightning and thunderstorms than is the northeast. However, FEMA reports that more deaths from lightning occur on the East Coast than elsewhere. Lightning-related fatalities have declined in recent years due to increased education and awareness.

In general, thunderstorms and hailstorms in Connecticut are more frequent in the western and northern parts of the state and less frequent in the southern and eastern parts. Thunderstorms are expected to impact Newtown 20 to 30 days each year. The majority of these events do not cause any measurable damage. Although lightning is usually associated with thunderstorms, it can occur on almost any day. The likelihood of lightning strikes in the Newtown area is very high during any given thunderstorm although no one area of the town is at higher risk of lightning strikes. The risk of at least one hailstorm occurring in Newtown is considered moderate in any given year.

Most thunderstorm damage is caused by straight-line winds exceeding 100 mph. Straight-line winds occur as the first gust of a thunderstorm or from a downburst from a thunderstorm and have no associated rotation. The risk of downbursts occurring during such storms and damaging the Town of Newtown is believed to be low for any given year. All areas of the town are susceptible to damage from high winds although more building damage is expected in the town center while more tree damage is expected in the less densely populated areas.

Secondary damage from falling branches and trees is more common than direct wind damage to structures. Heavy winds can take down trees near power lines, leading to the start and spread of fires. CL&P trims trees along powers lines. The town tree wardens can remove dead and diseased trees in rights-of-way or Town land, working through the Public Works Department. Town-owned equipment is used except for complex situations, which would call for the use of a contractor.

Town personnel note that strong thunderstorms will cause power lines to fall all over the town. Most downed power lines in Newtown are detected quickly, and any associated fires are quickly extinguished. Such fires can be extremely dangerous during the summer months during dry and drought conditions. It is important to have adequate water supply for fire protection to ensure the necessary level of safety is maintained.

Similar to the discussion for hurricanes in Section 4.5, no critical facility is believed to be more susceptible to summer storm damage than any other. Some critical facilities are more susceptible than others to flooding damage due to summer storms. Such facilities susceptible to flooding damage were discussed in Section 3.5.

Loss Estimates – The 2014 Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan provides annual estimated losses on a countywide basis for several hazards. Based on the population of Newtown relative to Fairfield County, the annual estimated loss is $5,903 for thunderstorms and $3,915 for tornadoes. The figure for tornadoes is influenced by their infrequent occurrence.

Summary – The entire Town of Newtown is at relatively equal risk for experiencing damage from summer storms and tornadoes. Based on the historic record, few summer storms and tornadoes have resulted in costly damages to the town, although tornado affected the town in 2007. Most damages are relatively site specific and occur to private property (and therefore are paid for by private insurance). For municipal property, the Town budget for tree removal and minor repairs is generally adequate to handle summer storm damage.

5.6 Potential Mitigation Strategies, and Actions

Most of the mitigation activities for summer storm and tornado wind damage are similar to those discussed in Section 4.6 and are not reprinted here. Public education is the best way to mitigate damage from hail, lightning, and tornadoes. In addition to other educational documents, the Building Official should make literature available regarding appropriate design standards for grounding of structures.

> ***More information is available at:***
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> *FEMA – http://www.fema.gov/library/*
> *NOAA – http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/NWSTornado/*

Both the FEMA and the NOAA websites contain valuable information regarding preparing for and protecting oneself during a tornado as well as information on a number of other natural hazards. Available information from FEMA includes:

- ❑ Design and construction guidance for creating and identifying community shelters
- ❑ Recommendations to better protect your business, community, and home from tornado damage, including construction and design guidelines for structures
- ❑ Ways to better protect property from wind damage
- ❑ Ways to protect property from flooding damage
- ❑ Construction of safe rooms within homes

NOAA information includes a discussion of family preparedness procedures and the best physical locations during a storm event. Although tornadoes pose a legitimate threat to public safety, as stated in Section 3.5 their occurrence is considered too infrequent in Connecticut to justify the construction of tornado shelters and safe rooms. Residents should instead be encouraged to purchase a NOAA weather radio containing an alarm feature.

The Town utilizes an emergency notification system known as CodeRED to send geographically specific telephone warnings into areas at risk for hazard damage. This is extremely useful for hazard mitigation as a community warning system that relies on radios and television is less effective at warning residents during the night when the majority of the community is asleep. This fact was evidenced recently by a severe storm that struck Lake County, Florida on February 2, 2007. This powerful storm, which included several tornadoes, stuck at about 3:15 a.m. According to National Public Radio, local broadcast stations had difficulty warning residents due to the lack of listeners and viewers and encouraged those awake to telephone warnings into the affected area.

5.7 Summary of Specific Strategies and Actions

While many potential mitigation activities for addressing wind risks were addressed in Section 4.7, they also apply to thunderstorm winds, tornadoes, hail, and lightning and are listed below:

- ❑ Continue town wide tree limb inspection and maintenance programs to ensure that the potential for downed power lines is diminished. Continue to encourage property owners to trim branches located over structures and power lines.
- ❑ Pursue funding to place utilities underground in existing developed areas.
- ❑ The Building Department should provide literature regarding appropriate design standards for wind.
- ❑ Encourage the use of structural techniques related to mitigation of wind damage in new residential and commercial structures to protect new buildings to a standard greater than the minimum building code requirements. Require such improvements for new municipal critical facilities.
- ❑ Improve communications with CL&P, particularly with respect to trimming times and locations within Newtown.
- ❑ Work with CL&P to determine the feasibility of placing non-conducting steel cables above power lines to protect them from falling branches and trees.

In addition, important recommendations that apply to all hazards are listed in Section 10.1.

6.0 WINTER STORMS

6.1 Setting

Similar to summer storms and tornadoes, winter storms have the potential to affect any area of the Town of Newtown. However, unlike summer storms, winter events and the hazards that result (wind, snow, and ice) have more widespread geographic extent. The entire Town of Newtown is susceptible to winter storms and, due to its variable elevation, can have higher amounts of snow in the outskirts of the town than in the town center. In general, winter storms are considered highly likely to occur each year (although major storms are less frequent), and the hazards that result (nor'easter winds, snow, and blizzard conditions) can potentially have a significant effect over a large area of the town.

6.2 Hazard Assessment

This section focuses on those effects commonly associated with winter weather, including blizzards, freezing rain, ice storms, nor'easters, sleet, snow, winter storms and, to a secondary extent, extreme cold.

- **Blizzards** include winter storm conditions of sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 mph or greater that cause major blowing and drifting of snow, reducing visibility to less than one-quarter mile for three or more hours. Extremely cold temperatures and/or wind chills are often associated with dangerous blizzard conditions.

- **Freezing Rain** consists of rain that freezes on objects, such as trees, cars, or roads and forms a coating or glaze of ice. Temperatures in the mid to upper atmosphere are warm enough for rain to form, but surface temperatures are below the freezing point, causing the rain to freeze on impact.

- **Ice Storms** are forecasted when freezing rain is expected to create ice build-ups of one-quarter inch or more that can cause severe damage.

- **Nor'easters** are the classic winter storm in New England, caused by a warm, moist, low pressure system moving up from the south colliding with a cold, dry high pressure system moving down from the north. The nor'easter derives its name from the northeast winds typically accompanying such storms, and such storms tend to produce a large amount of rain or snow. They usually occur between November 1 and April 1 of any given year, with such storms occurring outside of this period typically bringing rain instead of snow.

- **Sleet** occurs when rain drops freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects. It can accumulate like snow and cause a hazard to motorists.

- **Snow** is frozen precipitation composed of ice particles that forms in cold clouds by the direct transfer of water vapor to ice.

- **Winter Storms** are defined as heavy snow events that have a snow accumulation of more than six inches in 12 hours or more than 12 inches in a 24-hour period.

> ***According to the National Weather Service, approximately 70% of winter deaths related to snow and ice occur in automobiles, and approximately 25% of deaths occur from people being caught in the cold. In relation to deaths from exposure to cold, 50% are people over 60 years old, 75% are male, and 20% occur in the home.***

Impacts from severe winter weather can become dangerous and a threat to people and property. Most winter weather events occur between December and March although in 2011 Connecticut experienced a significant October snowstorm that left much of the state without power for a week. Winter weather may include snow, sleet, freezing rain, and cold temperatures. According to NOAA, winter storms were responsible for the death of 33 people per year from 2000 to 2009. Most deaths from winter storms are indirectly related to the storm, such as from traffic accidents on icy roads and hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold. Damage to trees and tree limbs and the resultant downing of utility cables are a common effect of these types of events. Secondary effects include loss of power and heat, and flooding as a result of snowmelt.

Until recently, the Northeast Snowfall Impact Scale (NESIS) was used by NOAA to characterize and rank high-impact northeast snowstorms. This ranking system has evolved into the currently used Regional Snowfall Index (RSI). The RSI ranks snowstorms that impact the eastern two thirds of the United States, placing them in one of five categories: Extreme, Crippling, Major, Significant, and Notable. The RSI is based on the spatial extent of the storm, the amount of snowfall, and the juxtaposition of these elements with population. RSI differs from NESIS in that it uses a more refined geographic area to define the population impact. NESIS had used the population of the entire two-thirds of the United States in evaluating impacts for all storms whereas RSI has refined population data into six regions. The result is a more region-specific analysis of a storm's impact. The use of population in evaluating impacts provides a measure of societal impact from the event. Table 6-1 presents the RSI categories, their corresponding RSI values, and a descriptive adjective.

Table 6-1
RSI Categories

Category	RSI Value	Description
1	1-3	Notable
2	3-6	Significant
3	6-10	Major
4	10-18	Crippling
5	18.0+	Extreme

RSI values are calculated within a GIS. The aerial distribution of snowfall and population information are combined in an equation that calculates the RSI score, which varies from around one for smaller storms to over 18 for extreme storms. The raw score is then converted into one of the five RSI categories. The largest RSI values result from storms producing heavy snowfall over large areas that include major metropolitan centers. Approximately 170 of the most notable historic winter storms to impact the Northeast have been analyzed and categorized by RSI through January 2011.

6.3 Historic Record

A total of 16 extreme, crippling, and major winter storms have occurred in Connecticut during the past 30 years. One is listed for each of the years 1983, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2003, 2005, 2006, and 2007. More alarmingly, four are listed in the calendar year 2010, two in 2011 and one in 2013. Considering nor'easters only, 11 major winter nor'easters have occurred in Connecticut during the past 30 years (in 1983, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2010, two in 2011, and 2013).

According to the NCDC, there have been approximately 134 snow and ice events in the state of Connecticut between 1993 and April 2010, causing over $18 million in damages. Notably, heavy snow in December 1996 caused $6 million in property damage. Snow removal and power restoration for a winter storm event spanning March 31 and April 1, 1997 cost $1 million. On March 5, 2001, heavy snow caused $5 million in damages, followed by another heavy snow event four days later that caused an additional $2 million in damages.

Catastrophic ice storms are less frequent in Connecticut than the rest of New England due to the close proximity of the warmer waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound. However, winter storm Alfred from October 29-30, 2011 had an ice precipitation component to it. Although wet snow was the major problem, ice mixed in along and just to the north of the shoreline which slickened roadways and led to additional weight build-up on trees and utility lines and other infrastructure.

The most severe ice storm in Connecticut on record was Ice Storm Felix on December 18, 1973. This storm resulted in two deaths and widespread power outages throughout the state. An ice storm in November 2002 that hit Litchfield and western Hartford Counties resulted in $2.5 million in public sector damages.

However, the most damaging winter storms are not always nor'easters. According to the NCDC, there have been 134 snow and ice events in the state of Connecticut between 1993 and April 2010, causing over $18 million in damages. Additional examples of recent winter weather events to affect the Newtown area, taken from the NCDC database, include:

- March 13-14, 1993 – A massive, powerful storm dubbed the "Storm of the Century" caused "whiteout" blizzard conditions stretching from Jacksonville, Florida into eastern Canada and affected 26 states, producing 24 inches of snow in Hartford and up to 21 inches of snow in New Haven County. A total of 40,000 power outages and $550,000 in property damage was reported throughout Connecticut, and the state received a federal emergency declaration. The storm had a RSI rating of "Category 5 –Extreme" and is the second highest ranking storm recorded by RSI.

- January 15-16, 1994 – A Siberian air mass brought record to near-record low temperatures across Connecticut. Strong northwest winds accompanied the cold and drove wind chill values to 30 to 50 degrees below zero.

- December 23, 1994 – An unusual snowless late December storm caused gale force winds across the state. The high winds caused widespread power outages affecting up to 130,000 customers statewide. Numerous trees and limbs were blown down, damaging property, vehicles, and power lines to a total of $5 million in damages. Peak wind gusts of up to 64 mph were reported.

- January 7-8, 1996 – Winter Storm Ginger caused heavy snow and shut down the state of Connecticut for an entire day. The state received a federal major disaster declaration. The storm had a RSI rating of "Category 5 – Extreme" and is the third-highest ranked storm by RSI.

- March 31 – April 1, 1997 – A late season storm produced rain and wet snow. This storm caused over one million dollars in property damage and cost an additional one million dollars for snow removal and power restoration. This storm is ranked 36th on the RSI scale and is regarded as a "Category 2 – Significant" storm by RSI.

- January 15, 1998 – An ice storm caused widespread icing across northern Fairfield County, northern New Haven County, and northern Middlesex County. At least one-half inch of ice accumulated on power lines and trees. Power outages were reported throughout much of Connecticut.

- February 17, 2003 – A heavy snowstorm caused near blizzard conditions and produced 24 inches of snow in areas of the state. The storm had a RSI rating of "Category 4 – Crippling" and is the 6th ranked winter storm by RSI. The State of Connecticut received a federal emergency declaration.

- February 12-13, 2006 – This nor'easter is ranked 30th overall and as a "Category 2 – Significant" storm on the RSI scale. The storm produced 18 to 24 inches of snow across Connecticut. Five Connecticut counties received a federal emergency declaration.

- March 16, 2007 – A winter storm beginning during the Friday afternoon rush hour produced six to 12 inches of snow across New Haven and Fairfield Counties. The storm caused treacherous travel conditions that resulted in many accidents. This storm is ranked 69th overall by RSI and is regarded as a "Category 2 – Significant" storm.

- January 6, 2009 – An ice storm produced up to 0.4 inches of ice across Fairfield County. The storm caused one death and injured three.

- The winter storms of December 24-28, 2010 and January 9-13, 2011 were rated preliminarily as "Category 2 – Significant" storms on RSI. The successive winter storms in late January to early February 2011 reportedly caused 70 inches of snowfall and collapsed nearly 80 roofs throughout the state. Critical facilities experiencing roof collapses in Connecticut included the Barkhamsted Highway Department Salt Shed and the Public Works Garage in the Terryville section of Plymouth. The Nye Street Fire Station in Vernon was also closed due to concerns related to the possible collapse of the roof due to heavy snow. The January storm resulted in Presidential Snowfall Disaster Declaration FEMA-1958-DR being declared for the state.

- January 18, 2011 – A winter storm brought two to three inches of snow and sleet across northern Connecticut, with a quarter to one-half inch of ice accumulation on top of that.

- February 1, 2011 – "The Groundhog Day Blizzard of 2011" An ice storm brought a mixture of snow, sleet, and freezing rain with a second heavier round of freezing rain and sleet. The later episode caused numerous road closures and roof collapses across Connecticut.

- February 7, 2011 – Excessive weight from snow and ice caused numerous roof collapses across southern Connecticut during the second week in February.

- October 29, 2011 –Winter Storm Alfred (October 29-30, 2011) dumped up to 32" of snow and caused over 600,000 electrical customers in Connecticut to lose power for a significant amount of time. The entire state dealt with wet snow and ice and statewide power outages affecting Connecticut for a week or longer. The storm was unique in that much of the foliage had yet to fall from trees, which provided more surface area for snow to land and stick, therefore making the trees significantly heavier than if the storm was to occur when trees had lost their foliage. The storm resulted in the death of eight people in Connecticut, four from carbon monoxide poisoning. In all, approximately 90 shelters and 110 warming centers were opened state-wide. The overall storm impacts and damages resulted in another Presidential Disaster Declaration for Connecticut.

In Newtown, Winter Storm Alfred caused severe tree loss especially among conifers. Power outages lasted for a minimum of ten to 15 days.

- A fierce nor'easter (dubbed "Nemo" by the Weather Channel) in February 2013 brought blizzard conditions to most of the Northeast, producing snowfall rates of five to six inches per hour in parts of Connecticut. Many areas of Connecticut experienced more than 40 inches of snowfall, and the storm caused more than 700,000 power outages. All roads in Connecticut were closed for two days. This storm was ranked as a "Major" storm by NESIS. The overall storm impacts and damages resulted in yet one more Presidential Disaster Declaration for Connecticut.

The winter storms of January and February 2011 are listed as the 18th and 19th storms in the NESIS ranking. These storms produced snow, sleet, freezing rain, strong gusty winds, severely low temperatures, and coastal flooding. Snowfall totals for winter 2010-2011 in Connecticut averaged around 70 inches.

The snowfall, sleet, freezing rain, and rain that affected Connecticut during the 2010-2011 winter season proved to be catastrophic for a number of buildings. With severely low temperatures coupled with the absence of the removal of snow and ice buildup from roofs of buildings in Connecticut, numerous roofs collapsed during the winter season.

Using media reports, a list of roof/building collapses and damage due to buildup of frozen precipitation was compiled. The list (Table 6-2) includes 76 locations that span over a month of time from January 12, 2011 to February 17, 2011.

Table 6-2
Reported Roof Collapse Damage, 2011

Address	Municipality	Date	Description
205 Wakelee Avenue	Ansonia	2/2/2011	Catholic Charities
Route 44	Barkhamsted	2/4/2011	Barkhamsted Highway Department Salt Shed
8 Railroad Avenue	Beacon Falls	2/2/2011	Manufacturing Corporation
20 Sargent Drive	Bethany	2/2/2011	Fairfield County Millworks
50 Hunters Trail	Bethany	2/2/2011	Sun Gold Stables
74 Griffin Road South	Bloomfield	2/14/2011	Home Depot Distribution Center
25 Blue Hill Road	Bozrah	1/27/2011	Kofkoff Egg Farm
135 Albany Turnpike	Canton	2/3/2011	Ethan Allen Design Center
520 South Main Street	Cheshire	1/12/2011	Cheshire Community Pool (Prior to recent ice storm)
1701 Highland Avenue	Cheshire	1/23/2011	Cox Communications
174 East Johnson Avenue	Cheshire	2/2/2011	First Calvary Life Family Worship Center
166 South Main Street	Cheshire	2/3/2011	George Keeler Stove Shop (Historic Building)
1755 Highland Avenue	Cheshire	2/7/2011	Nutmeg Utility Products
45 Shunpike Road (Route 372)	Cromwell	2/2/2011	K Mart (cracks inside and outside - no official collapse)
Cromwell Hills Drive	Cromwell	2/4/2011	Cromwell Gardens
98 West Street	Danbury	1/28/2011	Garage
142 N. Road (Route 140)	East Windsor	2/3/2011	Dawn Marie's Restaurant - Bassdale Plaza Shopping Center
3 Craftsman Road	East Windsor	2/4/2011	Info Shred
140 Mountain Road	Ellington	1/27/2011	Garage Collapse
100 Phoenix Avenue	Enfield	2/1/2011	Brooks Brothers
South Road	Enfield	2/2/2011	Bosco's Auto Garage
175 Warde Terrace	Fairfield	2/3/2011	Parish Court Senior Housing (Ceiling damage - 10 apartments)
19 Elm Tree Road	Glastonbury	2/6/2011	Residence
Unknown	Hampton	1/28/2011	Wood Hill Farm barn collapse - animals died
Gillette Street	Hartford	1/19/2011	Garage
West Street	Hebron	2/2/2011	Residential
Connecticut Route 101	Killingly	2/8/2011	Historic church converted to an office building
759 Boston Post Road	Madison	2/3/2011	Silver Moon, The Brandon Gallery, Madison Coffee Shop and Madison Cinemas (awning began to collapse)
478 Center Street	Manchester	1/28/2011	Lou's Auto Sales and Upholstery
1388 East Main Street	Meriden	1/28/2011	Jacoby's
260 Sherman Avenue	Meriden	2/6/2011	Engine 4 Fire Station
275 Research Parkway	Meriden	2/17/2011	Four Points by Sheraton Carport
1310 South Main Street	Middletown	1/30/2011	Passport Inn Building & Suites
505 Main Street	Middletown	2/2/2011	Accounting firm, converted, mixed use (3 story)
70 Robin Court	Middletown	2/3/2011	Madison at Northwoods Apartment
80 North Main Street	Middletown	2/7/2011	Abandoned warehouse

Table 6-2
Reported Roof Collapse Damage, 2011

Pepe's Farm Road	Milford	1/30/2011	Vacant manufacturing building
282 Woodmont Road	Milford	2/2/2011	Kip's Tractor Barn
150 Main St # 1	Monroe	2/2/2011	Monroe Paint & Hardware (Slumping roof, weld broke loose from structural beam)
Route 63	Naugatuck	1/21/2011	Former Plumbing Supply House
410 Rubber Avenue	Naugatuck	2/2/2011	Thurston Oil Company
1210 New Haven Road	Naugatuck	2/4/2011	Rainbowland Nursery School (structural damage)
1100 New Haven Road	Naugatuck	2/17/2011	Walmart (structural damage)
290 Goffe Street	New Haven	2/7/2011	New Haven Armory
201 South Main Street	Newtown	2/9/2011	Bluelinx Corp.
80 Comstock Hill Avenue	Norwalk	1/27/2011	Silvermine Stable
5 Town Line Road	Plainville	1/27/2011	Classic Auto Body
130 West Main Street	Plainville	2/2/2011	Congregational Church of Plainville
Terryville Section	Plymouth	1/12/2011	Public Works Garage (Terryville section) - taking plow trucks out
286 Airline Avenue	Portland	1/27/2011	Midstate Recovery Systems, LLC (waste transfer station)
680 Portland-Cobalt Road (Route 66)	Portland	1/27/2011	Vacant commercial property (next to Prehistoric Mini Golf - former True Value Hardware building)
Tryon Street	Portland	1/27/2011	Residential home (sunroof)
Main Street	Portland	1/28/2011	Middlesex Marina
93 Elm Street	Rocky Hill	2/6/2011	Residential garage
99 Bridgeport Avenue	Shelton	2/3/2011	Shell Gas Station
100 Maple Street	Somers	1/27/2011	Lindy Farms (barn)
68 Green Tree Lane	Somers	2/2/2011	Residential
95 John Fitch Boulevard	South Windsor	2/3/2011	South Windsor 10 Pin Bowling Alley
595 Nutmeg Road North	South Windsor	2/8/2011	Waldo Brothers Company
45 Newell Street	Southington	2/2/2011	Yarde Metals
Furnace Avenue	Stafford Springs	2/2/2011	Abandoned mill building
370 South Main Street	Terryville	2/8/2011	Former American Modular
46 Hartford Turnpike	Tolland	2/3/2011	Colonial Gardens
364 High Street	Tolland	2/9/2011	Horse barn
61 Monroe Turnpike	Trumbull	2/1/2011	Trumbull Tennis Center
5065 Main St # L1207	Trumbull	Unknown	Taco Bell
Route 83	Vernon	1/31/2011	Former Clyde Chevrolet
136 Dudley Avenue	Wallingford	1/27/2011	Tri State Tires
1074 South Colony Road	Wallingford	1/29/2011	Zandri's Stillwood Inn
121 N. Main Street	Waterbury	2/2/2011	Former bowling alley (Sena's Lanes)
456 New Park Avenue	West Hartford	2/8/2011	Shell gas station
Island Lane	West Haven	1/27/2011	Commercial building
Unknown	Wethersfield	2/2/2011	Automotive center roof collapse; 10 cars damaged
50 Sage Park Road	Windsor	2/2/2011	Windsor High School (auditorium roof collapse)
1001 Day Hill Road	Windsor	2/7/2011	Mototown USA
27 Lawnacre Road	Windsor Locks	2/7/2011	Long View RV

The overall storm impacts and damages of the winter 2010-2011 storms resulted in Presidential Disaster Declaration 1958-DR for Connecticut. According to Table 6-2, one commercial building collapsed in Newtown as a result of this storm. Town officials also reported that approximately twelve buildings, mostly outbuildings, collapsed.

As a result of the snow load disaster in January a significant amount of snow removal was done throughout Newtown, including municipal buildings. The Police Department has a number of flat sections on the roof that required shoveling maintenance.

6.4 Existing Capabilities

Existing programs applicable to inland flooding and wind are the same as those discussed in Sections 3.0 and 4.0. Programs that are specific to winter storms are generally those related to preparing plows and sand and salt trucks, tree trimming to protect power lines, and other associated snow removal and response preparations.

The amended Connecticut Building Code specifies that a pressure of 40 pounds per square foot (psf) be used as the base "ground snow load" for computing snow loading for different types of roofs. The International Building code specifies the same pressure for habitable attics and sleeping areas, and specifies a minimum pressure of 35 psf for all other areas. As a result of the winter of 2010-2011, it is anticipated that many communities will develop and utilize programs for roof snow removal.

As it is almost guaranteed that winter storms will occur annually in Connecticut, it is important for municipalities to budget fiscal resources toward snow management. In extreme years, such as the winter of 2010-2011, this budget can be quickly eclipsed and must be supplemented from other budget sources.

The Highway Department has eleven plow-trucks with an annual budget over $200,000 for snow maintenance. There are 4 plowing districts and 6 routes per district. Newtown has 268 miles of local roads that are plowed and many private roads are plowed as well due to Town Ordinance.

Prior to a winter weather event, the Town ensures that all warning/notification and communications systems are ready and ensures that appropriate equipment and supplies, especially snow removal equipment, are in place and in good working order. In some known problem areas, pre-storm treatment is applied to roadways to reduce the accumulation of snow. The Town also prepares for the possible evacuation and sheltering of some populations that could be impacted by the upcoming storm (especially the elderly and special needs persons).

6.5 Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment

Description – Based on the historic record in Section 6.3, Connecticut experiences at least one major nor'easter every four years although a variety of minor and moderate snow and ice storms occur nearly every winter. According to the 2014 *Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update*, Connecticut residents can expect at least two or more severe winter weather events per season, including heavy snowstorms, potential blizzards, nor'easters, and potential ice storms. Fortunately, catastrophic ice storms are relatively less frequent in Connecticut than the rest of New England due to the close proximity of the warmer waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound.

According to the 2014 *Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update*, recent climate change studies predict a shorter winter season for Connecticut (as much as two weeks) and less snow-covered days with a decreased overall snowpack. These models also predict that fewer, more intense precipitation events will occur with more precipitation falling as rain rather than snow. This trend suggests that future snowfalls will consist of heavier (denser) snow, and the potential for ice storms will increase. Such changes will have a large impact on how the state and its communities manage future winter storms and will affect the impact such storms have on the residents, roads, and utilities in the state.

After a storm, snow piled on the sides of roadways can inhibit sight lines and reflect a blinding amount of sunlight. When coupled with slippery road conditions, poor sightlines and heavy glare create dangerous driving conditions. Stranded motorists, especially senior and/or handicapped citizens, are at particularly high risk of injury or death from exposure during a blizzard. The elderly population in Newtown, in particular, is susceptible to the impacts created by winter storms due to resource needs (heat, electricity loss, safe access to food, etc.).

The structures and utilities in the Town of Newtown are vulnerable to a variety of winter storm damage. Tree limbs and some building structures may not be suited to withstand high wind and snow loads. Ice can damage or collapse power lines, render steep gradients impassable for motorists, undermine foundations, and cause "flood" damage from freezing water pipes in basements. Town officials noted that three utility poles cover half the town. They would like to work closely with CL&P and Connecticut Department of Transportation to identify ways to protect/harden utilities to reduce the potential for power outages.

Icing causes difficult driving conditions along Route 53 in the western portion of town. The Town's standard of presalting has been helpful in controlling ice in these problem areas. The town engineer is currently developing a list of drainage projects to address this area and has made good progress to date. Drifting snow can occur after large storms, but the effects are generally mitigated through municipal plowing efforts.

Similar to the discussion for hurricanes and summer storms in the previous two sections, no critical facilities are believed to be more susceptible to winter storm damage than any other. Some critical facilities are more susceptible than others to flooding damage due to winter storms. Such facilities susceptible to flooding damage were discussed in Section 3.5.

<u>*Loss Estimates*</u> – The 2014 Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan provides annual estimated losses on a countywide basis for several hazards. Based on the population of Newtown relative to Fairfield County, the annual estimated loss is $0 for severe winter storms. This figure of zero is likely influenced by the difficulty in separating typical winter storm costs from those associated with extreme events.

Nevertheless, the Town's public assistance reimbursements for the last three winter storm disasters were significant. Furthermore, 12 outbuildings and the building owned by Bluelinx

Corporation at 201 South Main Street were damaged in January-February 2011. According to an article in the Newtown Patch (http://patch.com/connecticut/newtown/bluelinx-reports-on-insurance-gain-in-building-collapse; photo above is courtesy of the Newtown Patch), Bluelinx Corporation reported that it recovered $1.2 million in insurance payments following the collapse of its building. Unfortunately, the company did not remain in Newtown.

Summary – The entire Town of Newtown is at relatively equal risk for experiencing damage from winter storms although some areas (such as icing trouble spots and neighborhoods with a high concentration of flat roofs) are more susceptible. Based on the historic record, winter storms have resulted in costly damages to the Town. Many damages are relatively site specific and occur to private property (and therefore are paid for by private insurance, as noted above) while repairs for power outages are often widespread and difficult to quantify to any one municipality.

For municipal property, the Town budget for tree removal and minor repairs is generally adequate to handle winter storm damage although the plowing budget is often depleted. In particular, the heavy snowfalls associated with the winter of 2010-2011 drained the Town's plowing budget and raised a high level of awareness of the danger that heavy snow poses to roofs.

6.6 Potential Mitigation Strategies, and Actions

Potential mitigation measures for flooding caused by winter storms include those appropriate for flooding. These were presented in Section 3.6. Winter storm mitigation measures must also address blizzard, snow, and ice hazards. These are emphasized on the following page.

6.6.1 Prevention

Cold air, wind, snow, and ice cannot be prevented from impacting any particular region. Thus, mitigation is typically focused on property protection and emergency services (discussed below) and prevention of damage related to wind and flooding hazards.

Previous recommendations for tree limb inspections and maintenance in Sections 4.0 and 5.0 are thus applicable to winter storm hazards as well. As mentioned previously, utilities in Newtown should continue to be placed underground where possible. This can occur in connection with new development and also in connection with redevelopment or roadway reconstruction work. Underground utilities cannot be directly damaged by heavy snow, ice, and winter winds.

6.6.2 Property Protection

Property can be protected during winter storms through the use of structural measures such as shutters, storm doors, and storm windows. Pipes should be adequately insulated to protect against freezing and bursting. Compliance with the amended Connecticut Building Code for wind speeds is necessary. Finally, as recommended in previous sections, dead or dangerous tree limbs overhanging homes should be trimmed. All of these recommendations should apply to new construction although they may also be applied to existing buildings during renovations.

Where flat roofs are used on structures, snow removal is important as the heavy load from collecting snow may exceed the bearing capacity of the structure. This can occur in both older buildings as well as newer buildings constructed in compliance with the most recent building codes. The Town should develop plans to prioritize the removal of snow from critical facilities and other municipal buildings and have funding available for this purpose. Heating coils may also be used to melt or evaporate snow from publicly and privately owned flat roofs.

6.6.3 Emergency Services

Emergency services personnel should continue to identify areas that may be difficult to access during winter storm events and devise contingency plans to continue servicing those areas when regular access is not feasible. The creation of through streets within new developments increases the amount of egress for residents and emergency personnel into neighborhoods.

The Town by default has standardized plowing routes that prioritize access to and from most critical facilities as these facilities are primarily located along state and primary local roads. Residents should be made aware of the plow routes in order to plan how to best access critical facilities, perhaps via posting of the general routes on the Town website. Such routes should also be posted in other municipal buildings such as the library and the post office. It is recognized that plowing critical facilities may not be a priority to all residents as people typically expect their own roads to be cleared as soon as possible.

Available shelters should continue to be advertised and their locations known to the public prior to a storm event. In addition, existing mutual aid agreements with surrounding municipalities should be reviewed and updated as necessary to ensure help will be available when needed.

6.6.4 Public Education and Awareness

The public is typically more aware of the hazardous effects of snow, ice, and cold weather than they are with regard to other hazards discussed in this Plan. Nevertheless, each winter in Connecticut, people are still stranded in automobiles, get caught outside their homes in adverse weather conditions, and suffer heart failure while shoveling. Public education should therefore focus on safety tips and reminders to individuals about how to prepare themselves and their homes for cold and icy weather, including stocking homes, preparing vehicles, and taking care of themselves during winter storms.

Traffic congestion and safe travel of people to and from work can be mitigated by the use of staggered timed releases from work, pre-storm closing of schools, and later start times for companies. Many employers and school districts employ such practices. The Town should consider the use of such staggered openings and closings to mitigate congestion during and after severe weather events if traffic conditions warrant.

6.6.5 Structural Projects

While structural projects to completely eliminate winter storm damage are not possible, structural projects related to the mitigation of wind (Section 4.6) or flooding damage (Section 3.6) to structures can be effective in the mitigation of winter storm damage. Additional types of structural projects can be designed to mitigate icing due to poor drainage and other factors as well as performing retrofits for flat-roofed buildings such as heating coils or insulating pipes.

6.7 Summary of Mitigation Strategies and Actions

Most of the recommendations in Section 3.6 for mitigating flooding and in Section 4.6 for mitigating wind damage are suitable for reducing certain types of damage caused by winter storms. These are not repeated in this subsection. While many potential mitigation activities for the remaining winter storm hazards were addressed in Section 6.6, the recommended mitigation strategies for mitigating wind, snow, and ice in the Town of Newtown are listed below.

- Develop a plan to prioritize snow removal from the roof of critical facilities and other municipal buildings each winter. Ensure adequate funding is available in the Town budget for this purpose.
- Provide information on the dangers of cold-related hazards to people and property.
- Consider posting the snow plowing routes in Town buildings each winter to increase public awareness.
- Emergency personnel should continue to identify areas that are difficult to access during winter storm events and devise contingency plans to access such areas during emergencies.
- The Building Department should provide literature regarding appropriate design standards for mitigating icing, insulating pipes, and retrofits for flat-roofed buildings such as heating coils.
- Address icing along Route 25 through the development and implementation of appropriate drainage projects.
- Consider the protection/hardening of utilities to minimize power outages during storm events.

In addition, important recommendations that apply to all hazards are listed in Section 10.1.

7.0 EARTHQUAKES

7.1 Setting

The entire Town of Newtown is susceptible to earthquake damage. However, even though earthquake damage has the potential to occur anywhere both in the town and in the northeastern United States, the effects may be felt differently in some areas based on the type of geology. In general, earthquakes are considered a hazard that may possibly occur but that may cause significant effects to a large area of the town.

7.2 Hazard Assessment

An earthquake is a sudden rapid shaking of the earth caused by the breaking and shifting of rock beneath the earth's surface. Earthquakes can cause buildings and bridges to collapse; disrupt gas, electric and telephone lines; and often cause landslides, flash floods, fires, avalanches, and tsunamis. Earthquakes can occur at any time without warning.

The underground point of origin of an earthquake is called its focus; the point on the surface directly above the focus is the epicenter. The magnitude and intensity of an earthquake are determined by the use of the Richter scale and the Mercalli scale, respectively. The Richter scale defines the magnitude of an earthquake. Magnitude is related to the amount of seismic energy released at the hypocenter of the earthquake. It is based on the amplitude of earthquake waves recorded on instruments that have a common calibration. The magnitude of an earthquake is thus represented by a single instrumentally determined value recorded by a seismograph, which records the varying amplitude of ground oscillations.

The magnitude of an earthquake is determined from the logarithm of the amplitude of recorded waves. Being logarithmic, each whole number increase in magnitude represents a tenfold increase in measured strength. Earthquakes with a magnitude of about 2.0 or less are usually called microearthquakes and are generally only recorded locally. Earthquakes with magnitudes of 4.5 or greater are strong enough to be recorded by seismographs all over the world.

The effect of an earthquake on the earth's surface is called the intensity. The Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale consists of a series of key responses such as people awakening, movement of furniture, damage to chimneys, and total destruction. This scale, composed of 12 increasing levels of intensity that range from imperceptible shaking to catastrophic destruction, is designated by Roman numerals. It is an arbitrary ranking based on observed effects. A comparison of Richter magnitude to typical Modified Mercalli intensity is presented in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1
Comparison of Earthquake Magnitude and Intensity

Richter Magnitude	Typical Max. Modified Mercalli Intensity
1.0 to 3.0	I
3.0 to 3.9	II - III
4.0 to 4.9	IV - V
5.0 to 5.9	VI - VII
6.0 to 6.9	VII - IX
7.0 and above	VIII - XII

Unlike seismic activity in California, earthquakes in Connecticut are not associated with specific known faults. Instead, earthquakes with epicenters in Connecticut are referred to as intraplate activity. Bedrock in Connecticut and New England in general is highly capable of transmitting seismic energy; thus, the area impacted by an earthquake in Connecticut can be four to 40 times greater than that of California. For example, the relatively strong earthquake that occurred in Virginia in 2011 was felt in Connecticut because the energy was transmitted over a great distance through hard bedrock.

In addition, population density is up to 3.5 times greater in Connecticut than in California, potentially putting a greater number of people at risk.

The built environment in Connecticut includes old non-reinforced masonry that is not seismically designed. Those who live or work in non-reinforced masonry buildings, especially those built on filled land or unstable soils, are at the highest risk for injury due to the occurrence of an earthquake.

The following is a description of the 12 levels of Modified Mercalli intensity from the USGS:

I. Not felt except by a very few under especially favorable conditions.

II. Felt only by a few persons at rest, especially on upper floors of buildings. Delicately suspended objects may swing.

III. Felt quite noticeably by persons indoors, especially on upper floors of buildings. Many people do not recognize it as an earthquake. Standing motor cars may rock slightly. Vibration similar to the passing of a truck. Duration estimated.

IV. Felt indoors by many, outdoors by few during the day. At night, some awakened. Dishes, windows, doors disturbed; walls make cracking sound. Sensation like heavy truck striking building. Standing motor cars rocked noticeably.

V. Felt by nearly everyone; many awakened. Some dishes and windows broken. Unstable objects overturned. Pendulum clocks may stop.

VI. Felt by all, many frightened. Some heavy furniture moved; a few instances of fallen plaster. Damage slight.

VII. Damage negligible in buildings of good design and construction; slight to moderate in well-built ordinary structures; considerable damage in poorly built or badly designed structures; some chimneys broken.

VIII. Damage slight in specially designed structures; considerable damage in ordinary substantial buildings with partial collapse. Damage great in poorly built structures. Fall of chimneys, factory stacks, columns, monuments, walls. Heavy furniture overturned.

IX. Damage considerable in specially designed structures; well-designed frame structures thrown out of plumb. Damage great in substantial buildings, with partial collapse. Buildings shifted off foundations.

X. Some well-built wooden structures destroyed; most masonry and frame structures destroyed with foundations. Rails bent.

XI. Few, if any (masonry) structures remain standing. Bridges destroyed. Rails bent greatly.

XII. Damage total. Lines of sight and level are distorted. Objects thrown in the air.

7.3 Historic Record

According to the Northeast States Emergency Consortium and the Weston Observatory at Boston College, there were 139 recorded earthquakes in Connecticut between 1668 and 2011. The vast majority of these earthquakes had a magnitude of less than 3.0. The most severe earthquake in Connecticut's history occurred at East Haddam on May 16, 1791. Stone walls and chimneys were toppled during this quake.

Additional instances of seismic activity occurring in and around Connecticut are provided below, based on information provided in USGS documents, the Weston Observatory, the 2014 *Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update*, other municipal hazard mitigation plans, and newspaper articles.

- A devastating earthquake near Three Rivers, Quebec on February 5, 1663 caused moderate damage in parts of Connecticut.
- Strong earthquakes in Massachusetts in November 1727 and November 1755 were felt strongly in Connecticut.
- In April 1837, a moderate tremor occurred at Hartford, causing alarm but little damage.
- In August 1840, another moderate tremor with its epicenter 10 to 20 miles north of New Haven shook Hartford buildings but caused little damage.
- In October 1845, an Intensity V earthquake occurred in Bridgeport. An Intensity V earthquake would be approximately 4.3 on the Richter scale.
- On June 30, 1858, New Haven and Derby were shaken by a moderate tremor.
- On July 28, 1875, an early morning tremor caused Intensity V damage throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts.
- The second strongest earthquake to impact Connecticut occurred near Hebron on November 14, 1925. No significant damage was reported.
- The Timiskarning, Ontario earthquake of November 1935 caused minor damage as far south as Cornwall, Connecticut. This earthquake affected one million square miles of Canada and the United States.
- An earthquake near Massena, New York in September 1944 produced mild effects in Hartford, Marion, and New Haven, Connecticut.
- An Intensity V earthquake was reported in Stamford in March 1953, causing shaking but no damage.
- On November 3, 1968, another Intensity V earthquake in southern Connecticut caused minor damage in Madison and Chester.
- Recent earthquake activity has been recorded near New Haven in 1988, 1989, and 1990 (2.0, 2.8, and 2.8 in magnitude, respectively), in Greenwich in 1991 (3.0 magnitude), and on Long Island in East Hampton, New York in 1992.
- The most recent noticeable earthquake to occur in Connecticut happened on March 11, 2008. It was a 2.0 magnitude with its epicenter three miles northwest of the center of Chester.
- A magnitude 5.0 earthquake struck at the Ontario-Quebec border region of Canada on June 23, 2010. This earthquake did not cause damage in Connecticut but was felt by residents in Hartford and New Haven Counties.
- A magnitude 3.9 earthquake occurred 117 miles southeast of Bridgeport, Connecticut on the morning of November 30, 2010. The quake did not cause damage in Connecticut but was felt by residents along Long Island Sound.
- A magnitude 2.1 quake occurred near Stamford on September 8, 2012. Dozens of residents reported feeling the ground move, but no injuries were reported.
- An earthquake with a magnitude 2.1 was recorded near southeastern Connecticut on November 29, 2013. The earthquake did not cause damage but was felt by residents from Montville to Mystic.
- A magnitude 2.7 quake occurred beneath the Town of Deep River on August 14, 2014.
- A series of quakes hit Plainfield, Connecticut on January 8, 9, and 12, 2015. These events registered magnitudes of 2.0, 0.4, and 3.1, respectively. Residents in the Moosup section of Plainfield reported minor damage such as the tipping of shelves and fallen light fixtures.

An earthquake of special consideration was the magnitude 5.8 earthquake which occurred 38 miles from Richmond, Virginia on August 23, 2011. The quake was felt from Georgia to Maine and reportedly as far west as Chicago. Many residents of Connecticut experienced the swaying and shaking of buildings and furniture during the earthquake although widespread damage was constrained to an area from central Virginia to southern Maryland. According to Cornell University, the August 23 quake was the largest event to occur in the east central United States since instrumental recordings have been available to seismologists.

7.4 Existing Capabilities

The Connecticut Building Codes include design criteria for buildings specific to each municipality as adopted by the Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA). These include the seismic coefficients for building design in the town of Newtown. The Town has adopted these codes for new construction, and they are enforced by the Building Official. Due to the infrequent nature of damaging earthquakes, land use policies in the Town do not directly address earthquake hazards. However, various documents do indirectly discuss areas susceptible to earthquake damage and regulations that help to minimize potential earthquake damage.

7.5 Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment

According to Cornell University, the earth's crust is far more efficient at propagating seismic waves in the eastern United States than in the west, so even a moderate earthquake can be felt at great distances and over a larger region. The cause of intraplate earthquakes remains a fundamental mystery and this, coupled with the large areas affected, resulted in the August 2011 earthquake in Virginia to be of particular interest to seismologists.

> ***Liquefaction*** ***is a phenomenon in which the strength and stiffness of a soil are reduced by earthquake shaking or other rapid loading. It occurs in soils at or near saturation and especially in finer textured soils.***

Surficial earth materials behave differently in response to seismic activity. Unconsolidated materials such as sand and artificial fill can amplify the shaking associated with an earthquake. In addition, artificial fill material has the potential for liquefaction. When liquefaction occurs, the strength of the soil decreases, and the ability of soil to support building foundations and bridges is reduced. Increased shaking and liquefaction can cause greater damage to buildings and structures and a greater loss of life.

As explained in Section 2.3, some areas in the town of Newtown are underlain by sand and gravel. Figure 2-4 depicts surficial materials in the town. Structures in these areas are at increased risk from earthquakes due to amplification of seismic energy and/or collapse. The best mitigation for future development in areas of sandy material may be application of the most stringent building codes or possibly the prohibition of new construction. However, many of these areas occur in floodplains associated with the various streams and rivers in Newtown, so they are already regulated. The areas that are not at increased risk during an earthquake due to unstable soils are the areas in Figure 2-4 underlain by glacial till, which includes most of the town.

Areas of steep slopes can collapse during an earthquake, creating landslides. Seismic activity can also break utility lines such as water mains, electric and telephone lines, and stormwater management systems. Damage to utility lines can lead to fires, especially in electric and gas mains. Dam failure can also pose a significant threat to developed areas during an earthquake. For this Plan, dam failure has been addressed separately in Section 9.0.

The AEL is the expected losses due to earthquakes each year. Note that this number represents a long-term average; thus, actual earthquake losses may be much greater or nonexistent for a particular year.

In the FEMA *HAZUS-MH Estimated Annualized Earthquake Losses for the United States* (2008) document, FEMA used probabilistic curves developed by the USGS for the National Earthquakes Hazards Reduction Program to calculate Annualized Earthquake Losses (AEL) for the United States. Based on the results of this study, FEMA calculated the AEL for Connecticut to be \$11,622,000. This value placed Connecticut 30th out of the 50 states in terms of AEL. The magnitude of this value stems from the fact that Connecticut has a large building inventory that would be damaged in a severe earthquake and takes into account the lack of damaging earthquakes in the historical record.

According to the 2014 *Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update*, Connecticut is at a low to moderate risk for experiencing an earthquake of a magnitude greater than 3.5 and at a moderate risk of experiencing an earthquake of a magnitude less than 3.0 in the future. No earthquake with a magnitude greater than 3.5 has occurred in Connecticut within the last 30 years, and the USGS currently ranks Connecticut 43rd out of the 50 states for overall earthquake activity.

A series of earthquake probability maps was generated using the 2009 interactive web-based mapping tools hosted by the USGS. These maps were used to determine the probability of an earthquake of greater than magnitude 5.0 or greater than magnitude 6.0 damaging the town of Newtown. Results are presented in Table 7-2 below.

Table 7-2
Probability of a Damaging Earthquake in the Vicinity of Newtown

Time Frame (Years)	Probability of the Occurrence of an Earthquake Event > Magnitude 5.0	Probability of the Occurrence of an Earthquake Event > Magnitude 6.0
50	2% to 3%	< 1%
100	4% to 6%	1% to 2%
250	10% to 12%	2% to 3%
350	12% to 15%	3% to 4%

Based on the historic record and the probability maps generated from the USGS database, the state of Connecticut possesses areas of seismic activity. It is likely that Connecticut will continue to experience minor earthquakes (magnitude less than 3.0) in the future. While the risk of an earthquake affecting Newtown is relatively low over the short term, long-term probabilities suggest that a damaging earthquake (magnitude greater than 5.0) could occur within the vicinity of Newtown.

HAZUS-MH Simulations

The 2014 *Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update* utilizes four "maximum plausible" earthquake scenarios (three historical, one potential) within HAZUS-MH to generate potential earthquake risk to the State of Connecticut. These same four scenarios were simulated within HAZUS-MH (using the default year 2000 building inventories and census data) to generate potential damages in Newtown. The four events are as follows:

- Magnitude 5.7, epicenter in Portland, CT, based on historic event
- Magnitude 5.7, epicenter in Haddam, CT, based on historic event
- Magnitude 6.4, epicenter in East Haddam, CT, based on historic event
- Magnitude 5.7, epicenter in Stamford, CT, magnitude based on USGS probability mapping

The results for each HAZUS-MH earthquake simulation are presented in Appendix E and presented below. These results are believed conservative and considered appropriate for planning purposes in Newtown. Note that potentially greater impacts could also occur.

Table 7-3 presents the number of residential buildings (homes) damaged by the various earthquake scenarios, while Table 7-4 presents the total number of buildings damaged by each earthquake scenario. A significant percentage of building damage is to residential buildings, while other building types include agriculture, commercial, education, government, industrial, and religious buildings. The exact definition of each damage state varies based on building construction. See Chapter 5 of the *HAZUS-MH Earthquake Model Technical Manual*, available on the FEMA website, for the definitions of each building damage state based on building construction.

Table 7-3
HAZUS-MH Earthquake Scenarios – Number of Residential Buildings Damaged

Epicenter Location and Magnitude	Slight Damage	Moderate Damage	Extensive Damage	Complete Damage	Total
Haddam – 5.7	231	36	3	None	270
Portland – 5.7	339	58	5	None	402
Stamford – 5.7	959	229	22	1	1,211
East Haddam – 6.4	810	180	17	1	1,008

Table 7-4
HAZUS-MH Earthquake Scenarios – Total Number of Buildings Damaged

Epicenter Location and Magnitude	Slight Damage	Moderate Damage	Extensive Damage	Complete Damage	Total
Haddam – 5.7	271	49	4	None	324
Portland – 5.7	393	77	7	None	477
Stamford – 5.7	1,105	310	37	3	1,455
East Haddam – 6.4	934	241	26	2	1,203

The HAZUS simulations consider a subset of critical facilities termed "essential facilities" which are important during emergency situations. As shown in Table 7-5, minor damage to essential facilities is expected for each earthquake scenario.

Table 7-5
HAZUS-MH Earthquake Scenarios – Essential Facility Damage

Epicenter Location and Magnitude	Emergency Operations Centers (2)	Fire Stations (3)	Police Stations (1)	Schools (13)
Haddam – 5.7	Minor damage (86% functionality)	Minor damage (86% functionality)	Minor damage (86% functionality)	Minor damage (86% functionality)
Portland – 5.7	Minor damage (82% functionality)	Minor damage (83% functionality)	Minor damage (83% functionality)	Minor damage (82% functionality)
Stamford – 5.7	Minor damage (66% functionality)	Minor damage (67% functionality)	Minor damage (66% functionality)	Minor damage (66% functionality)
East Haddam – 6.4	Minor damage (70% functionality)	Minor damage (70% functionality)	Minor damage (70% functionality)	Minor damage (70% functionality)

Table 7-6 presents potential damage to utilities and infrastructure based on the various earthquake scenarios. The HAZUS-MH software assumes that the Newtown transportation network and utility network includes the following:

- Highway: 53 major bridges and 34 major segments;
- Railway 1 major bridge and 7 major segments;
- A potable water system consisting of 503 total kilometers of pipelines;
- A waste water system consisting of 302 total kilometers of pipeline;
- A total of 201 kilometers of natural gas lines

As shown in Table 7-6, highway bridges are impacted under every scenario in Newtown. Sewer, and gas lines are expected to have leaks and breaks, no loss of potable water or electrical service is expected. No displacement of people due to fire is expected.

Table 7-7 presents the estimated tonnage of debris that would be generated by earthquake damage during each HAZUS-MH scenario. As shown in Table 7-7, the most debris is expected for the Stamford Scenario.

Table 7-6
HAZUS-MH Earthquake Scenarios – Utility, Infrastructure, and Fire Damage

Epicenter Location and Magnitude	Transportation Network	Utilities	Fire Damage
Haddam – 5.7	Minor damage to transportation infrastructure ($0.39 million to bridges)	3 leaks and 1 major break in potable water system ($0.01 million), 2 leaks in waste water system ($0.01 million), and 1 leak in natural gas system (<$0.01 million). No loss of service expected. Total damage: Approximately $0.02 million.	Fire damage will displace no people.
Portland – 5.7	Minor damage to transportation infrastructure ($0.70 million to bridges)	4 leaks and 1 major break in potable water system ($0.02 million) 2 leaks in waste water system ($0.01 million), and 1 leak in natural gas system (<$0.01 million). No loss of service expected. Total damage: Approximately $0.03 million.	Fire damage will displace no people.

Epicenter Location and Magnitude	Transportation Network	Utilities	Fire Damage
Stamford – 5.7	Minor damage to transportation infrastructure ($5.74 million to bridges)	6 leaks and 2 major breaks in potable water system ($0.07 million), 3 leaks and 1 major break in waste water system ($0.04 million) and 1 leak in natural gas system ($0.01 million). No loss of service expected. Total damage: Approximately $0.12 million.	Fire damage will displace no people.
East Haddam – 6.4	Minor damage to transportation infrastructure ($9.15 million to bridges)	20 leaks and 5 major breaks in potable water system ($0.09 million), 10 leaks and 3 major breaks in waste water system ($0.05 million) and 4 leaks and 1 major break in natural gas system ($0.02 million). No loss of service expected. Total damage: Approximately $0.15 million.	Fire damage will displace no people.

Table 7-7
HAZUS-MH Earthquake Scenarios – Debris Generation (Tons)

Epicenter Location and Magnitude	Brick / Wood	Reinforced Concrete / Steel	Total	Estimated Cleanup Truckloads (25 Tons / Truck)
Haddam – 5.7	720	280	1,000	40
Portland – 5.7	1,380	620	2,000	80
Stamford – 5.7	4,060	2,940	7,000	280
East Haddam – 6.4	3,660	2,340	6,000	240

Table 7-8 presents the potential sheltering requirements based on the various earthquake events simulated by HAZUS-MH. There is no predicted sheltering requirements due to displaced households for earthquake damage (not including fire damage in Table 7-6). However, it is possible that an earthquake could also produce a dam failure (flooding) or be a contingent factor in another hazard event that could increase the overall sheltering need in the community.

Table 7-8
HAZUS-MH Earthquake Scenarios – Shelter Requirements

Epicenter Location and Magnitude	Number of Displaced Households	Short Term Sheltering Need (Number of People)
Haddam – 5.7	None	None
Portland – 5.7	None	None
Stamford – 5.7	3	1
East Haddam – 6.4	2	1

Table 7-9 presents the casualty estimates generated by HAZUS-MH for the various earthquake scenarios. Casualties are broken down into four severity levels that describe the extent of injuries. The levels are as follows:

- Severity Level 1: Injuries will require medical attention but hospitalization is not needed;
- Severity Level 2: Injuries will require hospitalization but are not considered life-threatening;

- ❑ Severity Level 3: Injuries will require hospitalization and can become life-threatening if not promptly treated; and
- ❑ Severity Level 4: Victims are killed by the earthquake.

Table 7-9
HAZUS-MH Earthquake Scenarios – Casualty Estimates

Epicenter Location - Magnitude	2 AM Earthquake	2 PM Earthquake	5 PM Earthquake
Haddam – 5.7	1 (Level 1)	1 (Level 1)	1 (Level 1)
Portland – 5.7	1 (Level 1)	2 (Level 1)	1 (Level 1)
Stamford – 5.7	5 (Level 1) 0 (Level 2)	7 (Level 1) 1 (Level 2)	5 (Level 1) 1 (Level 2)
East Haddam – 6.4	4 (Level 1) 0 (Level 2)	5 (Level 1) 1 (Level 2)	4 (Level 1) 1 (Level 2)

All earthquake scenarios cause only minor injuries or no injury at all.

Table 7-10 presents the total estimated losses and direct economic impact that may result from the four earthquake scenarios created for Newtown as estimated by the HAZUS-MH software. Capital damage loss estimates include the subcategories of building, contents, and inventory damages. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building or its contents. Business interruption loss estimates include the subcategories of lost income, relocation expenses, and lost wages. The business interruption losses are associated with the inability to operate a business due to the damage sustained during an earthquake, and also include temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their home because of the storm. Note that these damages do not include transportation, utility, or fire damage in Table 7-6.

Table 7-10
HAZUS-MH Estimated Direct Losses from Earthquake Scenarios

Epicenter Location and Magnitude	Estimated Total Capital Losses	Estimated Total Income Losses	Estimated Total Losses
Haddam – 5.7	$4,070,000	$960,000	$5,040,000
Portland – 5.7	$7,040,000	$1,500,000	$8,540,000
Stamford – 5.7	$31,540,000	$6,430,000	$37,960,000
East Haddam – 6.4	$21,950,000	$4,930,000	$26,890,000

The maximum simulated damage considering direct losses and infrastructure losses is approximately $38 million for the Stamford scenario. Note that the losses are presented in 2006 dollars, which implies that they will be greater in the future due to inflation. It is also believed that the next plan update will be able to utilize 2010 census data within HAZUS-MH, providing a more recent dataset for analysis.

Despite the low probability of occurrence of damaging earthquakes, this analysis demonstrates that earthquake damage presents a potential hazard to Newtown. Additional infrastructure not modeled by HAZUS-MH, such as water treatment plants, sewer pumping stations, and water storage tanks, could be affected by an earthquake.

7.6 Potential Mitigation Strategies and Actions

As earthquakes are relatively infrequent, difficult to predict, and can affect the entire Town of Newtown, potential mitigation can only include adherence to building codes, education of residents, and adequate planning.

Requiring adherence to current State building codes for new development and redevelopment is necessary to minimize the potential risk of earthquake damage. Communities may consider preventing new residential development in areas that are most at risk to collapse or liquefaction. Many Connecticut communities already have regulations restricting development on steep slopes. Additional regulations could be enacted to buffer development a certain distance from the bottom of steep slopes, or to prohibit development on fill materials and areas of fine sand and clay. The State Geologist indicates that such deposits have the highest risk for seismic wave amplification. Other regulations could specify a minimum level of compaction for filled areas before it is approvable for development.

Departments providing emergency services should have backup plans and adequate backup facilities such as portable generators in place in case earthquake damage occurs to critical facilities, particularly public water and the waste water treatment facilities. The Highway Department should also have adequate backup plans and facilities to ensure that roads can be opened as soon as possible after a major earthquake.

The fact that damaging earthquakes are rare occurrences in Connecticut heightens the need to educate the public about this potential hazard. An annual pamphlet outlining steps each family can take to be prepared for disaster is recommended. Also, because earthquakes generally provide little or no warning time, municipal personal and students should be instructed on what to do during an earthquake in a manner similar to fire drills.

Critical facilities may be retrofitted to reduce potential damage from seismic events. Potential mitigation activities may include bracing of critical equipment such as generators, identifying and hardening critical lifeline systems, utilizing flexible piping where possible, and installing shutoff valves and emergency connector hoses where utilities cross fault lines. Potential seismic mitigation measures for all buildings include strengthening and retrofitting non-reinforced masonry buildings and non-ductile concrete facilities that are particularly vulnerable to ground shaking, retrofitting building veneers to prevent failure, installing window films to prevent injuries from shattered glass, anchoring rooftop-mounted equipment, and reinforcing masonry chimneys with steel bracing.

If the event that a damaging earthquake occurs, Newtown will activate its Emergency Operations Plan and initiate emergency response procedures as necessary.

7.7 Summary of Mitigation Strategies and Actions

The following potential mitigation measures have been identified:

- ❑ Consider preventing new residential development in areas prone to collapse.
- ❑ Ensure that municipal departments have adequate backup facilities in case earthquake damage occurs to municipal buildings.

- The town may consider bracing systems and assets inside critical facilities. This could help protect IT systems, important records and files.

In addition, important recommendations that apply to all hazards are listed in Section 10.1.

8.0 DAM FAILURE

8.1 Setting

Dam failures can be triggered suddenly, with little or no warning, and often from other natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes. Dam failures often occur during flooding when the dam breaks under the additional force of floodwaters. In addition, a dam failure can cause a chain reaction where the sudden release of floodwaters causes the next dam downstream to fail. DEEP inventory documents 69 dams within Town limits, three of which have been classified as high hazard. Additionally, high hazard dams located in surrounding municipalities have the potential to affect the Town of Newtown in a failure event. While flooding from a dam failure generally has a moderate geographic extent, the effects are potentially catastrophic. Fortunately, a major dam failure is considered only a possible hazard event in any given year.

8.2 Hazard Assessment

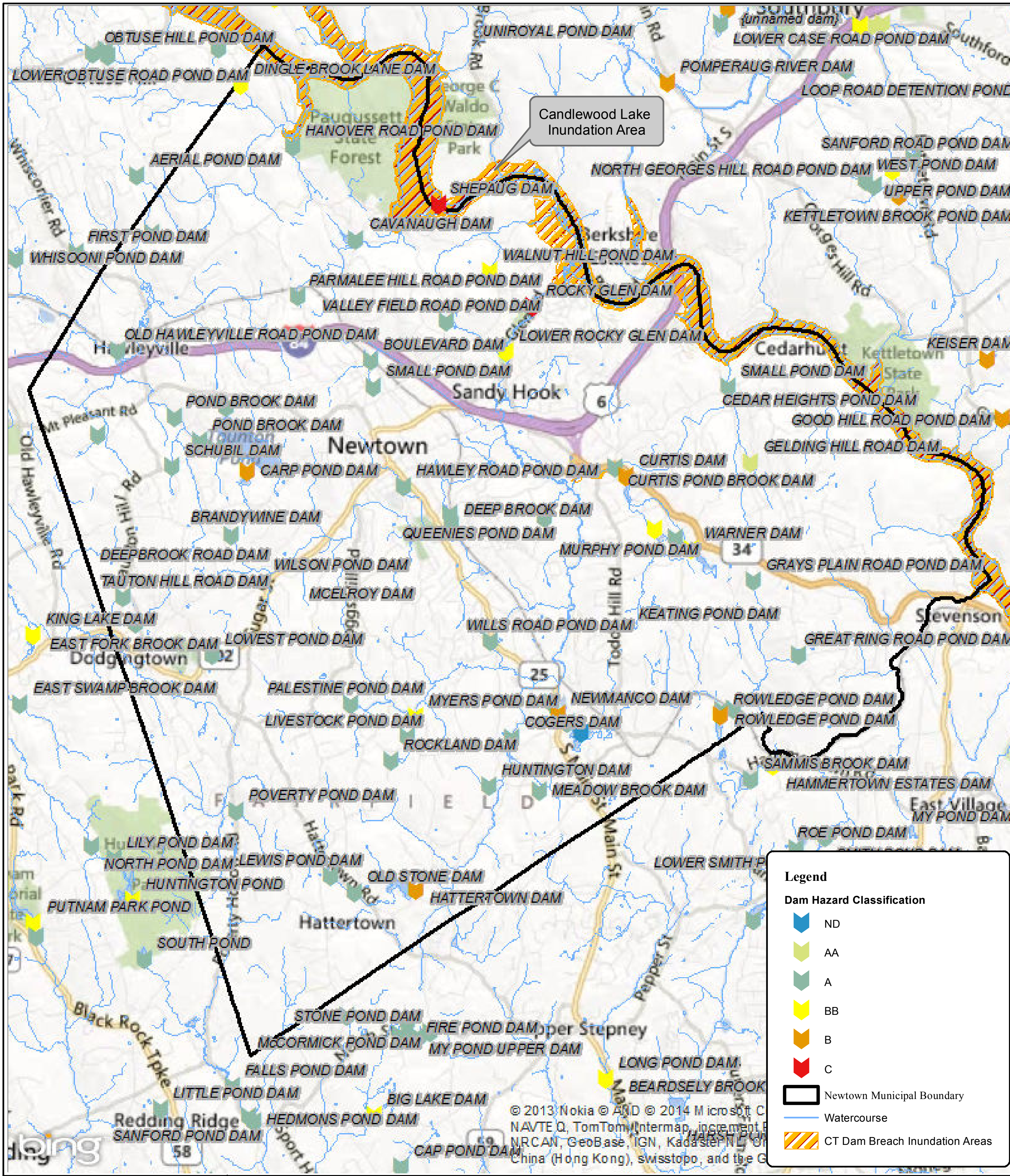
The Connecticut DEEP administers the statewide Dam Safety Program and designates a classification to each state-inventoried dam based on its potential hazard.

- *Class AA* dams are negligible hazard potential dams that upon failure would result in no measurable damage to roadways and structures, and negligible economic loss.
- *Class A* dams are low hazard potential dams that upon failure would result in damage to agricultural land and unimproved roadways, with minimal economic loss.
- *Class BB* dams are moderate hazard potential dams that upon failure would result in damage to normally unoccupied storage structures, damage to low volume roadways, and moderate economic loss.
- *Class B* dams are significant hazard potential dams that upon failure would result in possible loss of life; minor damage to habitable structures, residences, hospitals, convalescent homes, schools, and the like; damage or interruption of service of utilities; damage to primary roadways; and significant economic loss.
- *Class C* dams are high potential hazard dams that upon failure would result in loss of life and major damage to habitable structures, residences, hospitals, convalescent homes, schools, and main highways with great economic loss.

As of 2013, there were 69 DEEP-inventoried dams within the Town of Newtown. These dams are shown in Figure 8-1. Three of these dams are considered high hazard (Class B or C). As shown in Table 8-1, one high hazard dam is owned by the Town, and two are owned by private companies. One class C dam is located in adjacent Southbury. Failure of any of these structures may have an impact on Newtown.

Table 8-1
High Hazard Dams with Potential to Affect the Town of Newtown

Number	Name	Location	Class	Owner
9701	Rocky Glen Dam	Pootatuck River, Newtown	C	Sandy Hook Hydro LLC
9703	Curtis Pond Dam	Curtis Pond Brook, Newtown	B	Town of Newtown
9715	Carp Road Dam	Unnamed watercourse, Newtown	B	Cullens Youth Association
13001	Shepaug Dam	Housatonic River, Southbury	C	First Light Power Resources



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2013 CT DEEP Dam Inventory
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Figure 8-1: Dam Location and Hazard Classification

LOCATION: Newtown, CT

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Town of Newtown
Hazard Mitigation Plan

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This section primarily discusses the possible effects of failure of high hazard (Class B and C) dams. Failure of a Class C dam has a high potential for loss of life and extensive property and infrastructure damage.

8.3 Historic Record

Approximately 200 notable dam and reservoir failures occurred worldwide in the 20th century. More than 8,000 people died in these disasters. The following is a listing of some of the more catastrophic dam failures in Connecticut's recent history:

- 1938 and 1955: Exact numbers of dam failures caused by these floods are unavailable, but the Connecticut DEEP believes that more dams were damaged in these events than in the 1982 event listed below or the 2005 dam failure events listed below.
- 1961: Crystal Lake Dam in Middletown failed, injuring three and severely damaging 11 homes.
- 1963: Failure of the Spaulding Pond Dam in Norwich caused six deaths and $6 million in damage.
- June 5-6, 1982: Connecticut experienced a severe flood that caused 17 dams to fail and seriously damaged 31 others. Failure of the Bushy Hill Pond Dam in Deep River caused $50 million in damages, and the remaining dam failures caused nearly $20 million in damages.

The Connecticut DEEP reported that the sustained heavy rainfall from October 7 to 15, 2005 caused 14 complete or partial dam failures and damage to 30 other dams throughout the state. A sample of damaged dams is summarized in Table 8-2.

Table 8-2
Dams Damaged Due to Flooding From October 2005 Storms

Number	Name	Location	Class	Damage Type	Ownership
-----	Somerville Pond Dam	Somers	--	Partial Breach	DEEP
4701	Windsorville Dam	East Windsor	BB	Minor Damage	Private
10503	Mile Creek Dam	Old Lyme	B	Full Breach	Private
-----	Staffordville Reservoir #3	Union	--	Partial Breach	CT Water Co.
8003	Hanover Pond Dam	Meriden	C	Partial Breach	Town of Meriden
-----	ABB Pond Dam	Bloomfield	--	Minor Damage	Private
4905	Springborn Dam	Enfield	BB	Minor Damage	DEEP
13904	Cains Pond Dam	Suffield	A	Full Breach	Private
13906	Schwartz Pond Dam	Suffield	BB	Partial Breach	Private
14519	Sessions Meadow Dam	Union	BB	Minor Damage	DEEP

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials states that no one knows precisely how many dam failures have occurred, but they have been documented in every state. From January 1, 2005 through January 1, 2009, state dam safety programs reported 132 dam failures and 434 incidents requiring intervention to prevent failure.

8.4 Existing Capabilities

The Dam Safety Section of the Connecticut DEEP Inland Water Resources Division is charged with the responsibility for administration and enforcement of Connecticut's dam safety laws. The existing statutes require that permits be obtained to construct, repair, or alter dams and that existing dams be inventoried and periodically inspected to assure that their continued operation does not constitute a hazard to life, health, or property.

Dams regulated by the Connecticut DEEP must be designed to pass the 1% annual chance rainfall event with one foot of freeboard, a factor of safety against overtopping.

Significant and high hazard dams are required to meet a design standard greater than the 1% annual chance rainfall event.

The dam safety requirements are codified in Section 22a-401 through 22a-411 inclusive of the Connecticut General Statutes. Sections 22a-409-1 and 22a-409-2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, have been enacted which govern the registration, classification, and inspection of dams. Dams must be inventoried by the owner with the DEEP, according to Connecticut Public Act 83-38.

Dam inspection regulations require that nearly 700 dams in Connecticut be inspected annually. The DEEP currently performs inspections of those dams which pose the greatest potential threat to downstream persons and properties, and also performs inspections as complaints are registered.

Dams found to be unsafe under the inspection program must be repaired by the owner. Depending on the severity of the identified deficiency, an owner is allowed reasonable time to make the required repairs or remove the dam. If a dam owner fails to make necessary repairs to the subject structure, the DEEP may issue an administrative order requiring the owner to restore the structure to a safe condition and may refer noncompliance with such an order to the Attorney General's office for enforcement. As a means of last resort, the DEEP Commissioner is empowered by statute to remove or correct, at the expense of the owner, any unsafe structures that present a clear and present danger to public safety.

Owners of Class C dams have traditionally been required to maintain Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs). Guidelines for dam EOPs were published by DEEP in 2012, creating a uniform approach for development of EOPs. As dam owners develop EOPs using the new guidance, DEEP anticipates that the quality of EOPs will improve, which will ultimately help reduce vulnerabilities to dam failures.

Important dam safety program changes are underway in Connecticut. Public Act No. 13-197 passed in June 2013 and describes new requirements for dams related to registration, maintenance, and EOPs, which will be called emergency action plans (EAPs) moving forward. This Act requires owners of certain unregistered dams or similar structures to register them by October 1, 2015. The Act generally shifts regularly scheduled inspection and reporting requirements from the DEEP to the owners of dams. The Act also makes owners generally responsible for supervising and inspecting construction work and establishes new reporting requirements for owners when the work is completed.

Effective October 1, 2013, the owner of any high or significant hazard dam (Class B and C) must develop and implement an EAP after the Commissioner of DEEP adopts regulations. The EAP shall be updated every two years, and copies shall be filed with DEEP and the chief executive officer of any municipality that would potentially be affected in the event of an emergency. New regulations shall establish the requirements for such EAPs, including but not limited to (1) criteria and standards for inundation studies and inundation zone mapping; (2) procedures for monitoring the dam or structure during periods of heavy rainfall and runoff, including personnel assignments and features of the dam to be inspected at given intervals during such periods; and (3) a formal notification system to alert appropriate local officials who are responsible for the warning and evacuation of residents in the inundation zone in the event of an emergency.

The CT DEEP also administers the Flood and Erosion Control Board program, which can provide noncompetitive state funding for repair of municipality-owned dams. Funding is limited by the State Bond Commission. State statute Section 25-84 allows municipalities to form Flood and Erosion Control Boards, but municipalities must take action to create the board within the context of the local government such as by revising the municipal charter. The Town's Planning and Zoning Commission is responsible for reviewing all development activities that occur within flood hazard or flood-prone areas.

8.5 Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment

The following section primarily discusses known vulnerable areas located downstream of Class B and C dams.

Dam failure analyses have been prepared for many of the high hazard dams, and these are included in the EAPs. The inundation limits portrayed in the dam failure analysis maps represent *a highly unlikely, worst-case scenario (1,000-year) flood event and should be used for emergency action planning only.* As such, they are appropriate for use in the CodeRED emergency notification database. These analyses should not be interpreted to imply that the dams evaluated are not stable, that the routine operation of the dams presents a safety concern to the public, or that any particular structure downstream of the dam is at imminent risk of being affected by a dam failure.

Rocky Glen Dam (Dam No. 9701) - Pootatuck River, Newtown

The Rocky Glen Dam is a run-of-the river dam on the Pootatuck River and impounds a storage volume of 70 acre-feet from a contributing watershed of 25.5 square miles. The concrete dam was constructed in 1870 and is 38 feet in height and 130 feet in length. It is owned by Sandy Hook Hydro, LLC and used to impound a reservoir for hydropower. Flow is monitored with a transducer sensor in the canal tied to the computer that controls flow control.

The 1980 USACE Phase I inspection report noted that the dam was unsafe, it was reconstructed in 1989. An EAP for the Rocky Glen Dam was prepared by Milone & MacBroom, Inc. in June 1987 addressing actions to be taken during an emergency. In 1993, a CT DEEP inspection requested that the owner remove trees, fix deteriorated concrete at right spillway training wall/low level outlet pipe/downstream spillway face.

Failure of the structure and impacts from floodwaters are discussed in the 1987 EAP. The report notes that six houses are in the possible downstream impact area. Early warning procedures include contacting the Police and Fire Departments to alert residents in designated areas of the need for evacuation.

Curtis Pond Dam (Dam No. 9703) - Curtis Pond Brook, Newtown

The Curtis Pond Dam is located at the northern end of Curtis Pond and impounds a storage volume of 80 acre-feet from a contributing watershed of 1.73 square miles. It is owned by the Town of Newtown and used to impound a reservoir for recreation. The structure is an earthen dam with concrete weir spillway, and was constructed in 1856. It is 15 feet in height and 240 feet in length.

The Town received an order from the CT DEEP in 1998 to repair the structure. It was renovated in 2004, and included raising the embankment by two feet (total height of 15'), rebuilt low level outlet and control, install toe drains, drained/backfilled raceway and replaced with 18" RCP with concrete headwall and sluice gate.

The dam was inspected by the CT DEEP on April 11, 2013 and the inspection report noted that the structure was in need of maintenance including: reseeding the crest and mowing, addressing erosion gulleys on the left downstream embankment, reconstituting the left upstream embankment at the training wall, filling in eroded areas behind the right upstream wall, monitoring horizontal cracks on training walls, clearing woody debris, and submitting the required EAP.

An EAP is currently on file at the DEEP for the Curtis Pond Dam, and it addresses actions to be taken during an emergency. The dam discharges to Curtis Pond Brook, which is impounded again by the Curtis Pond Brook Dam located approximately 800 feet downstream. The brook flows alongside Route 34 and under Toddy Hill Road before joining the Pootatuck River. Floodwaters from a dam failure have the potential to affect five houses and a large commercial building. Town officials noted that this dam was recently replaced.

Carp Road Dam (Dam No. 9715) - Newtown (unnamed watercourse)

The Carp Road Dam is located at the northern end of Carp Pond. The earthen dam is 3 feet in height and 175 feet in length. It is owned by Cullens Youth and used to impound a reservoir for recreation. The dam discharges through an unnamed watercourse that flows northward under Taunton Lake Road, and into Taunton Pond located approximately 960 feet downstream. A number of residences located along the edge of Taunton Pond, and one house located directly downstream of the dam could potentially be affected by failure floodwaters.

Shepaug Dam (Dam No. 13001) - Housatonic River, Southbury

The Shepaug Dam is located at the southern end of Lake Lillinonah and impounds a storage volume of 156,145 acre-feet from a contributing watershed of 1,392 square miles. The dam is a concrete gravity structure anchored into bedrock, with a length of 1,412 feet. It is owned by First Light Power Resources and used to impound a reservoir for hydropower. The Shepaug Hydroelectric Station has a hydraulic capacity of 6,200 cfs.

The inundation area for the failure of the Shepaug Dam extends into Newtown. An EAP for the Shepaug Dam was prepared in 2012 addressing actions to be taken during an emergency. Notifications include Newtown local police and the First Selectman.

Overall, the Rocky Glen Dam and the Lower Rocky Glen Dam, along the Pootatuck are the two dams that the town has the most concern with respect to maintenance. Town officials have also indicated that they would like to remove the 27 Glen Road dam in order to reduce the amount of water and material behind it.

In addition, as noted in as noted in Section 1.7, the Stevenson Dam is also of concern for the Town of Newtown. Newtown should pursue improved communications with the Town of Oxford and First Light regarding emergency response along Lake Zoar.

Loss Estimates – Loss estimates for a dam breach affecting Newtown were developed for a breach of the Rocky River dam associated with First Light. The Rocky River Development consists of a series of dams used to impound water for hydroelectric power generation. The main dam (Candlewood Lake Dam) crosses the Rocky River approximately one mile upstream of its confluence with the Housatonic River and impounds Candlewood Lake. *HAZUS-MH* was utilized to determine the effect of dam failure. The Emergency Operations Plan for this dam was obtained for this analysis. This same breach was used to estimate dam breach losses in the New Milford, Brookfield, and Bridgewater Hazard Mitigation Plans developed as part of the regional planning effort that includes Newtown. Cross-sectional data and flooding areas from the dam failure analyses for a Sunny Day breach were imported into the *HAZUS-MH* flood module. The following paragraphs discuss the results of the *HAZUS-MH* analysis.

The *HAZUS-MH* simulation estimates that approximately 91 buildings in Newtown will be at least moderately damaged and approximately 69 buildings are expected to be substantially damaged or completely destroyed. No schools, fire stations, hospitals, or police stations are expected to experience moderate or higher damage.

The *HAZUS-MH* simulation estimated the following tons of debris would be generated by flood damage from the dam failure scenario. The simulation also estimates the number of truckloads (at approximately 25 tons per truck) that will be required to remove the debris. The breakdown of debris generation is as follows:

Table 8-3
***HAZUS-MH* Flood Scenario – Debris Generation (Tons)**

Stream	Finishes	Structural	Foundations	Total	Truckloads
Failure of Main Dam	1,006	1,625	1,239	3,870	155

HAZUS-MH calculated the potential sheltering requirement for the dam failure scenario. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated areas.

Table 8-4
***HAZUS-MH* Flood Scenario – Sheltering Requirements**

Stream	Displaced Households	Population Using Public Shelters
Failure of Main Dam	134	305

HAZUS-MH also calculated the predicted economic losses due the dam failure scenario. Economic losses are categorized between building-related losses and business interruption losses. The total loss for a Sunny Day scenario dam failure event is estimated by *HAZUS-MH* to be approximately $27.77 million.

Table 8-5
***HAZUS-MH* Flood Scenario – Building Loss Estimates**

Stream	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Failure of Danbury Dike	$22,850,000	$3,280,000	$1,110,000	$500,000	$27,740,000

Table 8-6
***HAZUS-MH* Flood Scenario – Business Interruption Estimates**

Stream	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Failure of Danbury Dike	$20,000	$10,000	$0	$0	$30,000

The *HAZUS-MH* results do not provide casualty estimates. However, it is assumed that casualties would occur in Newtown under this dam breach scenario if the northern edge of Newtown could not be evacuated in a timeline manner.

8.6 Potential Mitigation Strategies and Actions

Dam failure presents a very real potential hazard to the Town of Newtown. The Town should maximize its emergency preparedness for a potential dam failure by including potential inundation areas in the town's emergency notification database. The Town may also wish to revise its dam failure inundation mapping to be based on a "more likely" failure scenario than a failure during the PMF event. The analyses presented in Section 8.5 indicate that the majority of the inundation areas from each failure are related to the PMF and not to floodwaters from a dam failure occurring under normal flow conditions. For dams without a mapped failure inundation area, the 1% annual chance floodplain described in Section 3.1 could be utilized to provide approximate inundation areas.

FEMA and the Association of Dam Safety Officials have a variety of resources available for dam owners. More information can be found at http://www.fema.gov and at http://www.damsafety.org/resources/downloads/

The Town should inform private dam owners of potential resources available to them through various governmental agencies upon request. In particular, the Town should be prepared to provide technical assistance to private dam owners should they wish to develop Dam Failure Analyses and EOPs.

The Town should work with the Connecticut DEEP to stay up to date on the evolution of any EOPs and Dam Failure Analyses for the high and significant hazard dams in and around Newtown should any be produced. In addition, copies of these documents should be made available in the Land Use Office for reference and public viewing, with a posted caveat that these documents show the potential inundation area for a dam failure caused by an extreme flood event that is very unlikely to occur.

8.7 Summary of Specific Strategies and Actions

The following strategies are applicable to mitigation related to dam failures:

- Include dam failure inundation areas in the CodeRED emergency contact database.
- File EOPs/EAPs with town departments and emergency personnel.
- Work with the owner of 27 Glen Road Dam to determine the feasibility of removing the dam to reduce the amount of water and material behind it.

In addition, there are several suggested potential mitigation strategies that are applicable to all hazards in this plan. These are outlined in the Section 10.1.

9.0 WILDFIRES

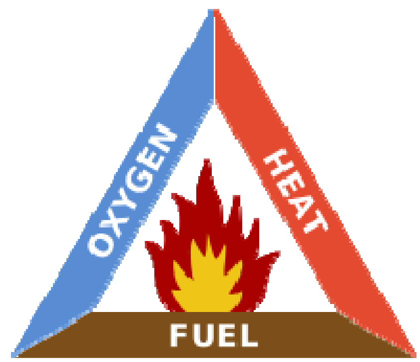
9.1 Setting

The ensuing discussion about fires is generally focused on the undeveloped wooded and shrubby areas of Newtown, along with low-density suburban type development found at the margins of these areas known as the wildland interface.

The town of Newtown is generally considered a high risk area for wildfires. Wildfires are of particular concern in outlying areas without public water service and other areas with poor access for fire-fighting equipment. Hazards associated with wildfires include property damage and loss of habitat. Wildfires are considered a likely event each year but, when one occurs, it is generally contained to a small range with limited damage to non-forested areas.

9.2 Hazard Assessment

Wildfires are any non-structure fire, other than a prescribed burn, that occurs in undeveloped areas. They are considered to be highly destructive, uncontrollable fires. Although the term brings to mind images of tall trees engulfed in flames, wildfires can occur as brush and shrub fires, especially under dry conditions. Wildfires are also known as "wildland fires." According to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, each of three elements (known as the fire triangle) must be present in order to have any type of fire:



The Fire Triangle. Public Domain Image Hosted by Wikimedia Commons.

- Fuel – Without fuel, a fire will stop. Fuel can be removed naturally (when the fire has consumed all burnable fuel) or manually by mechanically or chemically removing fuel from the fire. In structure fires, removal of fuel is not typically a viable method of fire suppression. Fuel separation is important in wildfire suppression and is the basis for controlling prescribed burns and suppressing other wildfires. The type of fuel present in an area can help determine overall susceptibility to wildfires. According to the Forest Encyclopedia Network, four types of fuel are present in wildfires:
  - Ground Fuels, consisting of organic soils, forest floor duff, stumps, dead roots, and buried fuels
  - Surface Fuels, consisting of the litter layer, downed woody materials, and dead and live plants to two meters in height
  - Ladder Fuels, consisting of vine and draped foliage fuels
  - Canopy Fuels, consisting of tree crowns

- Heat – Without sufficient heat, a fire cannot begin or continue. Heat can be removed through the application of a substance, such as water, powder, or certain gases, that reduces the amount of heat available to the fire. Scraping embers from a burning structure also removes the heat source.

- Oxygen – Without oxygen, a fire cannot begin or continue. In most wildland fires, this is commonly the most abundant element of the fire triangle and is therefore not a major factor in suppressing wildfires.

Nationwide, humans have caused approximately 90% of all wildfires in the last decade. Accidental and negligent acts include unattended campfires, sparks, burning debris, and irresponsibly discarded cigarettes. The remaining 10% of fires are caused primarily by lightning. According to the USGS, wildfires can increase the potential for flooding, debris flows, or landslides; increase pollutants in the air; temporarily destroy timber, foliage, habitats, scenic vistas, and watershed areas; and have long-term impacts such as reduced access to recreational areas, destruction of community infrastructure, and reduction of cultural and economic resources.

Nevertheless, wildfires are also a natural process, and their suppression is now recognized to have created a larger fire hazard as live and dead vegetation accumulates in areas where fire has been prevented. In addition, the absence of fire has altered or disrupted the cycle of natural plant succession and wildlife habitat in many areas. Consequently, federal, state, and local agencies are committed to finding ways such as prescribed burning to reintroduce fire into natural ecosystems while recognizing that fire fighting and suppression are still important.

Connecticut has a particular vulnerability to fire hazards where urban development and wildland areas are in close proximity. The "wildland/urban interface" is where many such fires are fought. Wildland areas are subject to fires because of weather conditions and fuel supply. An isolated wildland fire may not be a threat, but the combined effect of having residences, businesses, and lifelines near a wildland area causes increased risk to life and property. Thus, a fire that might have been allowed to burn itself out with a minimum of fire fighting or containment in the past is now fought to prevent fire damage to surrounding homes and commercial areas as well as smoke threats to health and safety in these areas.

9.3 Historic Record

According to the Connecticut DEEP Forestry Division, much of Connecticut was deforested by settlers and turned into farmland during the colonial period. A variety of factors in the 19th century caused the decline of farming in the state, and forests reclaimed abandoned farm fields. In the early 20th century, deforestation again occurred in Connecticut, this time for raw materials needed to ship goods throughout the world. Following this deforestation, shipping industries in Connecticut began to look to other states for raw materials, and the deciduous forests of today began to grow in the State.

During the early 20th century, wildfires regularly burned throughout Connecticut. Many of these fires began accidentally by sparks from railroads and industry while others were deliberately set to clear underbrush in the forest and provide pasture for livestock. A total of 15,000 to 100,000 acres of land was burned annually during this period. This destruction of resources led to the creation of the position of the State Forest Fire Warden and led to a variety of improved coordination measures described in Section 9.4.

According to the USDA Forest Service Annual Wildfire Summary Report for 1994 through 2003, an average of 600 acres per year in Connecticut was burned by wildfires. The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) reports that a total of 2,792 acres of land burned in Connecticut from 2002 through 2010 due to 1,934 non-prescribed wildfires, an average of 1.4 acres per fire and 215 acres per year (Table 9-1). The Connecticut DEEP Forestry Division estimates the wildland fires burn approximately 1,300 acres per year.

Table 9-1
Wildland Fire Statistics for Connecticut

Year	Number of Wildland Fires	Acres Burned	Number of Prescribed Burns	Acres Burned	Total Acres Burned
2012	180	417	4	42	459
2011	196	244	7	42	286
2010	93	262	6	52	314
2009	264	246	6	76	322
2008	330	893	6	68	961
2007	361	288	7	60	348
2006	322	419	6	56	475
2005	316	263	10	130	393
2004	74	94	12	185	279
2003	97	138	8	96	234
2002	101	184	13	106	290
Total	**1,934**	**2,792**	**74**	**829**	**3,621**

Source: National Interagency Fire Center

The 2014 Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update states that in seven of the eight counties in Connecticut, the primary cause of wildland fires is unknown. The secondary cause is identified as incendiary (arson) and debris burning.

Traditionally, the highest forest fire danger in Connecticut occurs in the spring from mid-March to mid-May. The worst wildfire year for Connecticut in the recent past occurred during the extremely hot and dry summer of 1999. Over 1,733 acres of Connecticut burned in 345 separate wildfires, an average of about five acres per fire. Only one wildfire occurred between 1994 and 2003 that burned over 300 acres, and a wildfire in 1986 in the Mattatuck State Forest in the town of Watertown, Connecticut burned 300 acres.

Town officials indicated that out of approximately 1,500 calls in Newtown; about 80 are related to brush fires. According to an article in the MonroeCourier.com website, multiple brush fires occurred in Newtown, Sandy Hook and neighboring Monroe on March 26, 2014.

An article in the Newtown Bee titled "*Forest Fire Danger Level Very High, No Open Burning*" (4/24/14) indicated that Newtown, along with other areas of Connecticut were at risk to wildfires. The article stated that open burning was suspended in Newtown due to a high fire index and that "Newtown's fire companies have responded to at least eight brush fires since March 26, including one that kept Botsford Fire Rescue and Sandy Hook Fire & Rescue in the area of Great Ring and High Rock roads for a few hours last month."

9.4 Existing Capabilities

Connecticut enacted its first statewide forest fire control system in 1905, when the state was largely rural with very little secondary growth forest. By 1927, the state had most of the statutory foundations for today's forest fire control programs and policies in place such as the State Forest Fire Warden system, a network of fire lookout towers and patrols, and regulations regarding open burning. The severe fire weather in the 1940s prompted the state legislature to join the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact with its neighbors in 1949.

The technology used to combat wildfires has significantly improved since the early 20th century. An improved transportation network, coupled with advances in firefighting equipment, communication technology, and training, has improved the ability of firefighters to minimize damage due to wildfires in the state. For example, radio and cellular technologies have greatly improved firefighting command capabilities. Existing mitigation for wildland fire control is typically focused on Fire Department training and maintaining an adequate supply of equipment. Firefighters are typically focused on training for either structural fires or wildland fires and maintain a secondary focus on the opposite category.

The Connecticut DEEP Division of Forestry monitors the weather each day during non-winter months as it relates to fire danger. The Division utilizes precipitation and soil moisture data to compile and broadcast daily forest fire probability forecasts. Forest fire danger levels are classified as low, moderate, high, very high, or extreme. In addition, the National Weather Service issues a Red Flag warning when winds will be sustained or there will be frequent gusts above a certain threshold (usually 25 mph), the relative humidity is below 30%, and precipitation for the previous five days has been less than one-quarter inch. Such conditions can cause wildfires to quickly spread from their source area.

The Connecticut DEEP has recently changed its Open Burning Program. It now requires individuals to be nominated and designated by the Chief Executive Officer in each municipality that allows open burning to take an online training course and exam to become certified as an "Open Burning Official." Permit template forms were also revised that provides permit requirements so that the applicant/permittee is made aware of the requirements prior to, during and post burn activity. The regulated activity is then overseen by the town.

Newtown is served by the following five volunteer Fire Departments: Sandy Hook (which has two firehouses), Dodgingtown, Botsford, Hawleyville and Newtown Hook and Ladder. These fire departments are typically the first to respond to incidents in the State forest.

The town also has regulations that require any development with more than three houses to include a 30,000 gallon cistern for fire protection. In addition, the town has approximately 800 hydrants throughout Newtown and a number of dry hydrants as well. The town Fire Department also has verbal mutual aid agreements with surrounding towns.

Regulations regarding fire protection are outlined in the *Zoning Regulations* and the *Subdivision Regulations*.

- ***Zoning Regulations, Article VIII, Section 14 – Initial Attack Fire Suppression Water Supply.*** Specifically, the purpose of this section is to establish criteria and requirements for the installation of an initial attack fire suppression water supply for commercial, industrial and residential developments. The intent of this section is to assure that an initial supply of water is available and accessible for the immediate use by the Fire Department in the case of an emergency.

- ***Subdivision Regulations, Section 3.01.542*** requires the location of water storage tanks for fire suppression required pursuant to Article VIII, Section 14 of the Zoning Regulations.

- ***Subdivision Regulations, Section 4.03.110*** states that in subdivisions to which public water, public sanitary sewers or public storm sewers are available, and all mains, conduits, laterals to the street are available, each building lot, branch offsets, fire hydrants or facilities of like nature necessary to a complete utility system shall be installed by the subdivider without expense to the Town.

Unlike the west coast of the United States where the fires are allowed to burn toward development and then stopped, the Newtown Fire Department goes to the fires whenever possible. This proactive approach is believed to be effective for controlling wildfires. Finally, the DEEP Forestry Division uses rainfall data from a variety of sources to compile forest fire probability forecasts. This allows the DEEP and the Town to monitor the drier areas of the state to be prepared for forest fire conditions.

9.5 Vulnerabilities and Risk Assessment

Description – Today, most of Connecticut's forested areas are secondary growth forests. According to the Connecticut DEEP, forest has reclaimed over 500,000 acres of land that was used for agriculture in 1914. However, that new forest has been fragmented in the past few decades by residential development. The urban/wildland interface is increasing each year as sprawl extends further out from Connecticut's cities. It is at this interface that the most damage to buildings and infrastructure occurs.

The most common causes of wildfires are arson, lightning strikes, and fires started from downed trees hitting electrical lines. Thus, wildfires have the potential to occur anywhere and at any time in both undeveloped and lightly developed areas. The extensive forests and fields covering the state are prime locations for a wildfire. In many areas, structures and subdivisions are built abutting forest borders, creating areas of particular vulnerability.

Wildfires are more common in rural areas than in developed areas as most fires in populated areas are quickly noticed and contained. The likelihood of a severe wildfire developing is lessened by the vast network of water features in the state, which create natural breaks likely to stop the spread of a fire. During long periods of drought, these natural features may dry up, increasing the vulnerability of the state to wildfires.

According to the Connecticut DEEP, the overall forest fire risk in Connecticut is low due to several factors. First, the overall incidence of forest fires is very low (an average of 215 fires per year occurred in Connecticut from 2002 to 2010, which is a rate slightly higher than one per municipality per year). Secondly, as the wildfire/forest fire prone areas become fragmented due to development, the local fire departments have increased access to those neighborhoods for firefighting equipment. Third, the problematic interface areas such as driveways too narrow to permit emergency vehicles are site specific. Finally, trained firefighters at the local and state level are readily available to fight fires in the state, and inter-municipal cooperation on such instances is common. However, local risk is not necessarily the same as the overall statewide risk.

As suggested by the historic record presented in Section 9.3, most wildfires in Connecticut are relatively small. In the drought year of 1999, the average wildfire burned five acres in comparison to the two most extreme wildfires recorded since 1986 that burned 300 acres each.

Given the availability of firefighting water in the town, including the use of nearby water bodies, it is believed that this average value for a drought year and the extreme value are applicable to the town as well.

As noted about, Newtown has experienced recent brush fires and is vulnerable to wildfires. The Paugussett State Forest may be considered a high risk area due to the amount of wooded areas.

Loss Estimates – The 2014 Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan provides annual estimated losses on a countywide basis for several hazards. Based on the population of Newtown relative to Fairfield County, the annual estimated loss is $1,685 for wildfires.

9.6 Potential Mitigation Strategies and Actions

Potential mitigation measures for wildfires include a mixture of prevention, education, and emergency planning. Although educational materials are available through the Fire Department, they should be made available at other municipal offices as well. Education of homeowners on methods of protecting their homes is far more effective than trying to steer growth away from potential wildfire areas, especially given that the available land that is environmentally appropriate for development may be forested.

Water system maintenance and improvements are an important class of potential mitigation for fires. Aquarion Water Company operates the largest public water system in Newtown and has the capacity to extend its system, although it is a private investor-owned water utility and therefore not controlled by the town.

9.7 Summary of Mitigation Strategies and Actions

The following recommendations could be implemented to mitigate fire risk:

- ❑ The Town should continue to require the installation of fire protection water in new developments where municipal water service is unavailable, and sprinkler systems where access is limited for fire apparatus.
- ❑ The Fire Departments should coordinate with Aquarion Water Company to identify areas where fire-fighting capacity may be limited due to lack of water pressure or storage. Deficiencies should be addressed as they are identified and funding allows.

Other potential mitigation strategies for preventing wildfires include:

- ❑ Provide outreach programs on how to properly manage burning and campfires on private property.
- ❑ Patrol Town-owned open space and parks to prevent unauthorized campfires.
- ❑ Revise and enhance the town's website concerning the local regulatory requirements concerning Open Burning.

In addition, specific recommendations that apply to all hazards are listed in Section 10.1.

10.0 HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

Recommendations that are applicable to two, three, or four hazards were discussed in the applicable subsections of Sections 3.0 through 9.0 although not necessarily repeated in each subsection. For example, placing utilities underground is a recommendation for hurricane, summer storm, winter storm, and wildfire mitigation. Public education and awareness is a type of mitigation applicable to all hazards because it includes recommendations for improving public safety and planning for emergency response. Instead of repeating these recommendations in section after section of this Plan, these are described below.

10.1 Additional Strategies and Actions

A community warning system that relies on radios and television is less effective at warning residents during the night when the majority of the community is asleep. The Town should utilize CodeRED to its fullest capabilities. Databases should be set up as best possible for hazards with a specific geographic extent, particularly flooding and dam failure. Residents should also be encouraged to purchase a NOAA weather radio containing an alarm feature. In addition, the Town EOP should continue to be reviewed and updated at least once annually.

A priority of this plan is to develop a plan to address runoff from Interstate 84 at Exit 11. Town officials have expressed concern with the potential impact to the Pootatuck River as a result of pollutant loading. Town officials have also indicated that the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT Dot) is planning to conduct improvements in the vicinity of Exit 11 and that there may be opportunities to work together to improve drainage in this area.

In addition, improved communications between the Town of Newtown, the Town of Oxford, and First Light should be pursued regarding emergency response along the Housatonic River at Lake Zoar.

The Newtown Plan of Conservation and Development will be updated in 2024 subsequent to the life span of this hazard mitigation plan. To ensure that the opportunity for updating the Plan of Conservation and Development is not missed, a specific mitigation action is provided below.

10.2 Summary of Proposed Strategies and Actions

Recommendations have been presented throughout this document in individual sections as related to each hazard. This section lists specific recommendations of the Plan without any priority ranking. Recommendations that span multiple hazards are only reprinted once in this section under the most appropriate hazard event. Refer to the matrix in Appendix A for recommendations with scores based on the STAPLEE methodology described in Section 1.0.

All Hazards

- ❑ Disseminate informational pamphlets regarding natural hazards to public locations.
- ❑ Add pages to the Town website (www.newtown-ct.gov) dedicated to citizen education and preparation for hazard events.
- ❑ Review potential evacuation routes to ensure timely migration of people seeking shelter in all areas of the town.

- ❑ Post a list of Town sheltering facilities in the Town Hall and on the Town's website so residents can best plan how to access to critical facilities during a hazard event.
- ❑ Utilize the existing CodeRED emergency notification system to its fullest capabilities.
- ❑ Encourage residents to purchase and use NOAA weather radios with alarm features.
- ❑ Work to improve communications between the Town of Newtown, the Town of Oxford, and First Light regarding emergency response along the Housatonic River at Lake Zoar.
- ❑ Prepare a status memorandum in 2020 that describes objectives and policies from this hazard mitigation plan that may be considered for incorporation into the Plan of Conservation and Development when it is updated in 2024; and provide the memo to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

<u>Flooding</u>

<u>Prevention</u>

- ❑ Require developers to demonstrate whether detention or retention of stormwater is the best option for reducing peak flows downstream of a project and provide a design for the appropriate alternative.

<u>Property Protection</u>

- ❑ Encourage property owners to purchase flood insurance under the NFIP and to report claims when flooding damage occurs.
- ❑ Pursue elevation of residential properties that are prone to flood damage, with RLPs being prioritized.
- ❑ Conduct drainage evaluations along Turkey Hill Road, Nearbrook Drive, Meadow Brook Road and in the vicinity of the five lakeside communities to determine appropriate measures that should be taken to reduce flooding along these streets.

<u>Public Education</u>

- ❑ Compile a checklist that cross-references the bylaws, regulations, and codes related to flood damage prevention that may be applicable to a proposed project and make this list available to potential applicants. The information in Section 3.4 provides a starting point for this list.
- ❑ Provide outreach regarding home elevation and relocation, flood barriers, dry floodproofing, wet floodproofing, and other home improvement techniques (Section 3.6.2) to private homeowners and businesses with flooding problems.
- ❑ Hold workshops involving all Town departments to provide training for dealing with widespread flooding damage.

<u>Natural Resource Protection</u>

- ❑ Pursue the acquisition of additional municipal open space inside SFHAs and set it aside as greenways, parks, or other nonresidential, noncommercial, or nonindustrial use.
- ❑ Evaluate scour damage along Pond Brook and develop mitigation measures.
- ❑ Develop a priority list of areas identified during the stream walk (described on Page 1-11) that are in need of stabilization and implement corrective actions.

Structural Projects

- Consider conducting a town wide drainage analysis to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as stormwater retrofits.
- Review culvert conveyances based on Northeast Regional Climate Center guidance for increasing precipitation [regional analysis of rainfall extremes (http://precip.eas.cornell.edu/) for engineering design]
- Complete necessary improvements of town bridges. Specifically, Turkey Hill Bridge and Meadow Brook Bridge which are due for replacement.
- Develop a plan to stabilize low-lying roads, especially in the lakeside communities.

Emergency Services

- Ensure adequate barricades are available to block flooded areas in floodprone areas of the town.

Wind Damage Related to Hurricanes, Summer Storms, and Winter Storms

- Continue town wide tree limb inspection and maintenance programs to ensure that the potential for downed power lines is diminished. Continue to encourage property owners to trim branches located over structures and power lines.
- Pursue funding to place them underground in existing developed areas.
- The Building Department should provide literature regarding appropriate design standards for wind.
- Encourage the use of structural techniques related to mitigation of wind damage in new residential and commercial structures to protect new buildings to a standard greater than the minimum building code requirements. Require such improvements for new municipal critical facilities.
- Improve communications with CL&P, particularly with respect to trimming times and locations within Newtown.
- Work with CL&P to determine the feasibility of placing non-conducting steel cables above power lines to protect them from falling branches and trees.

Winter Storms

- Develop a plan to prioritize snow removal from the roof of critical facilities and other municipal buildings each winter. Ensure adequate funding is available in the Town budget for this purpose.
- Provide information on the dangers of cold-related hazards to people and property.
- Consider posting the snow plowing routes in Town buildings each winter to increase public awareness.
- Emergency personnel should continue to identify areas that are difficult to access during winter storm events and devise contingency plans to access such areas during emergencies.
- The Building Department should have funding available to provide literature regarding appropriate design standards for mitigating icing, insulating pipes, and retrofits for flat-roofed buildings such as heating coils.
- Address icing along Route 25 through the development and implementation of appropriate drainage projects.
- Consider the protection/hardening of utilities to minimize power outages during storm events.

Earthquakes

- Consider preventing new residential development in areas prone to collapse.
- Ensure that municipal departments have adequate backup facilities in case earthquake damage occurs to municipal buildings.
- The town may consider bracing systems and assets inside critical facilities. This could help protect IT systems, important records and files

Dam Failure

- Include dam failure inundation areas in the CodeRED emergency contact database.
- File EOPs/EAPs with town departments and emergency personnel.
- Work with the owner of 27 Glen Road Dam to determine the feasibility of removing the dam to reduce the amount of water and material behind it.

Wildfires

- The Town should continue to require the installation of fire protection water in new developments where municipal water service is unavailable, and sprinkler systems where access is limited for fire apparatus.
- The Fire Departments should coordinate with Aquarion Water Company to identify areas where fire-fighting capacity may be limited due to lack of water pressure or storage. Deficiencies should be addressed as they are identified and funding allows.
- Provide outreach programs on how to properly manage burning and campfires on private property.
- Patrol Town-owned open space and parks to prevent unauthorized campfires.
- Revise and enhance the town's website concerning the local regulatory requirements concerning Open Burning.

10.3 Priority Projects and Procedures

As discussed in Section 1.4, the STAPLEE method was used to score mitigation activities. The STAPLEE matrix in Appendix A ranks the mitigation activities proposed in Section 10.1 and 10.2 and also lists possible funding sources. The town's top five priority strategies and actions are the following:

- Conduct drainage evaluations along Turkey Hill Road, Nearbrook Drive, Meadow Brook Road and in the vicinity of the five lakeside communities to determine appropriate measures for improved drainage and flood mitigation.
- Address icing along Route 53 through the development and implementation of appropriate drainage projects.
- File dam EOPs/EAPs with town departments and emergency personnel.
- Continue to require the installation of fire protection water in new developments where municipal water service is unavailable, and sprinkler systems where access is limited for fire apparatus.

10.4 Sources of Funding

The following sources of funding and technical assistance may be available for the priority projects listed above. This information comes from the FEMA website (http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm). Funding requirements and contact information is given in Section 11.4.

Community Disaster Loan Program
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fs_cdl.shtm

This program provides funds to any eligible jurisdiction in a designated disaster area that has suffered a substantial loss of tax and other revenue. The assistance is in the form of loans not to exceed twenty-five percent of the local government's annual operating budget for the fiscal year in which the major disaster occurs, up to a maximum of five million dollars.

Continuing Training Grants (CTG)
http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html

This program provides funds to develop and deliver innovative training programs that are national in scope and meet emerging training needs in local communities.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm

This program was created in 1983 to supplement the work of local social service organizations, both private and governmental, to help people in need of emergency assistance.

Emergency Management Institute
http://training.fema.gov/

Provides training and education to the floodplain managers, fire service, emergency management officials, its allied professions, and the general public.

Emergency Management Performance Grants
http://www.fema.gov/emergency/empg/empg.shtm

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is designed to assist local and state governments in maintaining and strengthening the existing all-hazards, natural and man-made, emergency management capabilities. Allocations if this fund is authorized by the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, and grant amount is determined demographically at the state and local level.

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fma/index.shtm

The FMA was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP. FEMA provides funds in the form of planning grants for Flood Mitigation Plans and project grants to implement measures to reduce flood losses, including elevation, acquisition, or relocation of NFIP-insured structures. Repetitive loss properties are prioritized under this program. This grant program is administered through DEMHS.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgp/index.shtm

The HMGP provides grants to States and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the HMGP is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster. This grant program is administered through DEMHS.

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm

The objective of the HSGP is to enhance the response, preparedness, and recovery of local, State, and tribal governments in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack. Eligible applicants include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Risk and effectiveness, along with a peer review, determine the amount allocated to each applicant.

Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) Program
http://www.fema.gov/fy-2013-intercity-passenger-rail-ipr-amtrak-0

This program provides funding to the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, and to increase the resilience of the Amtrak rail system.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3005

This program enables property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses in exchange for State and community floodplain management regulations that reduce future flood damages. Municipalities that join the associated Community Rating System can gain discounts of flood insurance for their residents.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)
http://www.fema.gov/fy-2014-urban-areas-security-initiative-uasi-nonprofit-security-grant-program-nsgp

This program provides funding support for hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)-eligible Urban Areas. The program seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack with broader state and local preparedness efforts, and serve to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives and state and local government agencies.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm

The purpose of the PDM program is to fund communities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. PDM grants are provided to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, communities, and universities, which, in turn, provide sub-grants to local governments. PDM grants are awarded on a competitive basis. This grant program is administered through DEMHS.

Public Assistance Grant Program
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/index.shtm

The Public Assistance Grant Program (PA) is designed to assist State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of private non-profit organizations in recovering from major disasters or emergencies. Along with helping to recover, this grant also encourages prevention against potential future disasters by strengthening hazard mitigation during the recovery process. The first grantee to apply and receive the PA would usually be the State, and the State could then allocate the granted funds to the sub-grantees in need of assistance.

Small Town Economic Assistance Program
http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?Q=382970&opmNav

The Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds. This program is administered by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Connecticut municipalities may receive up to $500,000 per year if (1) they are not designated as a distressed municipality or a public investment community, and (2) the State Plan of Conservation and Development does not show them as having a regional center. Public Act 05-194 allows an Urban Act Town that is not designated as a regional center under the State Plan of Conservation and Development to opt out of the Urban Action program and become a STEAP town for a period of four years.

Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm

The purpose of TSGP is to bolster security and safety for public transit infrastructure within Urban Areas throughout the United States. Applicable grantees include only the state Governor and the designated State Administrative Agency (SAA) appointed to obligate program funds to the appropriate transit agencies.

U.S. Fire Administration

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP)
http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/
http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/grants/

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The Grant Programs Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

Fire Prevention & Safety Grants (FP&S)
http://www.firegrantsupport.com/fps/

The Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and are under the purview of the Grant Programs Directorate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FP&S grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and mitigate high incidences of death and injury. Examples of the types of projects supported by FP&S include fire prevention and public safety education campaigns, juvenile firesetter interventions, media campaigns, and arson prevention and awareness programs.

National Fire Academy Education and Training
http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/

Provides training to increase the professional level of the fire service and others responsible for fire prevention and control.

Reimbursement for Firefighting on Federal Property
http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/grants/rfff/

Reimbursement may be made to fire departments for fighting fires on property owned by the federal government for firefighting costs over and above normal operating costs. Claims are submitted directed to the U.S. Fire Administration.

Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER)
http://www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/

The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by NFPA and OSHA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720 and OSHA 1910.134 - see http://www.nfpa.org/SAFERActGrant for more details). Specifically, SAFER funds should assist local fire departments to increase their staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies whenever they may occur. As a result of the enhanced staffing, response times should be sufficiently reduced with an appropriate number of personnel assembled at the incident scene. Also, the enhanced staffing should provide that all front-line/first-due apparatus of SAFER grantees have a minimum of four trained personnel to meet the OSHA standards referenced above. Ultimately, a faster, safer and more efficient incident scene will be established and communities will have more adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

Other Grant Programs

Flood Mitigation

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – *50/50 match funding for floodproofing and flood preparedness projects.*
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – *financial assistance to reduce flood damage in small watersheds and to improve water quality.*
- CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection – *assistance to municipalities to solve flooding and dam repair problems through the Flood and Erosion Control Board Program.*

Erosion Control and Wetland Protection

- U.S. Department of Agriculture – *technical assistance for erosion control.*
- North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program – *funding for projects that support long term wetlands acquisition, restoration, and/or enhancement. Requires a 1-to-1 funds match.*

11.0 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

11.1 Implementation Strategy and Schedule

The Town of Newtown is authorized to update this hazard mitigation plan as described below and guide it through the FEMA approval process. As individual recommendations of the hazard mitigation plan are implemented, they must be implemented by the municipal departments that oversee these activities. The Office of the First Selectman will primarily be responsible for developing and implementing selected projects. **A "local coordinator" will be selected as the primary individual in charge. This will be the Deputy Director of Planning.** Appendix A incorporates an implementation strategy and schedule, detailing the responsible department and anticipated time frame for the specific recommendations listed throughout this document.

Upon adoption, the Plan will be made available to all Town departments and agencies as a planning tool to be used in conjunction with existing documents. It is expected that revisions to other Town plans and regulations, such as the Plan of Conservation and Development, department annual budgets, and the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, will reference this plan and its updates. The local coordinator and Office of the First Selectman will be responsible for ensuring that the actions identified in this plan are incorporated into ongoing Town planning activities, and that the information and requirements of this plan are incorporated into existing planning documents within five years from the date of adoption or when other plans are updated, whichever is sooner.

The 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development already includes several aspects of hazard mitigation. One of the primary plan goals is "Regulate development and storm water management activities within flood hazard areas to protect life and property and to preserve the natural storm retention functions of the watershed."

The local coordinator and the Office of the First Selectman will be responsible for assigning appropriate Town officials to update the Plan of Conservation and Development, Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, Wetlands Regulations, and Emergency Operations Plan to include the provisions in this plan. Should a general revision be too cumbersome or cost prohibitive, simple addendums to these documents will be added that include the provisions of this plan. The Plan of Conservation and Development and the Emergency Operations Plan are the two documents most likely to benefit from the inclusion of the Plan in the Town's library of planning documents.

Finally, information and projects in this planning document will be included in the annual budget and capital improvement plans as part of implementing the projects recommended in this Plan. This will primarily include the annual budget and capital improvement projects lists maintained and updated by the Public Works Department.

11.2 Progress Monitoring and Public Participation

The local coordinator will be responsible for monitoring the successful implementation of this HMP update, and will provide the linkage between the multiple departments involved in hazard mitigation at the local level relative to communication and participation. As the plans will be adopted by the local government, coordination is expected to be able to occur without significant barriers.

Site reconnaissance for Specific Suggested Actions – The local coordinator, with the assistance of appropriate department personnel, will annually perform reconnaissance-level inspections of sites that are associated with specific actions. Examples include structural projects. This will ensure that the suggested actions remain viable and appropriate. The worksheet in Appendix E will be filled out for specific project-related actions as appropriate. This worksheet is taken from the *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook.*

The local coordinator will be responsible for obtaining a current list of repetitive loss properties (RLPs) in the community each year. This list is available from the State NFIP Coordinator. The RLPs shall be subject to a windshield survey at least once every two years to ensure that the list is reasonably accurate relative to addresses and other basic information. Some of the reconnaissance-level inspections could occur incidentally during events such as flooding when response is underway.

Annual Reporting and Meeting – The local coordinator will be responsible for holding an annual meeting to review the plan. Matters to be reviewed on an annual basis include the goals and objectives of the HMP, hazards or disasters that occurred during the preceding year, mitigation activities that have been accomplished to date, a discussion of reasons that implementation may be behind schedule, and suggested actions for new projects and revised activities. Results of site reconnaissance efforts will be reviewed also. A meeting should be conducted in March or April of each year, at least two months before the annual application cycle for grants under the HMA program[3]. This will enable a list of possible projects to be circulated to applicable local departments to review and provide sufficient time to develop a grant application. The local coordinator shall prepare and maintain documentation and minutes of this annual review meeting.

Post-Disaster Reporting and Metering – Subsequent to federally-declared disasters in the State of Connecticut for Fairfield County, a meeting shall be conducted by the local coordinator with representatives of appropriate departments to develop a list of possible projects for developing an HMGP application. The local coordinator shall prepare a report of the recent events and ongoing or recent mitigation activities for discussion and review at the HMGP meeting. Public outreach may be solicited for HMGP applications at a *separate* public meeting.

Continued Public Involvement – Continued public involvement will be sought regarding the monitoring, evaluating, and updating of the HMP. Public input can be solicited through community meetings, presentations on local cable access channels, and input to web-based information gathering tools. Public comment on changes to the HMP may be sought through posting of public notices and notifications posted on the town's web site.

11.3 Updating the Plan

The town will update the hazard mitigation plan if a consensus to do so is reached by the Town Board of Selectman, or at least once every five years. Updates to this HMP will be coordinated by the local coordinator. The town understands that this HMP will be considered current for a period of five years from the date of approval with the expiration date reported by FEMA via the approval letter. The local coordinator will be responsible for compiling the funding required to update the HMP in a timely manner such that the current plan will not expire while the plan

[3] PDM and FMA applications are *typically* due to the State in July of any given year.

update is being developed; the assistance of the regional planning organization may be solicited from time to time for this purpose.

Table 11-1 presents a schedule to guide the preparation for the plan update and then the actual update of the plan. The schedule assumes that the current version of this plan was adopted in March 2015 and will therefore expire in March 2020.

Table 11-1
Schedule for Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Month and Year	Tasks
March 2016	Annual meeting to review plan content and progress
March 2017	Annual meeting to review plan content and progress
March 2018	Annual meeting to review plan content and progress
June 2018	Ensure that funding for the plan update is included in the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget
March 2019	Annual meeting to review plan content and progress
March 2019	Secure consultant to begin updating the plan, or begin updating in-house
September 2019	Forward draft updated plan to DEMHS for review
November 2019 – January 2020	Process edits from State and FEMA and obtain the Approval Pending Adoption (APA)
February 2010	Adopt updated plan

To update the Plan, the local coordinator will coordinate the appropriate group of local officials consisting of representatives of many of the same departments solicited for input to this HMP. In addition, local business leaders, community and neighborhood group leaders, relevant private and non-profit interest groups, and the neighboring municipalities will be solicited for representation, including the following:

- The Western Connecticut Council of Governments
- Town of Brookfield
- Town of Bethel
- Town of Bridgewater
- Town of Southbury
- Town of Oxford
- Town of Monroe
- Town of Easton
- Town of Redding

The project action worksheets prepared by the local coordinator and annual reports described above will be reviewed. In addition, the following questions will be asked:

- Do the mitigation goals and objectives still reflect the concerns of local residents, business owners, and officials?

- Have local conditions changed so that findings of the risk and vulnerability assessments should be updated?

- Are new sources of information available that will improve the risk assessment?

- If risks and vulnerabilities have changed, do the mitigation goals and objectives still reflect the risk assessment?

- What hazards have caused damage locally since the last edition of the HMP was developed? Were these anticipated and evaluated in the HMP or should these hazards be added to the plan?

- Are current personnel and financial resources at the local level sufficient for implementing mitigation actions?

- For each mitigation action that has not been completed, what are the obstacles to implementation? What are potential solutions for overcoming these obstacles?

- For each mitigation action that has been completed, was the action effective in reducing risk?

- What mitigation actions should be added to the plan and proposed for implementation?

- If any proposed mitigation actions should be deleted from the plan, what is the rationale?

Future HMP updates may include deleting suggested actions as projects are completed, adding suggested actions as new hazard effects arise, or modifying hazard vulnerabilities as land use changes. For instance, several prior actions were removed from the HMP while preparing this update because they had become institutionalized capabilities, they were successfully completed, or they were subsumed by more specific local or State actions.

11.4 Technical and Financial Resources

This Section is comprised of a list of resources to be considered for technical assistance and potentially financial assistance for completion of the actions outlined in this Plan. This list is not all-inclusive and is intended to be updated as necessary.

Federal Resources

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region I
99 High Street, 6th floor
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 956-7506
http://www.fema.gov/

Mitigation Division

The Mitigation Division is comprised of three branches that administer all of FEMA's hazard mitigation programs. The **Risk Analysis Branch** applies planning and engineering principles to identify hazards, assess vulnerabilities, and develop strategies to manage the risks associated with natural hazards. The **Risk Reduction Branch** promotes the use of land use controls and building practices to manage and assess risk in both the existing built developments and future development areas in both pre- and post-disaster environments. The **Risk Insurance Branch** mitigates flood losses by providing affordable flood insurance for property owners and by encouraging communities to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations.

FEMA Programs administered by the Risk Analysis Branch include:

- *Flood Hazard Mapping Program*, which maintains and updates National Flood Insurance Program maps
- *National Dam Safety Program*, which provides state assistance funds, research, and training in dam safety procedures
- *National Hurricane Program*, which conducts and supports projects and activities that help protect communities from hurricane hazards
- *Mitigation Planning*, a process for states and communities to identify policies, activities, and tools that can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event

FEMA Programs administered by the Risk Reduction Branch include:

- *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)*, which provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration
- *Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA)*, which provides funds to assist states and communities to implement measures that reduce or eliminate long-term risk of flood damage to structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program
- *Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)*, which provides program funds for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event
- *Community Rating System (CRS)*, a voluntary incentive program under the National Flood Insurance Program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities
- *National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP)*, which in conjunction with state and regional organizations supports state and local programs designed to protect citizens from earthquake hazard

The Risk Insurance Branch oversees the *National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)*, which enables property owners in participating communities to purchase flood insurance. The NFIP assists communities in complying with the requirements of the program and publishes flood hazard maps and flood insurance studies to determine areas of risk.

FEMA also can provide information on past and current acquisition, relocation, and retrofitting programs, and has expertise in many natural and technological hazards. FEMA also provides funding for training state and local officials at Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The Mitigation Directorate also has *Technical Assistance Contracts (TAC)* in place that support FEMA, states, territories, and local governments with activities to enhance the effectiveness of natural hazard reduction program efforts. The TACs support FEMA's responsibilities and legislative authorities for implementing the earthquake, hurricane, dam safety, and floodplain management programs. The range of technical assistance services provided through the TACs varies based on the needs of the eligible contract users and the natural hazard programs. Contracts and services include:

- *The Hazard Mitigation Technical Assistance Program (HMTAP) Contract*- supporting post-disaster program needs in cases of large, unusual, or complex projects; situations where resources are not available; or where outside technical assistance is determined to be needed. Services include environmental and biological assessments, benefit/cost analyses, historic preservation assessments, hazard identification, community planning, training, and more.

Response & Recovery Division

As part of the National Response Plan, this division provides information on dollar amounts of past disaster assistance including Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Temporary Housing, as well as information on retrofitting and acquisition/ relocation initiatives. The Response & Recovery Division also provides mobile emergency response support to disaster areas, supports the National Disaster Medical System, and provides urban search and rescue teams for disaster victims in confined spaces.

The division also coordinates federal disaster assistance programs. The Public Assistance Grant Program (PA) that provides 75% grants for mitigation projects to protect eligible damaged public and private non-profit facilities from future damage. "Minimization" grants at 100% are available through the Individuals and Family Grant Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program are also administered by this division.

Computer Sciences Corporation
New England Regional Insurance Manager
Bureau and Statistical Office
(781) 848-1908

Corporate Headquarters
3170 Fairview Park Drive
Falls Church, VA 22042
(703) 876-1000
http://www.csc.com/

A private company contracted by the Federal Insurance Administration as the National Flood Insurance Program Bureau and Statistical Agent, CSC provides information and assistance on flood insurance, including handling policy and claims questions, and providing workshops to leaders, insurance agents, and communities.

Small Business Administration
Region I
10 Causeway Street, Suite 812
Boston, MA 02222-1093
(617) 565-8416
http://www.sba.gov/

SBA has the authority to "declare" disaster areas following disasters that affect a significant number of homes and businesses, but that would not need additional assistance through FEMA. (SBA is triggered by a FEMA declaration, however.) SBA can provide additional low-interest funds (up to 20% above what an eligible applicant would "normally" qualify for) to install mitigation measures. They can also loan the cost of bringing a damaged property up to state or local code requirements. These loans can be used in combination with the new "mitigation insurance" under the NFIP, or in lieu of that coverage.

Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023
(888) 372-7341

Provides grants for restoration and repair, and educational activities, including:

- *Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds*: Low interest loans to governments to repair, replace, or relocate wastewater treatment plans damaged in floods. Does not apply to drinking water or other utilities.

- *Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants*: Cost-share grants to state agencies that can be used for funding watershed resource restoration activities, including wetlands and other aquatic habitat (riparian zones). Only those activities that control non-point pollution are eligible. Grants are administered through the CT DEEP.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
20 Church Street, 19th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103-3220
(860) 240-4800
http://www.hud.gov/

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development offers *Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)* to communities with populations greater than 50,000, who may contact HUD directly regarding CDGB. One program objective is to improve housing conditions for low and moderate income families. Projects can include acquiring floodprone homes or protecting them from flood damage. Funding is a 100% grant; can be used as a source of local matching funds for other funding programs such as FEMA's "404" Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds can also be applied toward "blighted" conditions, which is often the post-flood condition. A separate set of funds exists for conditions that create an "imminent threat." The funds have been used in the past to replace (and redesign) bridges where flood damage eliminates police and fire access to the other side of the waterway. Funds are also available for smaller municipalities through the state-administered CDBG program participated in by the State of Connecticut.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Institute for Water Resources
7701 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 428-8015

http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/

The Corps provides 100% funding for floodplain management planning and technical assistance to states and local governments under several flood control acts and the Floodplain Management Services Program (FPMS). Specific programs used by the Corps for mitigation are listed below.

- *Section 205 – Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects*: This section of the 1948 Flood Control Act authorizes the Corps to study, design, and construct small flood control projects in partnership with non-Federal government agencies. Feasibility studies are 100 percent federally-funded up to $100,000, with additional costs shared equally. Costs for preparation of plans and construction are funded 65 percent with a 35 percent non-federal match. In certain cases, the non-Federal share for construction could be as high as 50 percent. The maximum federal expenditure for any project is $7 million.

- *Section 14 – Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection:* This section of the 1946 Flood Control Act authorizes the Corps to construct emergency shoreline and streambank protection works to protect public facilities such as bridges, roads, public buildings, sewage treatment plants, water wells, and non-profit public facilities such as churches, hospitals, and schools. Cost sharing is similar to Section 205 projects above. The maximum federal expenditure for any project is $1.5 million.

- *Section 103 – Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Projects:* This section of the 1962 River and Harbor Act authorizes the Corps to study, design, and construct small coastal storm damage reduction projects in partnership with non-Federal government agencies. Beach nourishment (structural) and floodproofing (non-structural) are examples of storm damage reduction projects constructed under this authority. Cost sharing is similar to Section 205 projects above. The maximum federal expenditure for any project is $5 million.

- *Section 208 – Clearing and Snagging Projects:* This section of the 1954 Flood Control Act authorizes the Corps to perform channel clearing and excavation with limited embankment construction to reduce nuisance flood damages caused by debris and minor shoaling of rivers. Cost sharing is similar to Section 205 projects above. The maximum federal expenditure for any project is $500,000.

- *Section 206 – Floodplain Management Services:* This section of the 1960 Flood Control Act, as amended, authorizes the Corps to provide a full range of technical services and planning guidance necessary to support effective floodplain management. General technical assistance efforts include determining the following: site-specific data on obstructions to flood flows, flood formation, and timing; flood depths, stages, or floodwater velocities; the extent, duration, and frequency of flooding; information on natural and cultural floodplain resources; and flood loss potentials before and after the use of floodplain management measures. Types of studies conducted under FPMS include floodplain delineation, dam failure, hurricane evacuation, flood warning, floodway, flood damage reduction, stormwater management, floodproofing, and inventories of floodprone structures. When funding is available, this work is 100 percent federally funded.

In addition, the Corps also provides emergency flood assistance (under Public Law 84-99) after local and state funding has been used. This assistance can be used for both flood response and post-flood response. Corps assistance is limited to the preservation of life and improved property; direct assistance to individual homeowners or businesses is not permitted. In addition, the Corps can loan or issue supplies and equipment once local sources are exhausted during emergencies.

U.S. Department of Commerce
National Weather Service
Northeast River Forecast Center
445 Myles Standish Blvd.
Taunton, MA 02780
(508) 824-5116
http://www.nws.noaa.gov/

The National Weather Service prepares and issues flood, severe weather, and coastal storm warnings. Staff hydrologists can work with communities on flood warning issues and can give technical assistance in preparing flood warning plans.

U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Steve Golden, Program Leader
Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance
15 State Street
Boston, MA 02109
(617) 223-5123
http://www.nps.gov/rtca/

The National Park Service provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies to conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways as well as identify nonstructural options for floodplain development.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
New England Field Office
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300
Concord, NH 03301-5087
(603) 223-2541
http://www.fws.gov/

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides technical and financial assistance to restore wetlands and riparian habitats through the North American Wetland Conservation Fund and Partners for Wildlife programs. It also administers the *North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program*, which provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Funds are available for projects focusing on protecting, restoring, and/or enhancing critical habitat.

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Connecticut Office
344 Merrow Road, Suite A
Tolland, CT 06084-3917
(860) 871-4011

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance to individual landowners, groups of landowners, communities, and soil and water conservation districts on land use and conservation planning, resource development, stormwater management, flood prevention, erosion control and sediment reduction, detailed soil surveys, watershed/river basin planning and recreation, and fish and wildlife management. Financial assistance is available to reduce flood damage in small watersheds and to improve water quality. Financial assistance is available under the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, the Cooperative River Basin Program, and the Small Watershed Protection Program.

Regional Resources

Northeast States Emergency Consortium
1 West Water Street, Suite 205
Wakefield, MA 01880
(781) 224-9876
http://www.serve.com/NESEC/

The Northeast States Emergency Consortium (NESEC) develops, promotes, and coordinates "all-hazards" emergency management activities throughout the northeast. NESEC works in partnership with public and private organizations to reduce losses of life and property. They provide support in areas including interstate coordination and public awareness and education, along with reinforcing interactions between all levels of government, academia, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector.

State Resources

Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, Division of Construction Services
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 713-5850
http://www.ct.gov/dcs/site/default.asp

Office of the State Building Inspector - The Office of the State Building Inspector is responsible for administering and enforcing the Connecticut State Building Code and is also responsible for the municipal Building Inspector Training Program.

Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106-7106
(860) 270-8000
http://www.ct.gov/ecd/

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development administers HUD's State CDBG Program, awarding smaller communities and rural areas grants for use in revitalizing neighborhoods, expanding affordable housing and economic opportunities, and improving community facilities and services.

<u>Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection</u>
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
(860) 424-3000
http://www.dep.state.ct.us/

The Department includes several divisions with various functions related to hazard mitigation:

Bureau of Water Management, Inland Water Resources Division - This division is generally responsible for flood hazard mitigation in Connecticut, including administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. Other programs within the division include:

- *National Flood Insurance Program State Coordinator*: Provides flood insurance and floodplain management technical assistance, floodplain management ordinance review, substantial damage/improvement requirements, community assistance visits, and other general flood hazard mitigation planning including the delineation of floodways.

- *Flood & Erosion Control Board Program*: Provides assistance to municipalities to solve flooding, beach erosion, and dam repair problems. Have the power to construct and repair flood and erosion management systems. Certain nonstructural measures that mitigate flood damages are also eligible. Funding is provided to communities that apply for assistance through a Flood & Erosion Control Board on a noncompetitive basis.

- *Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Management Program*: Provides training, technical, and planning assistance to local Inland Wetlands Commissions, reviews and approves municipal regulations for localities. Also controls flood management and natural disaster mitigations.

- *Dam Safety Program*: Charged with the responsibility for administration and enforcement of Connecticut's dam safety laws. Regulates the operation and maintenance of dams in the state. Permits the construction, repair or alteration of dams, dikes or similar structures and maintains a registration database of all known dams statewide. This program also operates a statewide inspection program.

Planning and Standards Division - Administers the Clean Water Fund and many other programs directly and indirectly related to hazard mitigation including the Section 319 nonpoint source pollution reduction grants and municipal facilities program which deals with mitigating pollution from wastewater treatment plants.

Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP) - Administers the Coastal Area Management Act (CAM) program and Long Island Sound License Plate Program.

<u>Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection</u>
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT 06457
(860) 685-8190

http://www.ct.gov/dps/

Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
25 Sigourney Street, 6th Floor
Hartford, CT 06106-5042
(860) 256-0800
http://www.ct.gov/demhs/

DEMHS is the lead division responsible for emergency management. Specifically, responsibilities include emergency preparedness, response and recovery, mitigation, and an extensive training program. DEMHS is the state point of contact for most FEMA grant and assistance programs and oversees hazard mitigation planning and policy; administration of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program; and the responsibility for making certain that the State Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five years. DEMHS administers the Earthquake and Hurricane programs described above under the FEMA resource section. Additionally, DEMHS operates a mitigation program to coordinate mitigation throughout the state with other government agencies. Additionally, the agency is available to provide technical assistance to sub-applicants during the planning process.

DEMHS operates and maintains the CT "Alert" emergency notification system powered by Everbridge. This system uses the state's Enhanced 911 database for location-based notifications to the public for life-threatening emergencies. The database includes traditional wire-line telephone numbers and residents have the option to register other numbers on-line in addition to the land line.

DEMHS employs the *State Hazard Mitigation Officer*, who is in charge of hazard mitigation planning and policy; oversight of administration of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and has the responsibility of making certain that the State Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five years.

Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131-7546
(860) 594-2000
http://www.ct.gov/dot/

The Department of Transportation administers the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) that includes grants for projects that promote alternative or improved methods of transportation. Funding through grants can often be used for projects with mitigation benefits such as preservation of open space in the form of bicycling and walking trails. CT DOT is also involved in traffic improvements and bridge repairs that could be mitigation related.

Connecticut Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 418-6200

http://www.ct.gov.opm

Small Town Economic Assistance Program

The Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds. This program is administered by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Connecticut municipalities may receive up to $500,000 per year if (1) they are not designated as a distressed municipality or a public investment community, and (2) the State Plan of Conservation and Development does not show them as having a regional center. Public Act 05-194 allows an Urban Act Town that is not designated as a regional center under the State Plan of Conservation and Development to opt out of the Urban Action program and become a STEAP town for a period of four years. Projects eligible for STEAP funds include:

1) Economic development projects such as (a) constructing or rehabilitating commercial, industrial, or mixed-use structures and (b) constructing, reconstructing, or repairing roads, access ways, and other site improvements;
2) Recreation and solid waste disposal projects;
3) Social service-related projects, including day care centers, elderly centers, domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters, multi-purpose human resource centers, and food distribution facilities;
4) Housing projects;
5) Pilot historic preservation and redevelopment programs that leverage private funds; and
6) Other kinds of development projects involving economic and community development, transportation, environmental protection, public safety, children and families and social service programs.

In recent years, STEAP grants have been used to help fund many types of projects that are consistent with the goals of hazard mitigation. Projects funded in 2013 and 2014 include streambank stabilization, dam removal, construction of several emergency operations centers (EOCs) in the state, conversion of a building to a shelter, public works garage construction and renovations, design and construct a public safety communication system, culvert replacements, drainage improvements, bridge replacements, generators, and open space acquisition.

Private and Other Resources

Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO)
450 Old Vine Street
Lexington, KY 40507
(859) 257-5140
http://www.damsafety.org

ASDSO is a non-profit organization of state and federal dam safety regulators, dam owners/operators, dam designers, manufacturers/suppliers, academia, contractors and others interested in dam safety. The mission is to advance and improve the safety of dams by supporting the dam safety community and state dam safety programs, raising awareness, facilitating cooperation, providing a forum for the exchange of information, representing dam safety interests before governments, providing outreach programs, and creating an unified community of dam safety advocates.

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM)
2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Suite 204
Madison, WI 53713
(608) 274-0123
http://www.floods.org/

ASFPM is a professional association of state employees that assist communities with the NFIP with a membership of over 1,000. ASFMP has developed a series of technical and topical research papers and a series of Proceedings from their annual conferences. Many "mitigation success stories" have been documented through these resources and provide a good starting point for planning.

Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM)
P.O. Box 960
Cheshire, CT 06410
ContactCAFM@gmail.com

CAFM is a professional association of private consultants and local floodplain managers that provides training and outreach regarding flood management techniques. CAFM is the local state chapter of ASFPM.

Institute for Business & Home Safety
4775 East Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL 33617
(813) 286-3400
http://www.ibhs.org/

A nonprofit organization put together by the insurance industry to research ways of reducing the social and economic impacts of natural hazards. The Institute advocates the development and implementation of building codes and standards nationwide and may be a good source of model code language.

Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering and Research (MCEER)
University at Buffalo
State University of New York
Red Jacket Quadrangle
Buffalo, New York 14261
(716) 645-3391
http://mceer.buffalo.edu/

A source for earthquake statistics, research, and for engineering and planning advice.

The National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA)
1301 K Street, NW, Suite 800 East
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 218-4122
http://www.nafsma.org

NAFSMA is an organization of public agencies who strive to protect lives, property, and economic activity from the adverse impacts of stormwater by advocating public policy, encouraging technology, and conducting educational programs. NAFSMA is a voice in national politics on water resources management issues concerning stormwater management, disaster assistance, flood insurance, and federal flood management policy.

National Emergency Management Association (NEMA)
P.O. Box 11910
Lexington, KY 40578
(859)-244-8000
http://www.nemaweb.org/

A national association of state emergency management directors and other emergency management officials, the NEMA Mitigation Committee is a strong voice to FEMA in shaping all-hazard mitigation policy in the nation. NEMA is also an excellent source of technical assistance.

Natural Hazards Center
University of Colorado at Boulder
482 UCB
Boulder, CO 80309-0482
(303) 492-6818
http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/

The Natural Hazards Center includes the Floodplain Management Resource Center, a free library and referral service of the ASFPM for floodplain management publications. The Natural Hazards Center is located at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Staff can use keywords to identify useful publications from the more than 900 documents in the library.

Volunteer Organizations **-** Volunteer organizations including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, and the Mennonite Disaster Service are often available to help after disasters. Service Organizations such as the Lions Club, Elks Club, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are also available. Habitat for Humanity and the Mennonite Disaster

Service provide skilled labor to help rebuild damaged buildings while incorporating mitigation or floodproofing concepts. The office of individual organizations can be contacted directly or the FEMA Regional Office may be able to assist.

Flood Relief Funds **-** After a disaster, local businesses, residents, and out-of-town groups often donate money to local relief funds. They may be managed by the local government, one or more local churches, or an ad hoc committee. No government disaster declaration is needed. Local officials should recommend that the funds be held until an applicant exhausts all sources of public disaster assistance, allowing the funds to be used for mitigation and other projects that cannot be funded elsewhere.

Americorps **-** Americorps is the National Community Service Organization. It is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects volunteers with nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based and community organizations to help meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. Through their service and the volunteers they mobilize, AmeriCorps members address critical needs in communities throughout America, including helping communities respond to disasters. Some states have trained Americorps members to help during flood-fight situations such as by filling and placing sandbags.

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APPENDIX A
STAPLEE MATRIX

#	Actions/Strategies for the Town of Newtown	Report Sections: Flooding	Report Sections: Hurricanes and Tropical Storms	Report Sections: Summer Storms and Tornadoes	Report Sections: Winter Storms	Report Sections: Earthquakes	Report Sections: Dam Failure	Report Sections: Wildfires	Category 1. Prevention 2. Property Protection 3. Natural Resource Prot. 4. Structural Projects 5. Public Information 6. Emergency Services	Responsible Department[1]	Timeframe	Cost Low = Minimal[2] Intermediate = <$100,000 High = >$100,000	Potential Funding Sources[3]	Weighted STAPLEE Criteria[4] Benefits: Social	Benefits: Technical (x2)	Benefits: Administrative	Benefits: Political	Benefits: Legal	Benefits: Economic (x2)	Benefits: Environmental	Benefits: STAPLEE Subtotal	Costs: Social	Costs: Technical (x2)	Costs: Administrative	Costs: Political	Costs: Legal	Costs: Economic (x2)	Costs: Environmental	Costs: STAPLEE Subtotal	Total STAPLEE Score
	ALL HAZARDS																													
1	Utilize the Code RED emergency notification system to its fullest capabilities	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	5,6	EMS	7/2015-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	**4.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**3.5**
2	Encourage residents to purchase and use NOAA weather radios with alarm features	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	5	EMS	7/2015-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	**3.5**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**3.5**
3	Disseminate informational pamphlets regarding natural hazards to public locations	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	5	EMS	7/2015-12/2015	Low	Municipal/OB, FEMA	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	**3.5**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**3.0**
4	Review potential evacuation routes to ensure timely migration of people seeking shelter in all areas of town	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	5,6	EMS	7/2015-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	**3.5**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**3.0**
5	Post a list of town sheltering facilities on the Town Hall and on the Town's website so residents can be prepared during a hazard even	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	EMS	7/2015-12/2015	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	**3.5**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**3.0**
6	Add pages to the town website dedictaed to citizen education and preparation for hazard events	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	5	EMS	7/2015-12/2015	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	**3.5**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**3.0**
7	Pursue improved communications with the Town of Oxford and First Light regarding emergency response along Lake Zoar	x	x	x	x		x		6	EMS	1/2016-12/2016	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**5.0**
8	Prepare status memo that describes objectives and policies from this hazard mitigation plan that may be considered for incorporation into the Plan of Conservation and Development when it is updated in 2024; and provide the memo to the Planning and Zoning Commission.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1, 3, 4, 5	P&Z	7/2019-12/2019	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0.5	**5.5**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**5.0**
	FLOOD - Prevention																													
9	Require developers to demonstrate whether detention or retention of stormwater is the best option for reducing peak flows downstream of a project and provide a design for the appropriate alternative.	x	x	x			x		2	P&Z	1/2016-12/2016	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	0	0	0.5	**4.5**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**4.0**
	FLOOD - Property Protection																													
10	Encourage property owners to purchase flood insurance under the NFIP.	x	x	x			x		2,5	EMS	7/2015-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**5.0**
11	Conduct drainage evaluations along Turkey Hill Road, Nearbrook Drive, Meadow Brook Road and in the vicinity of the five lakeside communities to determine appropriate measures for improved drainage and flood mitigation.	x	x	x			x		2	PW	7/2015-6/2019	High	STEAP, CI	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	**8.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	**-2.0**	**6.0**
12	Pursue elevation of residential properties that suffer flood damage. Properties may be classified as repetitive loss or not classified as repetitive loss, but RLPs should be prioritized.	x	x	x			x		2	First Selectman	7/2016-6/2020	High	HMA*	1	1	1	0	1	0.5	1	**7.0**	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	**-3.0**	**4.0**
	FLOOD - Public Education																													
13	Compile a checklist that cross-references the bylaws, regulations, and codes related to flood damage prevention that may be applicable to a proposed project and make this list available to potential applicants.	x	x	x			x		2,5	P&Z	7/2015-12/2015	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0.5	**5.5**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**5.0**
14	Provide outreach regarding home elevation and relocation, flood barriers, dry floodproofing, wet floodproofing, and other home improvement techniques (Section 3.6.2) to private homeowners and businesses with flooding problems	x	x	x			x			Building Official	7/2015-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**4.5**
15	Hold workshops involving all Town departments to provide training for dealing with widespread flooding damage	x	x	x			x		2,5	P&Z	7/2015-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB, CAFM	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**4.5**
	FLOOD - Natural Resource Protection																													
16	Evalute scour damage along Pond Brook and develop mitigation measures										7/2015-6/2016	Intermediate	STEAP, CI	1	1	1	1	1	0	0.5	**6.5**	0	0	0	0	0	-0.5	0	**-1.0**	**5.5**
17	Develop a priority list of areas identified (during stream reconnaissance work) that are in need of stabilization and implement corrective actions	x	x	x			x		2,3	P&Z	7/2015-6/2018	Intermediate	STEAP, CI	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	**6.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-0.5	0	**-1.0**	**5.0**
18	Pursue acquisition of additional municipal open space in SHFAs and set it aside for greenways, parks, etc.	x	x	x			x		2,3	First Selectman	7/2016-6/2020	High	HMA* (if currently developed or Private Funds	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	**7.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	**-2.0**	**5.0**
	FLOOD - Structural Projects																													
19	Consider conducting a town wide drainage analysis to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as stormwater retrofits.	x	x	x			x		2	PW	7/2017-6/2018	High	STEAP, CI	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	**7.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	-1	0	**-2.5**	**4.5**
20	Review culvert conveyances based on Northeast Regional Climate Center guidance for increasing precipitation [regional analysis of rainfall extremes (http://precip.eas.cornell.edu/) for engineering design]	x	x	x			x		2,4	PW	7/2016-6/2017	Intermediate	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	**6.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**5.5**
21	Develop a plan to stabilize low-lying roads, especially in the lakeside communities	x	x	x			x		4	PW	7/2016-6/2017	High	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	1	1	0	0.5	**6.5**	0	0	0	0	0	-0.5	0	**-1.0**	**5.5**
22	Complete necessary improvements of town bridges. Specifically, Turkey Hill Bridge and Meadow Brook Bridge which are due for replacement.	x	x	x			x		4	PW	7/2016-6/2020	High	STEAP, CI, HMA	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	**7.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	**-2.0**	**5.0**
	FLOOD - Emergency Services																													
23	Ensure adequate barricades are available to block flooded streets in floodprone areas	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	EMS	7/2015-12/2015	Intermediate	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0.5	**5.5**	0	0	0	0	0	-0.5	0	**-1.0**	**4.5**
	HURRICANES, SUMMER STORMS AND WINTER STORMS																													
24	Continue town wide tree limb inspection and maintenance programs to ensure that the potential for downed power lines is diminished.		x	x	x				2	PW	7/2015-6/2019	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	**6.0**	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	0	**-1.0**	**5.0**
25	Pursue funding to place utilities underground in existing developed areas		x	x	x				2	P&Z	7/2018-6/2020	High	STEAP, HMA	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	0	**7.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	**-2.0**	**5.0**
26	The Building Department should provide literature regarding appropriate design standards for wind		x	x	x				5	Building Official, EMS	7/2015-12/2015	Low	NA	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	**4.0**	0	-0.5	0	0	0	-0.5	0	**-2.0**	**2.0**
27	Encourage the use of structural techniques related to mitigation of wind damage in new residential and commercial structures to protect new buildings to a standard greater than the minimum building code requirements. Require such improvements for new municipal critical facilities.		x	x	x				2	Building Official, EMS	7/2015-6/2020	Low	STEAP, HMA, EOC	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**5.0**
28	Improve communications with CL&P, particularly with respect to trimming times and locations within Newtown		x	x	x				2	PW	7/2015-6/2016	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	**5.0**	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	0	**-1.0**	**4.0**
29	Work with CL&P to determine the feasibility of placing non-conducting steel cables above power lines to protect them from falling branches and trees.		x	x	x				2	PW	7/2016-6/2020	High	CL&P	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	**6.0**	0	-0.5	0	0	0	-1	0	**-3.0**	**3.0**

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	WINTER STORMS																													
30	Develop a plan to prioritize snow removal from the roof of critical facilities and other municipal buildings each winter. Ensure adequate funding is available in the Town budget for this purpose										7/2015-6/2016	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	0	0.5	0	**5.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-0.5	0	**-1.0**	**4.0**
31	Provide information on the dangers of cold-related hazards to people and property.										7/2015-12/2015	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	**4.0**	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	0	**-1.0**	**3.0**
32	Consider posting the snow plowing routes in Town buildings each winter to increase public awareness				x				5	EMS,PW	7/2015-12/2015	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	0.5	0	0	**4.5**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**4.5**
33	Emergency personnel should continue to identify areas that are difficult to access during winter storm events and devise contingency plans to access such areas during emergencies.				x				6	EMS	7/2015-6/2016	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**5.0**
34	Address icing along Route 53 through the development and implementation of appropriate drainage projects				x				6	PW	7/2016-6/2017	High	CI	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	**6.0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**6.0**
35	The Building Department should provide literature regarding appropriate design standards for mitigating icing, insulating pipes, anc retrofits for flat-roofed buildings such as heating coils.				x				5	Building Official	7/2015-6/2016	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0.5	0	**6.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	-0.5	0	**-1.5**	**4.5**
36	Consider the protection/hardening of utilities to minimize power outages during storm events									PW	7/2016-6/2017	High	CI and CL&P	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	**7.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	-1	0	**-2.5**	**4.5**
	EARTHQUAKES																													
37	Consider preventing new residential development in areas prone to collapse.					x			2	P&Z	1/2016-12/2016	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**5.0**
38	Ensure that municipal departments have adequate backup facilities in case earthquake damage occurs to municipal buildings					x			1,2	EMS,PW	7/2016-6/2018	Intermediate	STEAP, EOC	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	0	**7.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-0.5	0	**-1.0**	**6.0**
39	The town may consider bracing systems and assets inside critical facilities. This could help protect IT systems, important records and files.					x			2,6	EMS,PW	7/2016-6/2018	Intermediate	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0.5	0	**6.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-0.5	0	**-1.0**	**5.0**
	DAM FAILURE																													
40	File EOPs/EAPs with town departments and emergency personnel						x		5,6	EMS	7/2015-6/2016	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	**6.0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**6.0**
41	Include dam failure innundation areas in the CodeRED emergency notification system contact database						x		6	EMS	7/2016-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	**6.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**5.5**
42	Work with the owner of 27 Glen Road Dam to determine the feasibility of removing the dam to reduce the amount of water and material behind it.						x		5	EMS,PW	7/2015-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	**5.5**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**5.5**
	WILDFIRES																													
43	Continue to require the installation of fire protection water in new developments where municipal water service is unavailable, and sprinkler systems where access is limited for fire apparatus.							x	2,3	P&Z	7/2015-6/2020	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	**7.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**6.5**
44	Provide outreach programs on how to properly manage burning and campfires on private property							x	2,6	EMS	7/2015-6/2017	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**4.5**
45	Revise and enhance the town's website concerning local regulatory requirements concerning Open Burining.							x	2,6	P&Z, Fire Department	7/2015-12/2015	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	**5.0**	0	0	-0.5	0	0	0	0	**-0.5**	**4.5**
46	Patrol Town-owned open space and parks to prevent unauthorized campfires.							x	3,6	Fire Department	7/2015-6/2020	Low	Municipal/OB	1	1	1	0	1	0	0.5	**5.5**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0.0**	**5.5**
47	The Fire Departments should coordinate with Aquarion Water Company to identify areas where fire-fighting capacity may be limited due to lack of water pressure or storage.							x	3,6	Fire Department	7/2016-6/2020	High	Aquarion Water Co.	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	**6.0**	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	**-2.0**	**4.0**

NOTES

1. Departments:
   - EMS = Emergency Management Services
   - ZEO = Zoning Enforcement Offficer (NFIP coordinator)
   - PW = Department of Public Works
   - P&Z = Planning & Zoning
2. Low = To be completed by staff or volunteers where costs are primarily printing, copying, or meetings and costs are less than $10,000; Moderate = Costs are less than $100,000; High = Costs are > than $100,000
3. Funding sources:
   - Municipal/OB = Municipal operating budgets
   - CI = Capital Improvement Plan budgets
   - HMA = Hazard Mitigation Assistance
   - A * by "HMA" indicates that it has a potential for a benefit-cost ratio above 1.0
   - EOC = Emergency Operations Center grant (not currently active)
   - STEAP = Small Town Economic Assistance Program (State grant program)
   - Private = Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc. and/or Newtown Forest Association, Inc.
   - CAFM = Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (www.ctfloods.org)
   - EMI = Emergency Management Institute (no charge for town staff)
4. A beneficial or favorable rating = 1; an unfavorable rating = -1. Technical and Financial benefits and costs are double-weighted (i.e. their values are counted twice in each subtotal)

APPENDIX B
RECORD OF MUNICIPAL ADOPTION

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION
TOWN OF NEWTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the town of Newtown has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g. *flooding, high wind, thunderstorms, winter storms, earthquakes, dam failure, and wildfires)*, resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newtown has developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its Hazard Mitigation Plan under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held between February 2014 and April 2014 regarding the development and review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of Newtown; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the town of Newtown, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Newtown eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Newtown;
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.
4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Adopted this ______ day of _______, 2015 by the Board of Selectman of Newtown, Connecticut

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First Selectman

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his/her signature and the corporate seal of the Town of Newtown this _____ day of _______, 2015.

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Town Clerk

APPENDIX C
MITIGATION PROJECT STATUS WORKSHEETS

Mitigation Action Progress Report Form

Progress Report Period	From Date:	To Date:
Action/Project Title		
Responsible Agency		
Contact Name		
Contact Phone/Email		
Project Status	❑ Project completed ❑ Project canceled ❑ Project on schedule ❑ Anticipated completion date:__________ ❑ Project delayed Explain __________	

Summary of Project Progress for this Report Period

1. What was accomplished for this project during this reporting period?

2. What obstacles, problems, or delays did the project encounter?

3. If uncompleted, is the project still relevant? Should the project be changed or revised?

4. Other comments

APPENDIX D
DOCUMENTATION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

APPENDIX D
PREFACE

An extensive data collection, evaluation, and outreach program was undertaken to compile information about existing hazards and mitigation in the Town of Newtown as well as to identify areas that should be prioritized for hazard mitigation. Documentation of this process is provided within the following sets of meeting minutes and field reports.

Meeting Agenda
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR TOWN OF NEWTOWN
February 27, 2014

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1. Purpose and Need for Hazard Mitigation Plan
2. Natural Hazards and Hazard Mitigation
3. Update on Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs (PDM, HMGP)
4. Hazards to Include in Plan
5. Hazard Mitigation Planning Process
6. Project Scope and Schedule
7. Data Collection and Review of Hazards and Events from 2007-2014
8. Hazard Mitigation Strategies
9. Outreach and Public Involvement
10. Next Steps

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Development of Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Newtown

Presented by:
David Murphy, P.E., CFM
Craig Southern, CFM
Milone & MacBroom, Inc.

February 27, 2014

Purpose and Need for a Hazard Mitigation Plan

- **Authority**
  - Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (amendments to Stafford Act of 1988)
- **Goal of Disaster Mitigation Act**
  - Encourage disaster preparedness
  - Encourage hazard mitigation measures to reduce losses of life and property
- **Status of Plans in Connecticut**
  - Most initial plans developed 2005-2010
  - A few areas of the State remain
  - The State hazard mitigation plan is updated every three years; local plans are updated every five years

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What is a Natural Hazard?

- **An extreme natural event that poses a risk to people, infrastructure, and resources**

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What is Hazard Mitigation?

- **Actions that reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people, property, and resources from natural hazards and their effects**

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Long-Term Goals of Hazard Mitigation

- **Reduce loss of life and damage to property and infrastructure**
- **Reduce the costs to residents and businesses (taxes, insurance, repair costs, etc.)**
- **Educate residents and policy-makers about natural hazard risk and vulnerability**
- **Connect hazard mitigation planning to other community planning efforts**
- **Enhance and preserve natural resource systems in the community**

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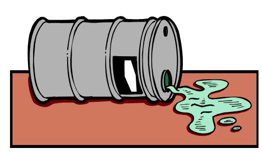
What a Hazard Mitigation Plan Does Not Address

- **Terrorism and Sabotage**

- **Disaster Response and Recovery**
- **Human Induced Emergencies (some fires, hazardous spills and contamination, disease, etc**



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Update on Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs

- **Local communities must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in place to receive Federal Grant Funds for Hazard Mitigation Projects**
  - **PDM (Pre-Disaster Mitigation)**
  - **HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)**
  - **FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance)**
- **Connecticut has >$20M to distribute under HMGP**

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How Can the Plan be Used?

- **Grants can be used for:**
  - **Building acquisitions or elevations**
  - **Culvert replacements**
  - **Drainage projects**
  - **Riverbank stabilization**
  - **Landslide stabilization**
  - **Wind retrofits**
  - **Seismic retrofits**
  - **Snow load retrofits**
  - **Standby power supplies for critical facilities**

FEMA's new cost effectiveness guidelines will make acquisitions and elevations easier

This home in Trumbull was acquired and demolished using a FEMA grant

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How Can the Plan be Used?

Culvert Replacement to be funded by HMGP

Floyd 1999

Irene 2011

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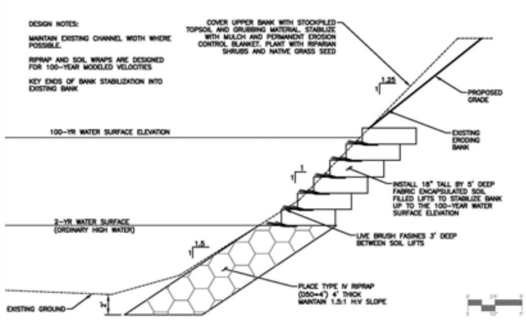
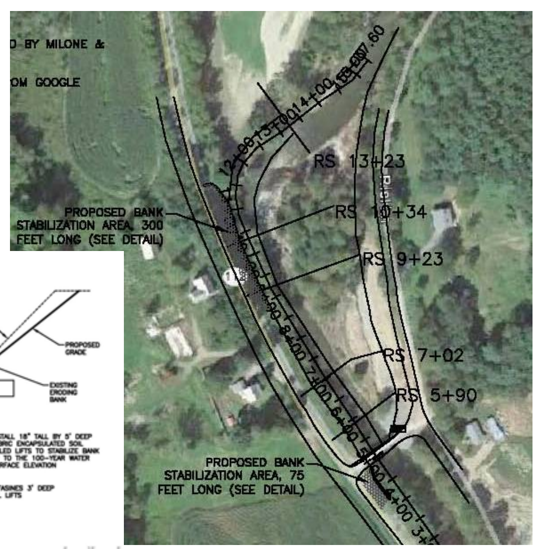
How Can the Plan be Used?

Riverbank Stabilization to be funded by HMGP





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Hazards Proposed to Include in the Plan

- Floods
- Hurricanes and tropical storms
- Summer storms and tornadoes

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Hazards Proposed to Include in the Plan

- Winter storms and nor'easters
- Earthquakes
- Wildfires
- Dam failure
- Landslides (optional)

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Components of Hazard Mitigation Plan Process

- Review natural hazards that could occur in Newtown
- Review the vulnerability of structures and populations and identify critical facilities and areas of concern
- Incorporate effects of federally declared disasters that have occurred in the last few years:
  - March 2010 floods
  - Winter snow loads/collapsing roofs in January 2011
  - Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011 (and T.S. Lee afterward)
  - Winter Storm Alfred in October 2011
  - Hurricane Sandy in October 2012
  - Winter Storm Nemo in February 2013

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Components of Hazard Mitigation Plan Process

- Assess adequacy of mitigation measures currently in place such as regulations and drainage projects
- Develop mitigation goals, strategies, and actions
- Outreach to stakeholders and neighboring towns
- HAZUS vulnerability/risk analysis
- Public participation
- Develop plan document
- State and FEMA approvals
- Local adoption

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Scope of Services and Schedule

- Task 1 – Project Initiation and Data Collection: February 2014
- Task 2 – Risk and Vulnerability Assessment: HAZUS already completed; additional analysis March 2014
- Task 3 – Strategy and Plan Development: March-April 2014
- Task 4 – DEMHS and FEMA Review and Plan Adoption: May 2014 and continuing as needed

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Data Collection and Discussion

- What are Newtown's critical facilities?
- Shelters and evacuation routes
- Standby power supplies
- Discussion of recent storms (Irene, Alfred, Sandy)
- Development and redevelopment trends
- Utilities above/below ground?
- Areas of flooding
- Three repetitive loss properties
- How are drainage and flooding complaints received and tracked?

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Data Collection and Discussion

- Have any bridges, culverts, or stormwater systems been replaced or upgraded recently?
- Areas prone to wind damage or increased wind damage risk
- Tree maintenance and tree warden budget
- Snow and ice removal routes and capabilities
- Areas prone to icing or drifts in winter
- Dams and effects of dam failure
- Areas without fire protection and use of dry hydrants and cisterns
- Areas prone to wildfires, fire department capabilities, coordination with nearby municipalities

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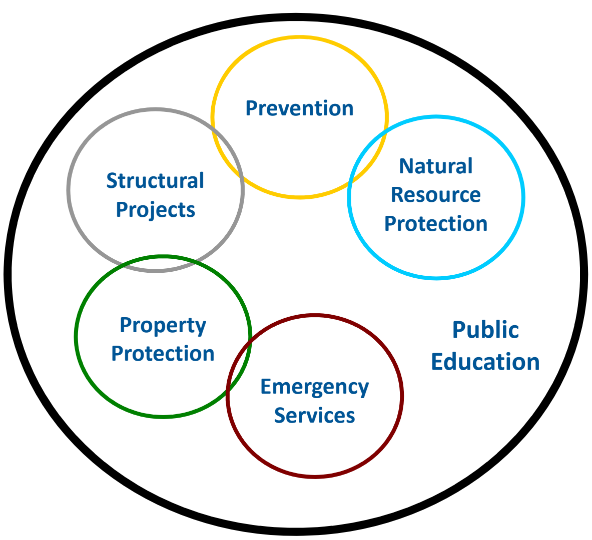
Hazard Mitigation Strategies



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Flood Mitigation Strategies

Flood Mitigation

Structural Projects

- Replace Bridges and Culverts
- Remove In-Stream Dams
- Remove Obstructions
- Upstream Detention
- Install Stormwater Systems
- Create Floodways
- Enlarge Channels
- Reduce Flow Resistance
- Install Levees
- Install Flood Walls

Property Protection

- Wet Floodproofing
- Dry Floodproofing
- Elevate Buildings
- Relocate Buildings
- Secure Utilities
- Anchor Floatables
- Remove Hazardous Materials
- Re-Grade Properties
- Purchase Flood Insurance
- Join the Community Rating System (CRS)

Prevention

- Modify Zoning
- Modify Comp Plan
- Stormwater Management Regulations
- Increase Flood Damage Prevention Standards
- Freeboard
- Low Impact Development
- Minimize Impervious Cover

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Flood Mitigation Strategies

Flood Mitigation

Natural Resources

- Acquire or Preserve Floodplain Land
- Acquire and Remove Structures from Floodplains and Convert to Open Space
- Acquire or Preserve Other Lands
- Increase Wetland Storage
- Re-Connect Streams to Floodplains

Emergency Services

- Build Local Capacities to Respond
- Move Critical Facilities from Flood Risk Areas
- Establish Emergency Shelters
- Elevate Roads or Bridges to Ensure Egress
- Develop Community Evacuation Plans
- Develop Site-Specific Evacuation Plans
- Establish Satellite Facilities in Areas Subject to Isolation

Public Education

- Newsletters
- Community Meetings
- Information Kiosks
- Web Site with Flood Risk Maps
- Education of Municipal Staff
- Leverage State and FEMA Education Programs
- Establish a Standing Committee or Board to Oversee Outreach

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Other Hazard Mitigation Strategies

- Strengthen or reinforce shelters and critical facilities
- Create backup critical facilities
- Bury utilities
- Harden utilities
- Expand and fund tree maintenance programs
- Snow load removal plans and programs
- Shutters, load path, and roof projects
- Enhance fire suppression capabilities with dry hydrants, cisterns, etc.
- Bracing for potential earthquake damage
- Public education programs and resources

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Hazard Mitigation Strategies for Newtown

- Goals?
- Strategies and actions?
- What one or two things can be done in Newtown with current budgets?
- What one or two things would be done in Newtown if money was not a concern?

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Next Steps

- **Outreach and public involvement**
  - **Coordination with other HVCEO municipalities**
  - **Public information meeting in March or April 2014**
- **Materials needed or resulting from this meeting**
  - **POCD, Regulations, and zoning map**
  - **Are any specific ordinances related to hazard mitigation?**
  - **NFIP regulations: Is flood damage prevention included in the municipal code, zoning, or both?**

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MINUTES OF MEETING

PROJECT NO.:	MMI #3101-14-1
PROJECT NAME:	Hazard Mitigation Plan – Newtown
DATE OF MEETING:	February 27, 2014
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Data Collection
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Newtown Town Hall
ATTENDEES:	Pat Llodra, First Selectman George Benson, Director of Planning and Land Use Rob Sibley, Deputy Director of Planning and Land Use Frederick Hurley, Director of Public Works Donna Culbert, Health Department Director Ron Bolmer, Town Engineer Bill Halstead, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Director David Hannon, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) David Murphy, Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI) Craig Southern, Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI)

A. Welcome and Introductions

The individuals attending the data collection meeting were welcomed and introduced.

B. Description and Need for Hazard Mitigation Plans/Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

Mr. Murphy briefly described the basis for the natural hazard planning process and possible outcomes, including the role of the subject plan in grant application support for the community. Mr. Murphy discussed that with several declared disasters in the past few years there are opportunities for grants under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) through the State of Connecticut [Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS)]. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant programs require a local match of 25% of the project cost, and application materials must show that the proposed action will be cost effective (i.e., provide more long-term benefits in preventing damage than the up-front costs).

The plan will address flooding, hurricanes and tropical storms, winter storms and nor'easters, summer storms and tornadoes, earthquakes, dam failure, and wildfires. These hazards were discussed along with critical facilities, development trends, and mitigation strategies and actions for the Town of Newtown.

C. Critical Facilities

- The following critical facilities have backup power and generators:
  - Town Center
  - Police Department
  - Emergency Operations Center
  - New Ambulance Facility
  - The Town has 3 designated shelters; Emergency Operations Center, Newtown Middle School and Newtown High School
- Other Critical Facilities are:
  - All of the Schools in Town (7 public and several private and parochial schools)
  - Sewage Facility/Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - Fire Departments:
    - Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company Inc.
    - Hawleyville Fire Company
    - Botsford Fire Rescue
    - Newtown Hook and Ladder
    - Dodgingtown Fire Company
- All wellheads located in the town
- The municipal water-system managed by Aquarion
- Mr. Sibley will email a more detailed and comprehensive list of critical facilities and shelters.
- Arlene Miles will email a list of the reimbursement numbers that are associated with any past declared disasters that occurred in Newtown.

D. Development Trends

- Fairfield Hills, the Town Center which was once a State psychiatric hospital from 1931 to 1995, is an adaptive Reuse Zone. Some development has occurred on the Fairfield Hills property since the Town purchased it from the State in 2004. The Town Center was relocated into the renovated Bridgeport Hall in 2009. The ever-popular Newtown Youth Academy was the first new structure built on the campus in 2008. A 90-foot base-path baseball field has been constructed as well as a new Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Facility. A new Senior Center located on the Fairfield Hills campus has been programmed into the Town's 2016 – 2017 Capital Improvement Program.
- In 2011, the Fairfield Hills Master Plan Review Committee was formed to update the existing Fairfield Hills Master Plan based on current economic and social conditions.
- The five Lakeside Communities are often having some form of redevelopment associated with them.
- Some commercial development has been coming in within the last five years; a few small subdivisions and a number of active adult housing.
- Town personnel indicated that economic development is consistent with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development recently updated in the beginning of 2014.

- The town currently requires new construction to install utilities underground.

E. Flooding

- The areas that have continuous flooding in town are from these primary sources: the Housatonic River, Pootatuck River, Halfway River, Curtis Pond Brook and Pond Brook.
- Staff indicated that flooding occasionally requires the town to close portions of Turkey Hill Road and Nearbrook Drive. Both ends of both roads become impassable.
- The Pootatuck River corridor gets frequently floods.
- The Pond Brook experiences scour damage.
- Halfway River experiences flooding but does not affect any development.
- There have also been flooding and ponding issues related to the following streets: Shady Rest Boulevard, Turkey Hill Road, Nearbrook Drive, Meadow Brook Road.
- There are 3 reported Repetitive Loss Properties in Newtown located in the Sandy Hook village. Town staff indicated that these properties have drainage problems.
- Newtown currently maintains a Class 9 in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS). Mr. Sibley is the NFIP Coordinator for the town and fields the majority of the phone calls related to flooding and drainage complaints.
- Mr. Sibley indicated that development is highly restrictive in the SFHA; the town requires 10 feet of freeboard in commercial areas and 4 feet of freeboard in single-family residential.
- The five Lakeside Communities are known to have subsidence

F. Wind

- Power outages for both Tropical Storm Irene and Hurricane Sandy consisted of 8 to 11 days without power.
- The town has a proactive approach to tree trimming. Two Tree Wardens – one for the borough and one for the town. Within the past few years the town has increased its trimming efforts. The tree trimming budget is estimated around $200,000 with an emergency budget of $75,000. The town plans around CLP's trimming but the town desires better communication with CLP about the logistics of when and where they are planning to trim.
- Severe tree damage occurred in August 2011 with Tropical Storm Irene; damage to power-lines causing power outages and roadblocks were the biggest impact during the storm. There was one single-family house lost in the storm due to a falling tree. There were 11 days without power.
- Hurricane Sandy generated much less debris than either Irene or Alfred.
- The town's landfill was the only designated site used for debris during all storms.
- The town utilizes CodeRED for emergency communications.

G. *Winter Storms*

- Newtown received heavy snowfall in January 2011 as in many other areas of Connecticut. There was a lot of roof shoveling in town during this time. It is estimated that 12 buildings collapsed during that time, primarily accessory structures.
- The Police Department has a number of flat sections on the roof that require shoveling maintenance.
- Winter Storm Alfred caused severe tree loss especially among conifers. Power outages lasted for a minimum of 10 to 15 days
- Icing is a problem on Route 25 in the northwestern portion of town.
- The Highway Department has 11 plow-trucks with an annual budget over $200,000 for snow maintenance. There are 4 plowing districts and 6 routes per district. Newtown has 268 miles of local roads that are plowed and many private roads are plowed as well due to Town Ordinance.

H. *Earthquakes*

- No earthquakes were discussed that have recently affected Newtown.

I. *Dam Failure*

- According to CT DEEP dam inventory there are two dams that are considered to be of high hazard concern, both located in the southwest portion of town:
  - Shepaug Dam
  - Rocky Glen Dam
- Staff indicated that the significant hazard dam, the Curtis Dam, was recently replaced.
- The Rocky Glen Dam and the Lower Rocky Glen Dam along the Pootatuck River are the two dams that the town has the most concern for maintenance and observation.
- The town owns close to half a dozen dams.

J. *Wildfires*

- Ron Bolmer, Town Engineer will email a comprehensive list of the dry hydrants in town.
- The town has traditionally been first responders if there are any wildfires in Paugussett State Park.
- The town's area of greatest risk for wildfires was not discussed.
- Newtown has verbal mutual aid agreements with all of its neighbors.
- Overall, fire response in town is believed to be sufficient for the wildfire risk.

K. *Mitigation Strategies and Actions*

- The town plans to harden and protect utilities; only three poles cover half of the town and the town would need to collaborate with DOT and CL&P.

- The stabilization of roads in some of the low lying dense areas such as the five lakeside Communities. Concerns deal with the steeply sloping roads that can wash out due to poor conditions. The town currently does not have the ability to acquire homes or properties outside the SFHA. The town would like the Hazard Mitigation Plan to identify properties in the SFHA as well as properties along the Housatonic River and in some of these lakeside communities where access is challenging.
- The town hopes to conduct a town-wide stormwater analysis where eventually many retrofits and drainage improvements can be conducted.
- The town would like to have the Lower Rocky Glen Dam along the Pootatuck River removed; the town believes that this would reduce the flow of water and debris behind the dam.
- Stabilization of the bank of Pond Brook before more erosion and scour occurs and re-stabilize the failing Pond Brook Road and Edge Lake Road.

L. Public Outreach

- The public outreach meeting will be scheduled between Pat Llodra, First Selectman and David Hannon, HVECO for a date tentatively in late March or April.

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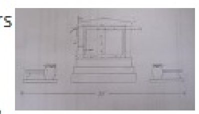
Book Donation Day At Library, Sunday

Enjoy • *Tuesday*

The Friends of the C.H. Booth Library counts on donations dropped off to the library for the Annual Book Sale, the biggest fundraiser of the year for the library support organization. With the library closed due to flooding all of January and February, fewer donations than normal have been received. Volunteers are hoping to make up some lost ground this weekend.

Dedication Of Memorial To Fallen Educators Scheduled

News • *Tuesday*



The National Teachers Hall of Fame (NTHF) will dedicate the Memorial to Fallen Educators on June 12, at 2 pm, on the Emporia State University campus. The memorial and dedication ceremony will honor fallen educators and provide a permanent tribute to their sacrifice. The inspiration for the memorial came from the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy that killed six educators on December 14, 2012. Members of the NTHF then began to research, and found reports of 112 fallen educators, dating back to 1764.

News

Library Director Search This Time Is Deliberate And Comprehensive

• Informational Session Slated On

Ribbon Cutting, Grand Opening Planned: Off-Leash Dog Park To Open May 3

By Kendra Bobowick • Features • *Tuesday*

May 3 will bring good news for dog lovers. On that day at 11 am, Newtown's off-leash dog park will celebrate its grand opening and ribbon cutting at the recently constructed facility on Old Farm Road below the Second Company Governor's Horse facility. The park will not be open to the public until then. Based on the feedback she has heard from the public, Assistant Director of Recreation RoseAnn Reggiano said, "People can't wait. Cannot wait." The park, construction of which began in mid-2013, includes benches, a fountain, water features, agility equipment, and more. On Saturday morning guests with dogs should enter the park with their dogs leashed. After a brief ribbon cutting and a few words from town officials, guests can let the dogs go in groups, rather than all at once Ms Reggiano said. The park will be officially open to the public at that time. [read more]

PARK and BARK NEWTOWN, CT

Library Director Search This Time Is Deliberate And Comprehensive

Nancy K. Crevier • News • *Tuesday*

Thoughtful, diligent, thorough, and complete are a few of the words Michael Talluto chose to describe the work being done by the New Director Search Committee of the Board of Trustees of C.H. Booth Library. The role of the search committee is to qualify candidates for the position of director of the C.H. Booth Library through a process that includes formulating interview questions, advertising for and promoting the position,

Public Comments Sought On Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

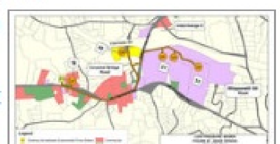
News • *Tuesday*

The Town of Newtown will host a public information meeting on Wednesday, April 30, at 7 pm, in the Newtown Municipal Center to discuss the preparation of a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the town.

TOWN OF NEWTOWN 1705 CONN

Informational Session Slated On Hawleyville Sewer System Expansion

Andrew Gorosko • News • *Tuesday*



After lengthy discussion at a February town meeting, voters by an 81-to-11 margin approved borrowing $2.8 million to expand the Hawleyville sanitary sewer

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Public Comments Sought On Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

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The purpose of a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify potential natural hazards and associated risks, such as flooding, existing capabilities to address risks, and activities that can be undertaken by the community to prevent potential injury and property damage associated with identified natural hazards.

Residents, property owners. and business owners are encouraged to participate in this discussion. For those who are unable to attend the meeting, comments may be sent to the Newtown First Selectman's Office.

For more information, contact the office of the first selectman at 203-270-4201.

TOWN OF NEWTOWN 1705 CONN

National Hazard Mitigation Plan Info Session at Newtown Municipal Center

Location: 3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT 06470

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Development of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan For the Town of Newtown

Presented by: Maryellen Edwards, Milone & MacBroom, Inc.

April 30, 2014

History of Hazard Mitigation Planning

- **Authority and Goals**
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Long-Term Goals of Hazard Mitigation

- **Reduce loss of life and damage to property and infrastructure**
- **Reduce the cost to residents, businesses, and taxpayers**
- **Educate residents and policy-makers about natural hazard risk and vulnerability**
- **Connect hazard mitigation planning to other community planning efforts**
- **Enhance and preserve natural resource systems in the community**

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What are the Benefits of having a Plan?

A Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan:

- **Provides a comprehensive risk assessment that supports proposed mitigation strategies**
- **Provides a detailed action plan of strategies that your community may implement to reduce risk**
- **Promotes coordination with other local, regional, State, and federal entities**
- **Provides State and FEMA with information on a community's vulnerabilities to help guide emergency response and post-event assistance**

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What are the Benefits of having a Plan?

- **Local municipalities must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in place to receive Federal Grant Funds for Hazard Mitigation Projects**
- **Grant funding typically covers 75% of project costs**
- **Eligible projects may already be identified in local plans and budgets, or support other regulatory programs**
- **Projects may reduce municipal service costs (e.g. emergency response, infrastructure maintenance)**
- **Can fund post-disaster mitigation of damaged structures and infrastructure**

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Components of Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

- **Identify natural hazards that could occur in Newtown**
- **Assess the vulnerability of structures and populations and identify critical facilities and areas of concern**
- **Incorporate effects and local costs of federally declared disasters that have occurred in the last few years, such as:**
  - **March 2010 floods**
  - **Winter snow loads/collapsing roofs in January 2011**
  - **Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011 (and T.S. Lee afterward)**
  - **Winter Storm Alfred in October 2011**
  - **Hurricane Sandy in October 2012**
  - **Winter Storm Nemo in February 2013**

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Components of Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

- **HAZUS vulnerability/risk analysis**
- **Assess adequacy of mitigation measures currently in place such as regulations, public information, and infrastructure**
- **Outreach to neighboring towns**
- **Public participation**
- **Develop mitigation goals, strategies, and actions**
- **Develop plan document**
- **State and FEMA approvals**
- **Local adoption**

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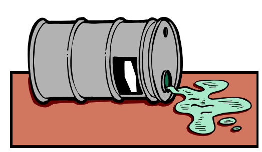
What a Hazard Mitigation Plan Does not Address

- **Terrorism and Sabotage**
- **Disaster Response and Recovery**
- **Human Induced Emergencies (some fires, hazardous spills and contamination, disease, etc.)**



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Primary Natural Hazards Facing Newtown

- Floods
- Hurricanes and tropical storms
- Summer storms and tornadoes

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Primary Natural Hazards Facing Newtown

- Winter storms and nor'easters
- Earthquakes
- Wildfires
- Dam failure

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Hurricanes and Tropical Storms

- Strong winds
- Heavy rain
- Floods

1955 Flood Images

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Summer Storms and Tornadoes

- Tornadoes
- Downbursts
- Lightning
- Heavy rain
- Hail

Tornado photos courtesy of the Hartford Courant

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Winter Storms and Nor’easters

- **Blizzards and nor’easters**
- **Heavy snow and drifts**
- **Freezing rain and ice**
- **Downed trees**

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Winter Storms and Nor’easters

- **Collapsed Buildings**

Photos courtesy of the Hartford Courant

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Earthquakes

- Connecticut is prone to very low-energy earthquakes
- Can cause dam failure, shaking, liquefaction, slides/slumps

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Wildfires

- Fire
- Heat
- Smoke
- April is the month of maximum risk in Connecticut

Photos courtesy of FEMA and the Middlebury Fire Department

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Dam Failure

- Severe rains or earthquakes can cause failure
- Possibility of loss of life and millions of dollars in damage
- Numerous registered high and significant hazard dams in Newtown or upstream

Recent dam failure in Sherman, CT

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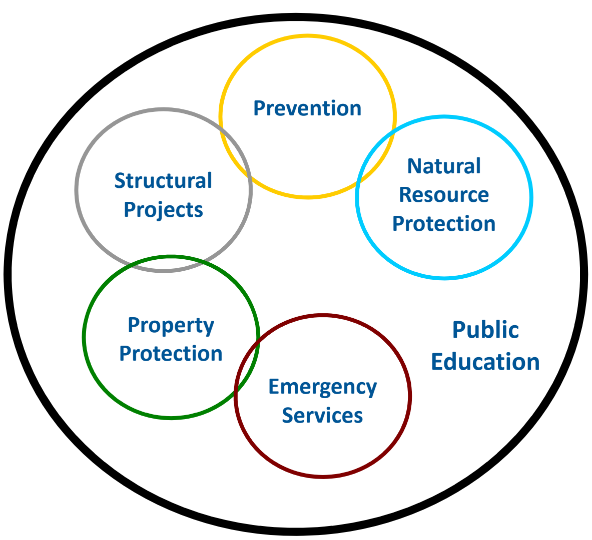
Categories of Hazard Mitigation Strategies



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Flood Mitigation Strategies

Flood Mitigation

Structural Projects

- Replace Bridges and Culverts
- Remove In-Stream Dams
- Remove Obstructions
- Upstream Detention
- Install Stormwater Systems
- Create Floodways
- Enlarge Channels
- Reduce Flow Resistance
- Install Levees
- Install Flood Walls

Property Protection

- Wet Floodproofing
- Dry Floodproofing
- Elevate Buildings
- Relocate Buildings
- Secure Utilities
- Anchor Floatables
- Remove Hazardous Materials
- Re-Grade Properties
- Purchase Flood Insurance
- Join the Community Rating System (CRS)

Prevention

- Modify Zoning
- Modify Comp Plan
- Stormwater Management Regulations
- Increase Flood Damage Prevention Standards
- Freeboard
- Low Impact Development
- Minimize Impervious Cover

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Flood Mitigation Strategies

Flood Mitigation

Natural Resources

- Acquire or Preserve Floodplain Land
- Acquire and Remove Structures from Floodplains and Convert to Open Space
- Acquire or Preserve Other Lands
- Increase Wetland Storage
- Re-Connect Streams to Floodplains

Emergency Services

- Improve Local Capacity to Respond
- Move Critical Facilities from Flood Risk Areas
- Establish Emergency Shelters
- Elevate Roads or Bridges to Ensure Egress
- Develop Community Evacuation Plans
- Develop Site-Specific Evacuation Plans
- Establish Satellite Facilities in Areas Subject to Isolation

Public Education

- Newsletters
- Community Meetings
- Information Kiosks
- Web Site with Flood Risk Maps
- Education of Municipal Staff
- Leverage State and FEMA Education Programs
- Establish a Standing Committee or Board to Oversee Outreach

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Other Typical Hazard Mitigation Strategies

- Strengthen or reinforce shelters and critical facilities
- Create backup critical facilities
- Replace overhead utilities with underground utilities
- Harden utilities and buildings
- Localized power grids ("microgrids")
- Expand tree maintenance programs
- Snow load removal and response plans
- Shutters, load path, and roof projects
- Backup systems and equipment
- Enhance fire suppression capabilities with dry hydrants, cisterns, etc.
- Bracing for potential earthquake damage
- Public education programs and resources

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How Can FEMA Grants be Used?

- Grants can be used for:
  - Building acquisitions or elevations
  - Culvert replacements
  - Drainage projects
  - Riverbank stabilization
  - Landslide stabilization
  - Wind retrofits
  - Seismic retrofits
  - Snow load retrofits
  - Standby power supplies for critical facilities
- The State of Connecticut prioritizes applications
- FY 2014 funding is $112 million for PDM and FMA; HMGP funding is disaster-specific

This home in Trumbull was acquired and demolished using a FEMA grant and the land combined with the adjacent municipal park

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Example Projects

Culvert Replacement to be funded by HMGP

Floyd 1999

Irene 2011

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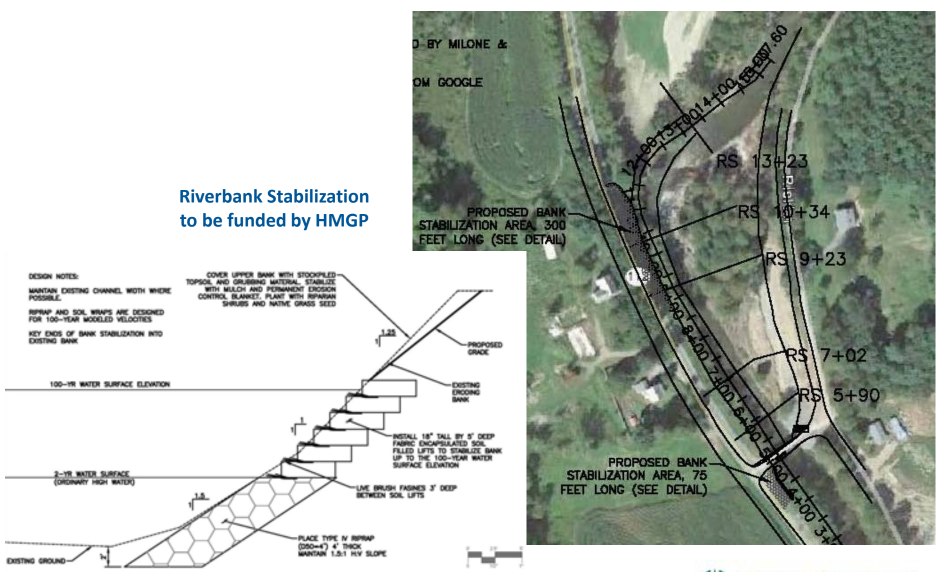
Example Projects

Riverbank Stabilization to be funded by HMGP



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Next Steps

- Incorporate input from residents, business owners, and public officials
- Develop mitigation strategies
- Prepare draft plans for review by the town and the public
- Adopt and implement the plan
- Seek hazard mitigation funds

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TOWN OF NEWTOWN HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING
APRIL 30, 2014

A meeting was held on April 30, 2014 at 7:00pm to educate and answer any questions the public may have about the hazard mitigation planning process. A 30-minute power point presentation was given by Maryellen Edwards of Milone & MacBroom, Inc. followed by a 30-minute open discussion, addressing areas of concern.

The meeting attendees included:

- George Benson, Director of Planning and Land Use
- Bill Halstead, Emergency Management Director
- David Hannon, HVCEO
- Maryellen Edwards, Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
- Andy Gorosko, Newtown Bee
- Linda Zukauskas, Voices Newspaper

The following were discussion points:

- Small private dams throughout Newtown are in need of repair. Cost is too high for residents to repair. David Hannon indicated residents may be able to get assistance from DEEP.
- Protection of natural resources is important in Newtown, especially due to the presence of the Pootatuck Aquifer.
- Rob Sibley, the Deputy Director of Planning and Land Use is a Certified Floodplain Manager and may be able to assist residents as needed.
- Newtown has a great working relationship with CL&P and the maintenance trimming they have been doing has been very helpful.
- The town has been considering the use of a Micro-grid type program. One potential location for a solar panel field is the Batchelder brownfields site.
- Newtown has completed stream walks throughout town and assembled a list of areas where riverbank stabilization and culvert maintenance is needed.
- Two stream flow gauges are located in town.
- The town has concerns with stormwater runoff from Route 84 in the vicinity of Exit 11. During rain events, stormwater runs straight to the Pootatuck River and causes significant erosion problems. The town would like to work with CT DOT when construction of Exit 11 takes place.
- The most common hazard in Newtown is flooding associated with storms. Storms that also take down power lines are also a concern.
- FEMA provides grants to private citizens as well as public entities.

July 8, 2014

TO:

Tony Hay, Supervisor, Town of Southeast, NY	Carol Hubert, Chief of Staff, Town of Southbury, CT
Adam Stiebeling, Commissioner of Emergency Services, Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Management (NY)	Anna Rycenga, ZEO, Town of Oxford, CT
Warren Lucas, Supervisor, Town of North Salem, NY	Sam Gold, Executive Director, COGCNV (CT)
Peter Parsons, Supervisor, Town of Lewisboro, NY	Barbara Henry, First Selectman, Town of Roxbury
Dennis Delborgo, Director, Westchester County Office of Emergency Management (NY)	Mark Lyon, First Selectman, Town of Washington
Bill Brennan, First Selectman, Town of Wilton, CT	Bruce Adams, First Selectman, Town of Kent
Gayle Weinstein, First Selectman, Town of Weston, CT	Jocelyn Ayer, Community & Economic Development Director, Northwest Hills Council of Governments (CT)
David Hannon, for South Western Regional Planning Agency (CT)	Brian Bidolli, Executive Director, Greater Bridgeport Regional Council (CT)
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman, Town of Easton, CT	Steve Vavrek, First Selectman, Town of Monroe, CT

RE: Hazard Mitigation Plans for Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Newtown, New Milford, Redding, and Ridgefield (Connecticut)
MMI #3101-14-1

Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI) is working with the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) and the towns of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Newtown, New Milford, Redding, and Ridgefield to develop hazard mitigation plans. In recent years, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has emphasized the need for communities to work together to address hazards that span municipal boundaries. Thus, these municipalities are interested in coordinating with your jurisdictions relative to hazards that could cross municipal boundaries such as flooding, as well as strategies for hazard mitigation that could be addressed by two or more communities.

We understand that you may be the representative involved with hazard mitigation planning in your municipality and, therefore, will have the most valuable input for the plans being developed for Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Newtown, New Milford, Redding, and Ridgefield. Please take a moment to share your thoughts for the following:

1. Does your municipality face any shared hazards with Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Newtown, New Milford, Redding, or Ridgefield that could be addressed by both communities? Examples could be flooding along a stream that flows across a town boundary or wind storms that damage power lines that cross the town boundary.
2. Can you think of any strategies for hazard mitigation that could benefit both communities?
3. Does your municipality currently cooperate with Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Newtown, New Milford, Redding, or Ridgefield on any of the following:

- Local emergency communications or response
- Road maintenance, drainage system maintenance, public works, etc.
- Communications with electric and other utility providers

You may contact the undersigned via email or telephone. A written response is not necessary. Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

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APPENDIX E
HAZUS DOCUMENTATION

Hazus-MH: Flood Event Report

Region Name: NewtownFIT2

Flood Scenario: Deep Brook 2

Print Date: Monday, December 30, 2013

Disclaimer:

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The flood loss estimates provided in this report were based on a region that included 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

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Building Inventory

General Building Stock

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Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.00%**

Table 2
Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Scenario

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	35,312	40.7%
Commercial	23,616	27.2%
Industrial	26,678	30.8%
Agricultural	0	0.0%
Religion	948	1.1%
Government	0	0.0%
Education	117	0.1%
Total	**86,671**	**100.00%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds.
There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police station and 2 emergency operation center.

Flood Scenario Parameters

Hazus used the following set of information to define the flood parameters for the flood loss estimate provided in this report.

Study Region Name:	NewtownFIT2
Scenario Name:	Deep Brook 2
Return Period Analyzed:	100
Analysis Options Analyzed:	No What-Ifs

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 18 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 5% of the total number of buildings in the scenario. There are an estimated 7 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus Flood Technical Manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	5.56	2	11.11	8	44.44	7	38.89
Total	**0**		**0**		**1**		**2**		**8**		**7**	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type

	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
Building Type	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
ManufHousing	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	100.00
Masonry	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	6.25	2	12.50	8	50.00	5	31.25

Essential Facility Damage

Before the flood analyzed in this scenario, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the scenario flood event, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds are available in the region.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	Total	At Least Moderate	At Least Substantial	Loss of Use
Fire Stations	3	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Police Stations	1	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	0

If this report displays all zeros or is blank, two possibilities can explain this.

(1) None of your facilities were flooded. This can be checked by mapping the inventory data on the depth grid.

(2) The analysis was not run. This can be tested by checking the run box on the Analysis Menu and seeing if a message box asks you to replace the existing results.

Induced Flood Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the flood. The model breaks debris into three general categories: 1) Finishes (dry wall, insulation, etc.), 2) Structural (wood, brick, etc.) and 3) Foundations (concrete slab, concrete block, rebar, etc.). This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 299 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Finishes comprises 65% of the total, Structure comprises 16% of the total. If the debris tonnage is converted into an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 12 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the flood.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirements

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the flood and the associated potential evacuation. Hazus also estimates those displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 23 households will be displaced due to the flood. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated area. Of these, 50 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the flood is 4.27 million dollars, which represents 4.93 % of the total replacement value of the scenario buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the flood. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the flood.

The total building-related losses were 4.27 million dollars. 0% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. The residential occupancies made up 78.90% of the total loss. Table 6 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 6: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Building Loss						
	Building	2.24	0.09	0.12	0.01	2.46
	Content	1.13	0.31	0.28	0.07	1.79
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
	Subtotal	**3.37**	**0.39**	**0.43**	**0.08**	**4.27**
Business Interruption						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
ALL	**Total**	**3.37**	**0.40**	**0.43**	**0.08**	**4.27**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut

- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars)		
		Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Total Study Region	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Flood Event Report

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Table 2
Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Scenario

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	30,085	95.2%
Commercial	1,159	3.7%
Industrial	215	0.7%
Agricultural	150	0.5%
Religion	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%
Education	0	0.0%
Total	**31,609**	**100.00%**

Essential Facility Inventory

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Commercial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
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Concrete	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
ManufHousing	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the flood analyzed in this scenario, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the scenario flood event, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds are available in the region.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	Total	At Least Moderate	At Least Substantial	Loss of Use
Fire Stations	3	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Police Stations	1	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	0

If this report displays all zeros or is blank, two possibilities can explain this.

(1) None of your facilities were flooded. This can be checked by mapping the inventory data on the depth grid.

(2) The analysis was not run. This can be tested by checking the run box on the Analysis Menu and seeing if a message box asks you to replace the existing results.

Induced Flood Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the flood. The model breaks debris into three general categories: 1) Finishes (dry wall, insulation, etc.), 2) Structural (wood, brick, etc.) and 3) Foundations (concrete slab, concrete block, rebar, etc.). This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 3 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Finishes comprises 78% of the total, Structure comprises 13% of the total. If the debris tonnage is converted into an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 0 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the flood.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirements

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the flood and the associated potential evacuation. Hazus also estimates those displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 1 households will be displaced due to the flood. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated area. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the flood is 0.04 million dollars, which represents 0.14 % of the total replacement value of the scenario buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the flood. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the flood.

The total building-related losses were 0.04 million dollars. 0% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. The residential occupancies made up 100.00% of the total loss. Table 6 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 6: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Building Loss						
	Building	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
	Content	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.04**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.04**
Business Interruption						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
ALL	**Total**	**0.04**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.04**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut

- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars) Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Total Study Region	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Flood Event Report

Region Name: NewtownFIT2

Flood Scenario: Housatonic River

Print Date: Friday, December 27, 2013

Disclaimer:

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The flood loss estimates provided in this report were based on a region that included 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

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Note:
Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 58 square miles and contains 517 census blocks. The region contains over 8 thousand households and has a total population of 25,031 people (2000 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County for the study region is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 9,879 buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,553 million dollars (2006 dollars). Approximately 88.83% of the buildings (and 75.77% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

Building Inventory

General Building Stock

Hazus estimates that there are 9,879 buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,553 million (2006 dollars). Table 1 and Table 2 present the relative distribution of the value with respect to the general occupancies by Study Region and Scenario respectively. Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

Table 1
Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Study Region

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	1,934,061	75.8%
Commercial	397,201	15.6%
Industrial	141,094	5.5%
Agricultural	13,926	0.5%
Religion	21,421	0.8%
Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.00%**

Table 2
Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Scenario

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	207,487	86.3%
Commercial	21,123	8.8%
Industrial	4,404	1.8%
Agricultural	1,186	0.5%
Religion	957	0.4%
Government	4,329	1.8%
Education	1,031	0.4%
Total	**240,517**	**100.00%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds.
There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police station and 2 emergency operation center.

Flood Scenario Parameters

Hazus used the following set of information to define the flood parameters for the flood loss estimate provided in this report.

Study Region Name:	NewtownFIT2
Scenario Name:	Housatonic River
Return Period Analyzed:	100
Analysis Options Analyzed:	No What-Ifs

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 59 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 3% of the total number of buildings in the scenario. There are an estimated 31 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus Flood Technical Manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	3.39	4	6.78	22	37.29	31	52.54
Total	**0**		**0**		**2**		**4**		**22**		**31**	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type

Building Type	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
ManufHousing	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00
Steel	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	3.45	4	6.90	22	37.93	30	51.72

Essential Facility Damage

Before the flood analyzed in this scenario, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the scenario flood event, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds are available in the region.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	Total	At Least Moderate	At Least Substantial	Loss of Use
Fire Stations	3	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Police Stations	1	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	0

If this report displays all zeros or is blank, two possibilities can explain this.

(1) None of your facilities were flooded. This can be checked by mapping the inventory data on the depth grid.

(2) The analysis was not run. This can be tested by checking the run box on the Analysis Menu and seeing if a message box asks you to replace the existing results.

Induced Flood Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the flood. The model breaks debris into three general categories: 1) Finishes (dry wall, insulation, etc.), 2) Structural (wood, brick, etc.) and 3) Foundations (concrete slab, concrete block, rebar, etc.). This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 839 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Finishes comprises 75% of the total, Structure comprises 15% of the total. If the debris tonnage is converted into an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 34 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the flood.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirements

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the flood and the associated potential evacuation. Hazus also estimates those displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 75 households will be displaced due to the flood. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated area. Of these, 145 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the flood is 17.16 million dollars, which represents 7.14 % of the total replacement value of the scenario buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the flood. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the flood.

The total building-related losses were 17.14 million dollars. 0% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. The residential occupancies made up 83.25% of the total loss. Table 6 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 6: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Building Loss						
	Building	9.44	0.53	0.27	0.06	10.30
	Content	4.84	1.25	0.45	0.19	6.74
	Inventory	0.00	0.02	0.08	0.01	0.11
	Subtotal	**14.28**	**1.79**	**0.80**	**0.27**	**17.14**
Business Interruption						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
	Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
	Subtotal	**0.01**	**0.01**	**0.00**	**0.01**	**0.02**
ALL	**Total**	**14.29**	**1.80**	**0.80**	**0.28**	**17.16**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut

- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars)		
		Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Total Study Region	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Flood Event Report

Region Name: NewtownFIT2

Flood Scenario: Lewis Brook

Print Date: Friday, December 27, 2013

Disclaimer:

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The flood loss estimates provided in this report were based on a region that included 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

- Connecticut

Note:
Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 58 square miles and contains 517 census blocks. The region contains over 8 thousand households and has a total population of 25,031 people (2000 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County for the study region is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 9,879 buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,553 million dollars (2006 dollars). Approximately 88.83% of the buildings (and 75.77% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

Building Inventory

General Building Stock

Hazus estimates that there are 9,879 buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,553 million (2006 dollars). Table 1 and Table 2 present the relative distribution of the value with respect to the general occupancies by Study Region and Scenario respectively. Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

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Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	1,934,061	75.8%
Commercial	397,201	15.6%
Industrial	141,094	5.5%
Agricultural	13,926	0.5%
Religion	21,421	0.8%
Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.00%**

Table 2
Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Scenario

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	84,878	91.4%
Commercial	5,380	5.8%
Industrial	1,485	1.6%
Agricultural	646	0.7%
Religion	428	0.5%
Government	0	0.0%
Education	0	0.0%
Total	**92,817**	**100.00%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds.
There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police station and 2 emergency operation center.

Flood Scenario Parameters

Hazus used the following set of information to define the flood parameters for the flood loss estimate provided in this report.

Study Region Name:	NewtownFIT2
Scenario Name:	Lewis Brook
Return Period Analyzed:	100
Analysis Options Analyzed:	No What-Ifs

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 0 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 0% of the total number of buildings in the scenario. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus Flood Technical Manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type

Building Type	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
ManufHousing	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the flood analyzed in this scenario, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the scenario flood event, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds are available in the region.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	Total	At Least Moderate	At Least Substantial	Loss of Use
Fire Stations	3	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Police Stations	1	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	0

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Induced Flood Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the flood. The model breaks debris into three general categories: 1) Finishes (dry wall, insulation, etc.), 2) Structural (wood, brick, etc.) and 3) Foundations (concrete slab, concrete block, rebar, etc.). This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 11 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Finishes comprises 100% of the total, Structure comprises 0% of the total. If the debris tonnage is converted into an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 0 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the flood.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirements

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the flood and the associated potential evacuation. Hazus also estimates those displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 4 households will be displaced due to the flood. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated area. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the flood is 0.32 million dollars, which represents 0.34 % of the total replacement value of the scenario buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the flood. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the flood.

The total building-related losses were 0.32 million dollars. 0% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. The residential occupancies made up 94.01% of the total loss. Table 6 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 6: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Building Loss						
	Building	0.20	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.21
	Content	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.11
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.30**	**0.02**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.32**
Business Interruption						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
ALL	**Total**	**0.30**	**0.02**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.32**

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Connecticut

- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars)		
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Connecticut				
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Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Total Study Region	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Flood Event Report

Region Name: NewtownFIT2

Flood Scenario: Pond Brook 3

Print Date: Monday, December 30, 2013

Disclaimer:

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Building Inventory

General Building Stock

Hazus estimates that there are 9,879 buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,553 million (2006 dollars). Table 1 and Table 2 present the relative distribution of the value with respect to the general occupancies by Study Region and Scenario respectively. Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

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Industrial	141,094	5.5%
Agricultural	13,926	0.5%
Religion	21,421	0.8%
Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.00%**

Table 2
Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Scenario

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	44,799	74.6%
Commercial	9,256	15.4%
Industrial	2,084	3.5%
Agricultural	1,170	1.9%
Religion	0	0.0%
Government	2,598	4.3%
Education	152	0.3%
Total	**60,059**	**100.00%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds.
There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police station and 2 emergency operation center.

Flood Scenario Parameters

Hazus used the following set of information to define the flood parameters for the flood loss estimate provided in this report.

Study Region Name:	NewtownFIT2
Scenario Name:	Pond Brook 3
Return Period Analyzed:	100
Analysis Options Analyzed:	No What-Ifs

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 0 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 0% of the total number of buildings in the scenario. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus Flood Technical Manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type

Building Type	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
ManufHousing	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the flood analyzed in this scenario, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the scenario flood event, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds are available in the region.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	Total	At Least Moderate	At Least Substantial	Loss of Use
Fire Stations	3	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Police Stations	1	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	0

If this report displays all zeros or is blank, two possibilities can explain this.

(1) None of your facilities were flooded. This can be checked by mapping the inventory data on the depth grid.

(2) The analysis was not run. This can be tested by checking the run box on the Analysis Menu and seeing if a message box asks you to replace the existing results.

Induced Flood Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the flood. The model breaks debris into three general categories: 1) Finishes (dry wall, insulation, etc.), 2) Structural (wood, brick, etc.) and 3) Foundations (concrete slab, concrete block, rebar, etc.). This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 59 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Finishes comprises 91% of the total, Structure comprises 6% of the total. If the debris tonnage is converted into an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 2 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the flood.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirements

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the flood and the associated potential evacuation. Hazus also estimates those displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 9 households will be displaced due to the flood. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated area. Of these, 1 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the flood is 4.02 million dollars, which represents 6.70 % of the total replacement value of the scenario buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the flood. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the flood.

The total building-related losses were 3.85 million dollars. 4% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. The residential occupancies made up 19.52% of the total loss. Table 6 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 6: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Building Loss						
	Building	0.47	0.27	0.14	0.19	1.06
	Content	0.32	1.16	0.19	1.08	2.75
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.04
	Subtotal	**0.79**	**1.43**	**0.36**	**1.27**	**3.85**
Business Interruption						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Wage	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.17
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.01**	**0.00**	**0.17**	**0.17**
ALL	**Total**	**0.79**	**1.44**	**0.36**	**1.44**	**4.02**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut

- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars) Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Total Study Region	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Flood Event Report

Region Name: NewtownFIT2

Flood Scenario: Pootatuck2

Print Date: Monday, December 30, 2013

Disclaimer:

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The flood loss estimates provided in this report were based on a region that included 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

- Connecticut

Note:
Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 58 square miles and contains 517 census blocks. The region contains over 8 thousand households and has a total population of 25,031 people (2000 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County for the study region is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 9,879 buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,553 million dollars (2006 dollars). Approximately 88.83% of the buildings (and 75.77% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

Building Inventory

General Building Stock

Hazus estimates that there are 9,879 buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,553 million (2006 dollars). Table 1 and Table 2 present the relative distribution of the value with respect to the general occupancies by Study Region and Scenario respectively. Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

Table 1
Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Study Region

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	1,934,061	75.8%
Commercial	397,201	15.6%
Industrial	141,094	5.5%
Agricultural	13,926	0.5%
Religion	21,421	0.8%
Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.00%**

Table 2
Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Scenario

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	148,780	60.0%
Commercial	75,182	30.3%
Industrial	15,060	6.1%
Agricultural	1,014	0.4%
Religion	2,767	1.1%
Government	4,165	1.7%
Education	839	0.3%
Total	**247,807**	**100.00%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds.
There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police station and 2 emergency operation center.

Flood Scenario Parameters

Hazus used the following set of information to define the flood parameters for the flood loss estimate provided in this report.

Study Region Name:	NewtownFIT2
Scenario Name:	Pootatuck2
Return Period Analyzed:	100
Analysis Options Analyzed:	No What-Ifs

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 2 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 0% of the total number of buildings in the scenario. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus Flood Technical Manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	**0**		**0**		**0**		**2**		**0**		**0**	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type

	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
Building Type	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
ManufHousing	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the flood analyzed in this scenario, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the scenario flood event, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds are available in the region.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	Total	At Least Moderate	At Least Substantial	Loss of Use
Fire Stations	3	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Police Stations	1	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	0

If this report displays all zeros or is blank, two possibilities can explain this.

(1) None of your facilities were flooded. This can be checked by mapping the inventory data on the depth grid.

(2) The analysis was not run. This can be tested by checking the run box on the Analysis Menu and seeing if a message box asks you to replace the existing results.

Induced Flood Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the flood. The model breaks debris into three general categories: 1) Finishes (dry wall, insulation, etc.), 2) Structural (wood, brick, etc.) and 3) Foundations (concrete slab, concrete block, rebar, etc.). This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 152 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Finishes comprises 90% of the total, Structure comprises 6% of the total. If the debris tonnage is converted into an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 6 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the flood.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirements

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the flood and the associated potential evacuation. Hazus also estimates those displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 60 households will be displaced due to the flood. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated area. Of these, 103 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the flood is 7.08 million dollars, which represents 2.86 % of the total replacement value of the scenario buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the flood. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the flood.

The total building-related losses were 7.07 million dollars. 0% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. The residential occupancies made up 32.64% of the total loss. Table 6 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 6: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Building Loss						
	Building	1.38	0.83	0.20	0.11	2.52
	Content	0.93	2.27	0.51	0.71	4.42
	Inventory	0.00	0.08	0.04	0.00	0.13
	Subtotal	**2.31**	**3.18**	**0.75**	**0.83**	**7.07**
Business Interruption						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.01**	**0.00**	**0.01**	**0.02**
ALL	**Total**	**2.31**	**3.18**	**0.75**	**0.84**	**7.08**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut

- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

		Building Value (thousands of dollars)		
	Population	Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Total Study Region	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Hurricane Event Report

Region Name: Newtown

Hurricane Scenario: Probabilistic 10-year Return Period

Print Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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The hurricane loss estimates provided in this report are based on a region that includes 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

- Connecticut

Note:
Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 58.98 square miles and contains 5 census tracts. There are over 8 thousand households in the region and has a total population of 25,031 people (2000 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 9 thousand buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,553 million dollars (2006 dollars). Approximately 89% of the buildings (and 76% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

Building Inventory

General Building Stock

Hazus estimates that there are 9,879 buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,553 million (2006 dollars). Table 1 presents the relative distribution of the value with respect to the general occupancies. Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

Table 1: Building Exposure by Occupancy Type

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Tot
Residential	1,934,061	75.8%
Commercial	397,201	15.6%
Industrial	141,094	5.5%
Agricultural	13,926	0.5%
Religious	21,421	0.8%
Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.0%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities.

Hurricane Scenario

Hazus used the following set of information to define the hurricane parameters for the hurricane loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name:	Probabilistic
Type:	Probabilistic

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 0 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 0% of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 6 of the Hazus Hurricane technical manual. Table 2 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 3 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 2: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy : 10 - year Event

	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	78	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	684	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	23	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	15	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	268	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	35	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	8,776	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	**9,879**		**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type : 10 - year Event

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	120	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	775	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
MH	92	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	511	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	8,382	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

Table 4: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**Probability of at Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Probability of Complete Damage > 50%**	**Expected Loss of Use < 1 day**
EOCs	2	0	0	2
Fire Stations	3	0	0	3
Police Stations	1	0	0	1
Schools	13	0	0	13

Induced Hurricane Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the hurricane. The model breaks the debris into four general categories: a) Brick/Wood, b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel, c) Eligible Tree Debris, and d) Other Tree Debris. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 0 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 0 tons (0%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 0 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 0% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 0 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 0 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the hurricane and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 0 households to be displaced due to the hurricane. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 0.0 million dollars, which represents 0.00 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building related losses are broken into two categories: direct property damage losses and business interruption losses. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the hurricane. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the hurricane.

The total property damage losses were 0 million dollars. 0% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 0% of the total loss. Table 4 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 5: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Thousands of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Property Damage						
	Building	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Content	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Total						
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Hazus-MH: Hurricane Event Report

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Hurricane Scenario: Probabilistic 20-year Return Period

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Total	**2,552,546**	**100.0%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities.

Hurricane Scenario

Hazus used the following set of information to define the hurricane parameters for the hurricane loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name:	Probabilistic
Type:	Probabilistic

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

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Table 2: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy : 20 - year Event

	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	78	99.85	0	0.15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	683	99.80	1	0.20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	23	99.79	0	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	15	99.77	0	0.23	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	267	99.78	1	0.22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	35	99.82	0	0.18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	8,775	99.99	1	0.01	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	**9,876**		**3**		**0**		**0**		**0**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type : 20 - year Event

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	120	99.73	0	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	773	99.79	2	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
MH	92	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	510	99.78	1	0.22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	8,382	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

Table 4: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**Probability of at Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Probability of Complete Damage > 50%**	**Expected Loss of Use < 1 day**
EOCs	2	0	0	2
Fire Stations	3	0	0	3
Police Stations	1	0	0	1
Schools	13	0	0	13

Induced Hurricane Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the hurricane. The model breaks the debris into four general categories: a) Brick/Wood, b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel, c) Eligible Tree Debris, and d) Other Tree Debris. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 0 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 0 tons (0%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 0 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 0% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 0 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 0 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the hurricane and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 0 households to be displaced due to the hurricane. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 0.0 million dollars, which represents 0.00 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building related losses are broken into two categories: direct property damage losses and business interruption losses. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the hurricane. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the hurricane.

The total property damage losses were 0 million dollars. 0% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 100% of the total loss. Table 4 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 5: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Thousands of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Property Damage						
	Building	0.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.59
	Content	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.59**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.59**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
	Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.04**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.04**
Total						
	Total	**0.62**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.62**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut
- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

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Hazus-MH: Hurricane Event Report

Region Name: Newtown

Hurricane Scenario: Probabilistic 50-year Return Period

Print Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	78	99.52	0	0.46	0	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	680	99.44	4	0.54	0	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	23	99.45	0	0.55	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	15	99.41	0	0.59	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	266	99.40	2	0.60	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	35	99.55	0	0.44	0	0.01	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	8,755	99.76	21	0.24	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	**9,852**		**27**		**0**		**0**		**0**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type : 50 - year Event

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	119	99.29	1	0.71	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	770	99.32	5	0.66	0	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00
MH	92	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	508	99.41	3	0.58	0	0.01	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	8,364	99.79	18	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

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Classification	**Total**	**Probability of at Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Probability of Complete Damage > 50%**	**Expected Loss of Use < 1 day**
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Schools	13	0	0	13

Induced Hurricane Damage

Debris Generation

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The model estimates that a total of 120 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 0 tons (0%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 120 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 100% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 5 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 0 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the hurricane and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 0 households to be displaced due to the hurricane. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 1.7 million dollars, which represents 0.07 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building related losses are broken into two categories: direct property damage losses and business interruption losses. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the hurricane. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the hurricane.

The total property damage losses were 2 million dollars. 1% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 95% of the total loss. Table 4 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 5: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Thousands of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Property Damage						
	Building	1,603.34	58.53	14.11	9.23	1,685.21
	Content	2.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.95
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**1,606.29**	**58.53**	**14.11**	**9.23**	**1,688.16**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	1.01	0.61	0.00	0.03	1.65
	Rental	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.35
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**2.36**	**0.61**	**0.00**	**0.03**	**3.01**
Total						
	Total	**1,608.65**	**59.14**	**14.11**	**9.27**	**1,691.17**

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Connecticut

- Fairfield

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Hazus-MH: Hurricane Event Report

Region Name:	Newtown
Hurricane Scenario:	Probabilistic 100-year Return Period
Print Date:	Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.0%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities.

Hurricane Scenario

Hazus used the following set of information to define the hurricane parameters for the hurricane loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name:	Probabilistic
Type:	Probabilistic

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 10 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 0% of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 6 of the Hazus Hurricane technical manual. Table 2 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 3 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 2: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy : 100 - year Event

	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	76	97.60	2	2.06	0	0.25	0	0.08	0	0.00
Commercial	670	98.00	12	1.76	2	0.23	0	0.01	0	0.00
Education	23	98.29	0	1.67	0	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	15	98.12	0	1.85	0	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	263	97.98	5	1.88	0	0.11	0	0.02	0	0.00
Religion	34	98.26	1	1.69	0	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	8,551	97.44	217	2.47	8	0.09	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	**9,632**		**237**		**10**		**0**		**0**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type : 100 - year Event

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	117	97.79	3	2.16	0	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	754	97.25	19	2.48	2	0.25	0	0.03	0	0.00
MH	92	99.97	0	0.02	0	0.01	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	501	98.10	9	1.68	1	0.20	0	0.02	0	0.00
Wood	8,176	97.54	200	2.38	6	0.07	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

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		# Facilities		
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The model estimates that a total of 17,961 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 13,299 tons (74%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 4,662 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 13% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 24 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 4,055 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

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The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 7.4 million dollars, which represents 0.29 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

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	Building	6,233.05	280.58	78.19	42.22	6,634.04
	Content	331.33	34.29	14.56	2.21	382.39
	Inventory	0.00	0.91	2.31	0.21	3.42
	Subtotal	**6,564.39**	**315.77**	**95.06**	**44.64**	**7,019.86**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	0.00	14.60	0.51	1.70	16.81
	Relocation	215.55	16.28	2.32	1.44	235.60
	Rental	86.55	6.68	0.51	0.10	93.84
	Wage	0.00	5.19	0.84	4.00	10.03
	Subtotal	**302.10**	**42.76**	**4.18**	**7.24**	**356.28**
Total						
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Type:	Probabilistic

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 72 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 1% of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 6 of the Hazus Hurricane technical manual. Table 2 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 3 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 2: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy : 200 - year Event

	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	71	91.11	5	6.96	1	1.31	0	0.59	0	0.04
Commercial	640	93.50	37	5.43	6	0.93	1	0.15	0	0.00
Education	22	94.51	1	5.16	0	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	14	94.20	1	5.43	0	0.37	0	0.01	0	0.00
Industrial	251	93.61	15	5.44	2	0.73	1	0.20	0	0.01
Religion	33	93.75	2	5.89	0	0.35	0	0.01	0	0.00
Residential	7,936	90.43	779	8.88	60	0.68	0	0.01	0	0.00
Total	**8,966**		**840**		**69**		**2**		**0**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type : 200 - year Event

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	112	93.51	7	5.93	1	0.56	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	709	91.46	55	7.10	10	1.24	1	0.19	0	0.01
MH	92	99.63	0	0.29	0	0.07	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	481	94.15	24	4.75	5	0.91	1	0.19	0	0.00
Wood	7,594	90.60	736	8.78	51	0.61	1	0.01	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

Table 4: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

Classification	Total	# Facilities: Probability of at Least Moderate Damage > 50%	Probability of Complete Damage > 50%	Expected Loss of Use < 1 day
EOCs	2	0	0	2
Fire Stations	3	0	0	3
Police Stations	1	0	0	1
Schools	13	0	0	13

Induced Hurricane Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the hurricane. The model breaks the debris into four general categories: a) Brick/Wood, b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel, c) Eligible Tree Debris, and d) Other Tree Debris. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 24,857 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 17,667 tons (71%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 7,190 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 25% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 71 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 5,422 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the hurricane and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 1 households to be displaced due to the hurricane. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 17.8 million dollars, which represents 0.70 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building related losses are broken into two categories: direct property damage losses and business interruption losses. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the hurricane. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the hurricane.

The total property damage losses were 18 million dollars. 2% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 88% of the total loss. Table 4 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 5: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Thousands of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Property Damage						
	Building	13,512.25	875.02	305.57	154.04	14,846.86
	Content	1,531.91	128.95	123.14	23.83	1,807.83
	Inventory	0.00	3.91	20.58	1.87	26.36
	Subtotal	**15,044.16**	**1,007.88**	**449.28**	**179.73**	**16,681.05**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	0.00	106.46	3.02	14.15	123.64
	Relocation	362.71	129.43	15.05	19.08	526.28
	Rental	153.82	73.00	2.74	1.76	231.33
	Wage	0.00	108.10	5.07	93.44	206.61
	Subtotal	**516.54**	**416.99**	**25.89**	**128.43**	**1,087.85**
Total						
	Total	**15,560.70**	**1,424.87**	**475.17**	**308.17**	**17,768.90**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut
- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars) Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Study Region Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Hurricane Event Report

Region Name: Newtown

Hurricane Scenario: Probabilistic 500-year Return Period

Print Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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The hurricane loss estimates provided in this report are based on a region that includes 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

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Note:
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There are an estimated 9 thousand buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,553 million dollars (2006 dollars). Approximately 89% of the buildings (and 76% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

Building Inventory

General Building Stock

Hazus estimates that there are 9,879 buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,553 million (2006 dollars). Table 1 presents the relative distribution of the value with respect to the general occupancies. Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

Table 1: Building Exposure by Occupancy Type

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Tot
Residential	1,934,061	75.8%
Commercial	397,201	15.6%
Industrial	141,094	5.5%
Agricultural	13,926	0.5%
Religious	21,421	0.8%
Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.0%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities.

Hurricane Scenario

Hazus used the following set of information to define the hurricane parameters for the hurricane loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name:	Probabilistic
Type:	Probabilistic

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 462 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 5% of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 13 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 6 of the Hazus Hurricane technical manual. Table 2 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 3 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 2: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy : 500 - year Event

	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	56	72.20	15	19.15	4	5.60	2	2.68	0	0.36
Commercial	531	77.58	113	16.49	34	5.03	6	0.90	0	0.01
Education	18	79.30	4	16.47	1	4.02	0	0.21	0	0.00
Government	12	79.24	2	16.34	1	4.21	0	0.22	0	0.00
Industrial	209	77.88	42	15.80	13	5.01	3	1.19	0	0.11
Religion	27	77.73	6	18.37	1	3.70	0	0.20	0	0.00
Residential	6,316	71.97	2,065	23.53	358	4.08	23	0.26	13	0.15
Total	**7,169**		**2,248**		**414**		**35**		**13**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type : 500 - year Event

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	93	77.67	20	16.88	6	5.26	0	0.19	0	0.00
Masonry	573	74.00	144	18.54	49	6.29	8	1.02	1	0.15
MH	89	96.63	2	2.23	1	0.99	0	0.03	0	0.12
Steel	404	79.08	74	14.48	26	5.18	6	1.24	0	0.02
Wood	6,050	72.18	1,981	23.63	318	3.79	22	0.26	12	0.14

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

Table 4: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**Probability of at Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Probability of Complete Damage > 50%**	**Expected Loss of Use < 1 day**
EOCs	2	0	0	2
Fire Stations	3	0	0	3
Police Stations	1	0	0	1
Schools	13	0	0	0

Induced Hurricane Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the hurricane. The model breaks the debris into four general categories: a) Brick/Wood, b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel, c) Eligible Tree Debris, and d) Other Tree Debris. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 63,082 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 43,891 tons (70%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 19,191 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 30% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 229 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 13,466 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the hurricane and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 29 households to be displaced due to the hurricane. Of these, 5 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 63.7 million dollars, which represents 2.49 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building related losses are broken into two categories: direct property damage losses and business interruption losses. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the hurricane. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the hurricane.

The total property damage losses were 64 million dollars. 3% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 83% of the total loss. Table 4 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 5: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Thousands of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Property Damage						
	Building	39,524.98	3,329.42	1,454.44	682.17	44,991.00
	Content	10,468.56	863.18	859.86	197.87	12,389.47
	Inventory	0.00	26.41	135.98	12.06	174.46
	Subtotal	**49,993.54**	**4,219.01**	**2,450.29**	**892.09**	**57,554.93**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	0.00	483.55	21.42	61.94	566.92
	Relocation	2,278.47	654.31	119.53	138.98	3,191.30
	Rental	745.09	366.23	21.21	11.50	1,144.02
	Wage	0.00	473.13	35.64	691.53	1,200.30
	Subtotal	**3,023.56**	**1,977.21**	**197.80**	**903.96**	**6,102.53**
Total						
	Total	**53,017.10**	**6,196.22**	**2,648.09**	**1,796.05**	**63,657.46**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut
- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars) Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
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Study Region Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Hurricane Event Report

Region Name:	Newtown
Hurricane Scenario:	Probabilistic 1000-year Return Period
Print Date:	Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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Note:
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There are an estimated 9 thousand buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,553 million dollars (2006 dollars). Approximately 89% of the buildings (and 76% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

Building Inventory

General Building Stock

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Religious	21,421	0.8%
Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.0%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities.

Hurricane Scenario

Hazus used the following set of information to define the hurricane parameters for the hurricane loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name:	Probabilistic
Type:	Probabilistic

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 1,154 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 12% of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 73 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 6 of the Hazus Hurricane technical manual. Table 2 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 3 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 2: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy : 1000 - year Event

	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	43	55.15	21	27.15	9	11.32	4	5.44	1	0.94
Commercial	419	61.31	160	23.40	84	12.26	20	2.98	0	0.04
Education	15	65.28	5	22.91	2	10.43	0	1.38	0	0.00
Government	9	60.79	4	23.78	2	13.27	0	2.16	0	0.00
Industrial	162	60.38	60	22.35	35	13.24	10	3.71	1	0.31
Religion	21	60.92	9	26.87	4	10.74	1	1.47	0	0.00
Residential	4,964	56.56	2,832	32.27	797	9.08	112	1.28	71	0.81
Total	**5,634**		**3,092**		**933**		**148**		**73**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type : 1000 - year Event

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	72	60.21	27	22.80	18	15.31	2	1.68	0	0.00
Masonry	446	57.60	191	24.68	111	14.32	23	2.92	4	0.48
MH	85	92.45	4	4.12	2	2.72	0	0.18	0	0.54
Steel	318	62.32	104	20.40	67	13.17	21	4.03	0	0.08
Wood	4,755	56.73	2,750	32.81	707	8.43	104	1.24	66	0.78

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

Table 4: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

Classification	Total	# Facilities: Probability of at Least Moderate Damage > 50%	# Facilities: Probability of Complete Damage > 50%	# Facilities: Expected Loss of Use < 1 day
EOCs	2	0	0	2
Fire Stations	3	0	0	3
Police Stations	1	0	0	1
Schools	13	0	0	0

Induced Hurricane Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the hurricane. The model breaks the debris into four general categories: a) Brick/Wood, b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel, c) Eligible Tree Debris, and d) Other Tree Debris. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 121,052 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 83,457 tons (69%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 37,595 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 32% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 485 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 25,460 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the hurricane and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 120 households to be displaced due to the hurricane. Of these, 21 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 152.4 million dollars, which represents 5.97 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building related losses are broken into two categories: direct property damage losses and business interruption losses. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the hurricane. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the hurricane.

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Table 5: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

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Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Property Damage						
	Building	86,475.54	8,109.67	3,922.19	1,539.60	100,047.00
	Content	30,124.04	3,025.65	2,710.55	589.21	36,449.44
	Inventory	0.00	101.43	391.84	27.34	520.61
	Subtotal	**116,599.58**	**11,236.75**	**7,024.58**	**2,156.15**	**137,017.06**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	2.21	524.93	44.75	63.49	635.38
	Relocation	7,719.35	1,565.31	348.47	311.37	9,944.49
	Rental	2,432.42	845.30	53.59	27.88	3,359.19
	Wage	5.22	549.73	74.28	831.32	1,460.55
	Subtotal	**10,159.20**	**3,485.26**	**521.10**	**1,234.06**	**15,399.61**
Total						
	Total	**126,758.78**	**14,722.00**	**7,545.68**	**3,390.21**	**152,416.67**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut

- Fairfield

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Hazus-MH: Hurricane Event Report

Region Name: Newtown

Hurricane Scenario: GLORIA

Print Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities.

Hurricane Scenario

Hazus used the following set of information to define the hurricane parameters for the hurricane loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name:	GLORIA
Type:	Historic
Max Peak Gust in Study Region:	69 mph

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 0 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 0% of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 6 of the Hazus Hurricane technical manual. Table 2 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 3 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 2: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	78	99.74	0	0.26	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	682	99.67	2	0.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Education	23	99.67	0	0.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	15	99.63	0	0.37	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	267	99.63	1	0.37	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Religion	35	99.72	0	0.28	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	8,771	99.94	5	0.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	**9,870**		**9**		**0**		**0**		**0**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	119	99.56	1	0.44	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	772	99.62	3	0.37	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
MH	92	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Steel	509	99.64	2	0.36	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wood	8,379	99.96	3	0.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

Table 4: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**Probability of at Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Probability of Complete Damage > 50%**	**Expected Loss of Use < 1 day**
EOCs	2	0	0	2
Fire Stations	3	0	0	3
Police Stations	1	0	0	1
Schools	13	0	0	13

Induced Hurricane Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the hurricane. The model breaks the debris into four general categories: a) Brick/Wood, b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel, c) Eligible Tree Debris, and d) Other Tree Debris. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 25 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 0 tons (0%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 25 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 100% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 1 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 0 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the hurricane and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 0 households to be displaced due to the hurricane. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 0.6 million dollars, which represents 0.02 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building related losses are broken into two categories: direct property damage losses and business interruption losses. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the hurricane. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the hurricane.

The total property damage losses were 1 million dollars. 1% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 90% of the total loss. Table 4 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 5: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Thousands of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Property Damage						
	Building	564.51	39.72	14.11	6.63	624.97
	Content	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.51
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**565.02**	**39.72**	**14.11**	**6.63**	**625.47**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Relocation	0.53	0.13	0.00	0.01	0.66
	Rental	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.79
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**1.32**	**0.13**	**0.00**	**0.01**	**1.45**
Total						
	Total	**566.34**	**39.85**	**14.11**	**6.63**	**626.93**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut

- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars)		
		Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Study Region Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Hurricane Event Report

Region Name: Newtown

Hurricane Scenario: UN-NAMED-1938-4

Print Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Disclaimer:
Totals only reflect data for those census tracts/blocks included in the user's study region.

The estimates of social and economic impacts contained in this report were produced using Hazus loss estimation methodology software which is based on current scientific and engineering knowledge. There are uncertainties inherent in any loss estimation technique. Therefore, there may be significant differences between the modeled results contained in this report and the actual social and economic losses following a specific Hurricane. These results can be improved by using enhanced inventory data.

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General Description of the Region

Hazus is a regional multi-hazard loss estimation model that was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Institute of Building Sciences. The primary purpose of Hazus is to provide a methodology and software application to develop multi-hazard losses at a regional scale. These loss estimates would be used primarily by local, state and regional officials to plan and stimulate efforts to reduce risks from multi-hazards and to prepare for emergency response and recovery.

The hurricane loss estimates provided in this report are based on a region that includes 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

- Connecticut

Note:
Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 58.98 square miles and contains 5 census tracts. There are over 8 thousand households in the region and has a total population of 25,031 people (2000 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 9 thousand buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,553 million dollars (2006 dollars). Approximately 89% of the buildings (and 76% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

Building Inventory

General Building Stock

Hazus estimates that there are 9,879 buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,553 million (2006 dollars). Table 1 presents the relative distribution of the value with respect to the general occupancies. Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

Table 1: Building Exposure by Occupancy Type

Occupancy	Exposure ($1000)	Percent of Tot
Residential	1,934,061	75.8%
Commercial	397,201	15.6%
Industrial	141,094	5.5%
Agricultural	13,926	0.5%
Religious	21,421	0.8%
Government	20,554	0.8%
Education	24,289	1.0%
Total	**2,552,546**	**100.0%**

Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are no hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of no beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities.

Hurricane Scenario

Hazus used the following set of information to define the hurricane parameters for the hurricane loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name:	UN-NAMED-1938-4
Type:	Historic
Max Peak Gust in Study Region:	101 mph

Building Damage

General Building Stock Damage

Hazus estimates that about 104 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 1% of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 1 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 6 of the Hazus Hurricane technical manual. Table 2 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 3 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 2: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
Occupancy	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Agriculture	69	89.04	7	8.42	1	1.69	1	0.79	0	0.06
Commercial	628	91.84	46	6.70	8	1.24	2	0.22	0	0.00
Education	21	93.06	1	6.41	0	0.52	0	0.02	0	0.00
Government	14	92.56	1	6.81	0	0.62	0	0.02	0	0.00
Industrial	246	91.95	18	6.68	3	1.06	1	0.29	0	0.02
Religion	32	92.04	3	7.39	0	0.54	0	0.03	0	0.00
Residential	7,741	88.20	947	10.80	86	0.98	1	0.01	1	0.01
Total	**8,752**		**1,023**		**99**		**4**		**1**	

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Building Type

Building Type	None		Minor		Moderate		Severe		Destruction	
	Count	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**	**Count**	**(%)**
Concrete	110	91.82	9	7.27	1	0.90	0	0.01	0	0.00
Masonry	694	89.50	66	8.54	13	1.68	2	0.26	0	0.02
MH	91	99.40	0	0.47	0	0.12	0	0.00	0	0.01
Steel	473	92.61	30	5.85	6	1.24	2	0.30	0	0.00
Wood	7,409	88.39	898	10.71	73	0.87	2	0.02	1	0.01

Essential Facility Damage

Before the hurricane, the region had no hospital beds available for use. On the day of the hurricane, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds (0%) are available for use. After one week, none of the beds will be in service. By 30 days, none will be operational.

Table 4: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**Probability of at Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Probability of Complete Damage > 50%**	**Expected Loss of Use < 1 day**
EOCs	2	0	0	2
Fire Stations	3	0	0	3
Police Stations	1	0	0	1
Schools	13	0	0	9

Induced Hurricane Damage

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the hurricane. The model breaks the debris into four general categories: a) Brick/Wood, b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel, c) Eligible Tree Debris, and d) Other Tree Debris. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 25,927 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, 18,170 tons (70%) is Other Tree Debris. Of the remaining 7,757 tons, Brick/Wood comprises 28% of the total, Reinforced Concrete/Steel comprises of 0% of the total, with the remainder being Eligible Tree Debris. If the building debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 87 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the building debris generated by the hurricane. The number of Eligible Tree Debris truckloads will depend on how the 5,589 tons of Eligible Tree Debris are collected and processed. The volume of tree debris generally ranges from about 4 cubic yards per ton for chipped or compacted tree debris to about 10 cubic yards per ton for bulkier, uncompacted debris.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the hurricane and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 4 households to be displaced due to the hurricane. Of these, 1 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the hurricane is 22.0 million dollars, which represents 0.86 % of the total replacement value of the region's buildings.

Building-Related Losses

The building related losses are broken into two categories: direct property damage losses and business interruption losses. The direct property damage losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the hurricane. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the hurricane.

The total property damage losses were 22 million dollars. 2% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 86% of the total loss. Table 4 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 5: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Thousands of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Property Damage						
	Building	15,978.47	1,105.14	419.55	197.20	17,700.36
	Content	2,156.30	203.98	194.09	39.13	2,593.51
	Inventory	0.00	6.55	31.32	2.66	40.53
	Subtotal	**18,134.77**	**1,315.67**	**644.97**	**238.99**	**20,334.40**
Business Interruption Loss						
	Income	0.00	182.02	6.66	19.09	207.77
	Relocation	509.15	193.50	28.73	31.06	762.44
	Rental	204.31	111.43	5.97	2.77	324.48
	Wage	0.00	177.29	11.09	202.78	391.16
	Subtotal	**713.45**	**664.24**	**52.45**	**255.69**	**1,685.85**
Total						
	Total	**18,848.23**	**1,979.91**	**697.42**	**494.68**	**22,020.24**

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Connecticut
- Fairfield

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars)		
		Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut				
Fairfield	25,031	1,934,061	618,485	2,552,546
Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**
Study Region Total	**25,031**	**1,934,061**	**618,485**	**2,552,546**

Hazus-MH: Earthquake Event Report

Region Name: Newtown

Earthquake Scenario: East Haddam

Print Date: November 19, 2013

Totals only reflect data for those census tracts/blocks included in the user's study region.

Disclaimer:
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General Description of the Region

Hazus is a regional earthquake loss estimation model that was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Institute of Building Sciences. The primary purpose of Hazus is to provide a methodology and software application to develop earthquake losses at a regional scale. These loss estimates would be used primarily by local, state and regional officials to plan and stimulate efforts to reduce risks from earthquakes and to prepare for emergency response and recovery.

The earthquake loss estimates provided in this report was based on a region that includes 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

Connecticut

Note:
Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 58.97 square miles and contains 5 census tracts. There are over 8 thousand households in the region which has a total population of 25,031 people (2002 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 9 thousand buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,552 (millions of dollars). Approximately 89.00 % of the buildings (and 76.00% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

The replacement value of the transportation and utility lifeline systems is estimated to be 1,162 and 0 (millions of dollars) , respectively.

Building and Lifeline Inventory

Building Inventory

Hazus estimates that there are 9 thousand buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,552 (millions of dollars) . Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

In terms of building construction types found in the region, wood frame construction makes up 85% of the building inventory. The remaining percentage is distributed between the other general building types.

Critical Facility Inventory

Hazus breaks critical facilities into two (2) groups: essential facilities and high potential loss facilities (HPL). Essential facilities include hospitals, medical clinics, schools, fire stations, police stations and emergency operations facilities. High potential loss facilities include dams, levees, military installations, nuclear power plants and hazardous material sites.

For essential facilities, there are 0 hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of 0 beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities. With respect to high potential loss facilities (HPL), there are 6 dams identified within the region. Of these, 1 of the dams are classified as 'high hazard'. The inventory also includes 7 hazardous material sites, 0 military installations and 0 nuclear power plants.

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Inventory

Within Hazus, the lifeline inventory is divided between transportation and utility lifeline systems. There are seven (7) transportation systems that include highways, railways, light rail, bus, ports, ferry and airports. There are six (6) utility systems that include potable water, wastewater, natural gas, crude & refined oil, electric power and communications. The lifeline inventory data are provided in Tables 1 and 2.

The total value of the lifeline inventory is over 1,162.00 (millions of dollars). This inventory includes over 64 kilometers of highways, 53 bridges, 1,005 kilometers of pipes.

Table 1: Transportation System Lifeline Inventory

System	Component	# Locations/ # Segments	Replacement value (millions of dollars)
Highway	Bridges	53	727.80
	Segments	34	403.60
	Tunnels	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**1,131.40**
Railways	Bridges	1	0.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Segments	7	31.30
	Tunnels	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**31.30**
Light Rail	Bridges	0	0.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Segments	0	0.00
	Tunnels	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Bus	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Ferry	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Port	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Airport	Facilities	0	0.00
	Runways	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
		Total	**1,162.70**

Table 2: Utility System Lifeline Inventory

System	Component	# Locations / Segments	Replacement value (millions of dollars)
Potable Water	Distribution Lines	NA	10.10
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**10.10**
Waste Water	Distribution Lines	NA	6.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**6.00**
Natural Gas	Distribution Lines	NA	4.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**4.00**
Oil Systems	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Electrical Power	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Communication	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
		Total	**20.10**

Earthquake Scenario

Hazus uses the following set of information to define the earthquake parameters used for the earthquake loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name	East Haddam
Type of Earthquake	Arbitrary
Fault Name	NA
Historical Epicenter ID #	NA
Probabilistic Return Period	NA
Longitude of Epicenter	-72.40
Latitude of Epicenter	41.50
Earthquake Magnitude	6.40
Depth (Km)	10.00
Rupture Length (Km)	NA
Rupture Orientation (degrees)	NA
Attenuation Function	Central & East US (CEUS 2008)

Building Damage

Building Damage

Hazus estimates that about 269 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 3.00 % of the buildings in the region. There are an estimated 2 buildings that will be damaged beyond repair. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus technical manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 below summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Agriculture	65	0.75	9	0.93	4	1.46	1	2.17	0	2.18
Commercial	563	6.49	77	8.23	38	15.57	6	22.67	1	29.46
Education	19	0.22	3	0.27	1	0.51	0	0.64	0	1.05
Government	12	0.14	2	0.18	1	0.37	0	0.47	0	0.71
Industrial	219	2.53	30	3.23	16	6.68	2	9.03	0	12.27
Other Residential	492	5.67	62	6.64	25	10.54	3	12.49	0	12.67
Religion	29	0.34	4	0.39	2	0.67	0	1.04	0	1.41
Single Family	7,275	83.86	748	80.12	155	64.21	14	51.49	1	40.24
Total	**8,675**		**934**		**241**		**26**		**2**	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type (All Design Levels)

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Wood	7,480	86.23	753	80.64	140	57.79	9	34.25	0	8.88
Steel	412	4.75	58	6.23	33	13.87	5	17.67	1	24.26
Concrete	72	0.83	9	0.98	5	2.12	0	1.51	0	1.89
Precast	27	0.31	3	0.32	2	1.01	1	2.28	0	0.40
RM	111	1.28	9	0.94	6	2.63	1	4.29	0	0.33
URM	504	5.81	88	9.43	46	19.09	10	37.01	1	63.16
MH	69	0.80	14	1.47	8	3.49	1	2.98	0	1.08
Total	**8,675**		**934**		**241**		**26**		**2**	

*Note:

RM Reinforced Masonry
URM Unreinforced Masonry
MH Manufactured Housing

Essential Facility Damage

Before the earthquake, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the earthquake, the model estimates that only 0 hospital beds (0.00%) are available for use by patients already in the hospital and those injured by the earthquake. After one week, 0.00% of the beds will be back in service. By 30 days, 0.00% will be operational.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**At Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Complete Damage > 50%**	**With Functionality > 50% on day 1**
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	13
EOCs	2	0	0	2
PoliceStations	1	0	0	1
FireStations	3	0	0	3

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Damage

Table 6 provides damage estimates for the transportation system.

Table 6: Expected Damage to the Transportation Systems

System	Component	Number of Locations				
		Locations/ Segments	With at Least Mod. Damage	With Complete Damage	With Functionality > 50 %	
					After Day 1	After Day 7
Highway	Segments	34	0	0	34	34
	Bridges	53	0	0	53	53
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
Railways	Segments	7	0	0	7	7
	Bridges	1	0	0	1	1
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Light Rail	Segments	0	0	0	0	0
	Bridges	0	0	0	0	0
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Bus	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Ferry	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Port	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Airport	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
	Runways	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Roadway segments, railroad tracks and light rail tracks are assumed to be damaged by ground failure only. If ground failure maps are not provided, damage estimates to these components will not be computed.

Tables 7-9 provide information on the damage to the utility lifeline systems. Table 7 provides damage to the utility system facilities. Table 8 provides estimates on the number of leaks and breaks by the pipelines of the utility systems. For electric power and potable water, Hazus performs a simplified system performance analysis. Table 9 provides a summary of the system performance information.

Table 7 : Expected Utility System Facility Damage

System	# of Locations				
	Total #	With at Least Moderate Damage	With Complete Damage	with Functionality > 50 %	
				After Day 1	After Day 7
Potable Water	0	0	0	0	0
Waste Water	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Gas	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Systems	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical Power	0	0	0	0	0
Communication	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8 : Expected Utility System Pipeline Damage (Site Specific)

System	Total Pipelines Length (kms)	Number of Leaks	Number of Breaks
Potable Water	503	20	5
Waste Water	302	10	3
Natural Gas	201	4	1
Oil	0	0	0

Table 9: Expected Potable Water and Electric Power System Performance

	Total # of Households	Number of Households without Service				
		At Day 1	At Day 3	At Day 7	At Day 30	At Day 90
Potable Water	8,325	0	0	0	0	0
Electric Power		0	0	0	0	0

Induced Earthquake Damage

Fire Following Earthquake

Fires often occur after an earthquake. Because of the number of fires and the lack of water to fight the fires, they can often burn out of control. Hazus uses a Monte Carlo simulation model to estimate the number of ignitions and the amount of burnt area. For this scenario, the model estimates that there will be 0 ignitions that will burn about 0.00 sq. mi 0.00 % of the region's total area.) The model also estimates that the fires will displace about 0 people and burn about 0 (millions of dollars) of building value.

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the earthquake. The model breaks the debris into two general categories: a) Brick/Wood and b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 0.01 million tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Brick/Wood comprises 61.00% of the total, with the remainder being Reinforced Concrete/Steel. If the debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 240 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the earthquake.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the earthquake and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 2 households to be displaced due to the earthquake. Of these, 1 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Casualties

Hazus estimates the number of people that will be injured and killed by the earthquake. The casualties are broken down into four (4) severity levels that describe the extent of the injuries. The levels are described as follows;

· Severity Level 1: Injuries will require medical attention but hospitalization is not needed.
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· Severity Level 3: Injuries will require hospitalization and can become life threatening if not promptly treated.
· Severity Level 4: Victims are killed by the earthquake.

The casualty estimates are provided for three (3) times of day: 2:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. These times represent the periods of the day that different sectors of the community are at their peak occupancy loads. The 2:00 AM estimate considers that the residential occupancy load is maximum, the 2:00 PM estimate considers that the educational, commercial and industrial sector loads are maximum and 5:00 PM represents peak commute time.

Table 10 provides a summary of the casualties estimated for this earthquake

Table 10: Casualty Estimates

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2 AM	Commercial	0	0	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	3	0	0	0
	Total	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2 PM	Commercial	3	0	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	1	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	0	0	0	0
	Total	**5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
5 PM	Commercial	2	0	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	1	0	0	0
	Total	**4**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the earthquake is 36.19 (millions of dollars), which includes building and lifeline related losses based on the region's available inventory. The following three sections provide more detailed information about these losses.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the earthquake. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the earthquake.

The total building-related losses were 26.89 (millions of dollars); 18 % of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 55 % of the total loss. Table 11 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 11: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Single Family	Other Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Income Losses							
	Wage	0.00	0.02	0.98	0.06	0.11	1.16
	Capital-Related	0.00	0.01	0.84	0.03	0.01	0.89
	Rental	0.22	0.08	0.57	0.03	0.02	0.92
	Relocation	0.79	0.06	0.80	0.16	0.16	1.97
	Subtotal	**1.01**	**0.16**	**3.18**	**0.27**	**0.31**	**4.93**
Capital Stock Losses							
	Structural	2.06	0.16	1.05	0.33	0.21	3.82
	Non_Structural	8.36	0.57	2.85	1.01	0.54	13.33
	Content	2.32	0.12	1.32	0.62	0.27	4.66
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.11	0.01	0.15
	Subtotal	**12.74**	**0.85**	**5.26**	**2.08**	**1.03**	**21.95**
	Total	**13.75**	**1.01**	**8.44**	**2.35**	**1.34**	**26.89**

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Losses

For the transportation and utility lifeline systems, Hazus computes the direct repair cost for each component only. There are no losses computed by Hazus for business interruption due to lifeline outages. Tables 12 & 13 provide a detailed breakdown in the expected lifeline losses.

Hazus estimates the long-term economic impacts to the region for 15 years after the earthquake. The model quantifies this information in terms of income and employment changes within the region. Table 14 presents the results of the region for the given earthquake.

Table 12: Transportation System Economic Losses

(Millions of dollars)

System	Component	Inventory Value	Economic Loss	Loss Ratio (%)
Highway	Segments	403.60	$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	727.76	$9.15	1.26
	Tunnels	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**1131.40**	**9.10**	
Railways	Segments	31.25	$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	0.05	$0.00	0.00
	Tunnels	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**31.30**	**0.00**	
Light Rail	Segments	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Tunnels	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Bus	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Ferry	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Port	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Airport	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Runways	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
	Total	**1162.70**	**9.10**	

Table 13: Utility System Economic Losses

(Millions of dollars)

System	Component	Inventory Value	Economic Loss	Loss Ratio (%)
Potable Water	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Distribution Lines	10.10	$0.09	0.91
	Subtotal	**10.05**	**$0.09**	
Waste Water	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Distribution Lines	6.00	$0.05	0.76
	Subtotal	**6.03**	**$0.05**	
Natural Gas	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Distribution Lines	4.00	$0.02	0.39
	Subtotal	**4.02**	**$0.02**	
Oil Systems	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**$0.00**	
Electrical Power	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**$0.00**	
Communication	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**$0.00**	
	Total	**20.11**	**$0.15**	

Table 14. Indirect Economic Impact with outside aid

(Employment as # of people and Income in millions of $)

LOSS		Total	%

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Fairfield,CT

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

State	County Name	Population	Building Value (millions of dollars)		
			Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut					
	Fairfield	25,031	1,934	618	2,552
Total State		**25,031**	**1,934**	**618**	**2,552**
Total Region		**25,031**	**1,934**	**618**	**2,552**

Hazus-MH: Earthquake Event Report

Region Name: Newtown

Earthquake Scenario: Haddam

Print Date: November 19, 2013

Totals only reflect data for those census tracts/blocks included in the user's study region.

Disclaimer:
The estimates of social and economic impacts contained in this report were produced using Hazus loss estimation methodology software which is based on current scientific and engineering knowledge. There are uncertainties inherent in any loss estimation technique. Therefore, there may be significant differences between the modeled results contained in this report and the actual social and economic losses following a specific earthquake. These results can be improved by using enhanced inventory, geotechnical, and observed ground motion data.

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General Description of the Region

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The earthquake loss estimates provided in this report was based on a region that includes 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

Connecticut

Note:
Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 58.97 square miles and contains 5 census tracts. There are over 8 thousand households in the region which has a total population of 25,031 people (2002 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 9 thousand buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 2,552 (millions of dollars). Approximately 89.00 % of the buildings (and 76.00% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

The replacement value of the transportation and utility lifeline systems is estimated to be 1,162 and 0 (millions of dollars), respectively.

Building and Lifeline Inventory

Building Inventory

Hazus estimates that there are 9 thousand buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 2,552 (millions of dollars) . Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

In terms of building construction types found in the region, wood frame construction makes up 85% of the building inventory. The remaining percentage is distributed between the other general building types.

Critical Facility Inventory

Hazus breaks critical facilities into two (2) groups: essential facilities and high potential loss facilities (HPL). Essential facilities include hospitals, medical clinics, schools, fire stations, police stations and emergency operations facilities. High potential loss facilities include dams, levees, military installations, nuclear power plants and hazardous material sites.

For essential facilities, there are 0 hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of 0 beds. There are 13 schools, 3 fire stations, 1 police stations and 2 emergency operation facilities. With respect to high potential loss facilities (HPL), there are 6 dams identified within the region. Of these, 1 of the dams are classified as ‘high hazard’. The inventory also includes 7 hazardous material sites, 0 military installations and 0 nuclear power plants.

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Inventory

Within Hazus, the lifeline inventory is divided between transportation and utility lifeline systems. There are seven (7) transportation systems that include highways, railways, light rail, bus, ports, ferry and airports. There are six (6) utility systems that include potable water, wastewater, natural gas, crude & refined oil, electric power and communications. The lifeline inventory data are provided in Tables 1 and 2.

The total value of the lifeline inventory is over 1,162.00 (millions of dollars). This inventory includes over 64 kilometers of highways, 53 bridges, 1,005 kilometers of pipes.

Table 1: Transportation System Lifeline Inventory

System	Component	# Locations/ # Segments	Replacement value (millions of dollars)
Highway	Bridges	53	727.80
	Segments	34	403.60
	Tunnels	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**1,131.40**
Railways	Bridges	1	0.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Segments	7	31.30
	Tunnels	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**31.30**
Light Rail	Bridges	0	0.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Segments	0	0.00
	Tunnels	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Bus	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Ferry	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Port	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Airport	Facilities	0	0.00
	Runways	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
		Total	**1,162.70**

Table 2: Utility System Lifeline Inventory

System	Component	# Locations / Segments	Replacement value (millions of dollars)
Potable Water	Distribution Lines	NA	10.10
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**10.10**
Waste Water	Distribution Lines	NA	6.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**6.00**
Natural Gas	Distribution Lines	NA	4.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**4.00**
Oil Systems	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Electrical Power	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Communication	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
		Total	**20.10**

Earthquake Scenario

Hazus uses the following set of information to define the earthquake parameters used for the earthquake loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name	Haddam
Type of Earthquake	Arbitrary
Fault Name	NA
Historical Epicenter ID #	NA
Probabilistic Return Period	NA
Longitude of Epicenter	-72.55
Latitude of Epicenter	41.77
Earthquake Magnitude	5.70
Depth (Km)	10.00
Rupture Length (Km)	NA
Rupture Orientation (degrees)	NA
Attenuation Function	Central & East US (CEUS 2008)

Building Damage

Hazus estimates that about 53 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 1.00 % of the buildings in the region. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be damaged beyond repair. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus technical manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 below summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Agriculture	75	0.78	3	0.97	1	1.48	0	1.98	0	1.68
Commercial	651	6.81	24	9.00	8	16.12	1	22.15	0	25.75
Education	22	0.23	1	0.29	0	0.49	0	0.61	0	0.92
Government	14	0.15	1	0.19	0	0.33	0	0.40	0	0.49
Industrial	256	2.67	9	3.36	3	6.12	0	7.60	0	8.38
Other Residential	555	5.81	21	7.76	6	12.87	1	13.64	0	14.95
Religion	33	0.35	1	0.47	0	0.85	0	1.26	0	1.76
Single Family	7,949	83.20	211	77.96	30	61.73	2	52.36	0	46.06
Total	**9,555**		**271**		**49**		**4**		**0**	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type (All Design Levels)

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Wood	8,152	85.31	205	75.78	24	49.24	1	27.63	0	0.00
Steel	487	5.10	16	5.95	5	10.61	0	10.82	0	8.40
Concrete	83	0.87	2	0.88	1	1.33	0	0.60	0	0.00
Precast	31	0.32	1	0.42	1	1.43	0	2.91	0	0.22
RM	122	1.28	3	1.22	2	3.47	0	4.69	0	0.00
URM	595	6.23	37	13.77	15	29.53	2	51.14	0	91.39
MH	84	0.88	5	1.97	2	4.39	0	2.22	0	0.00
Total	**9,555**		**271**		**49**		**4**		**0**	

*Note:

RM Reinforced Masonry
URM Unreinforced Masonry
MH Manufactured Housing

Essential Facility Damage

Before the earthquake, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the earthquake, the model estimates that only 0 hospital beds (0.00%) are available for use by patients already in the hospital and those injured by the earthquake. After one week, 0.00% of the beds will be back in service. By 30 days, 0.00% will be operational.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**At Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Complete Damage > 50%**	**With Functionality > 50% on day 1**
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	13
EOCs	2	0	0	2
PoliceStations	1	0	0	1
FireStations	3	0	0	3

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Damage

Table 6 provides damage estimates for the transportation system.

Table 6: Expected Damage to the Transportation Systems

System	Component	Number of Locations				
		Locations/ Segments	With at Least Mod. Damage	With Complete Damage	With Functionality > 50 %	
					After Day 1	After Day 7
Highway	Segments	34	0	0	34	34
	Bridges	53	0	0	53	53
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
Railways	Segments	7	0	0	7	7
	Bridges	1	0	0	1	1
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Light Rail	Segments	0	0	0	0	0
	Bridges	0	0	0	0	0
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Bus	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Ferry	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Port	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Airport	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
	Runways	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Roadway segments, railroad tracks and light rail tracks are assumed to be damaged by ground failure only. If ground failure maps are not provided, damage estimates to these components will not be computed.

Tables 7-9 provide information on the damage to the utility lifeline systems. Table 7 provides damage to the utility system facilities. Table 8 provides estimates on the number of leaks and breaks by the pipelines of the utility systems. For electric power and potable water, Hazus performs a simplified system performance analysis. Table 9 provides a summary of the system performance information.

Table 7 : Expected Utility System Facility Damage

System	# of Locations				
	Total #	With at Least Moderate Damage	With Complete Damage	with Functionality > 50 %	
				After Day 1	After Day 7
Potable Water	0	0	0	0	0
Waste Water	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Gas	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Systems	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical Power	0	0	0	0	0
Communication	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8 : Expected Utility System Pipeline Damage (Site Specific)

System	Total Pipelines Length (kms)	Number of Leaks	Number of Breaks
Potable Water	503	3	1
Waste Water	302	2	0
Natural Gas	201	1	0
Oil	0	0	0

Table 9: Expected Potable Water and Electric Power System Performance

	Total # of Households	Number of Households without Service				
		At Day 1	At Day 3	At Day 7	At Day 30	At Day 90
Potable Water	8,325	0	0	0	0	0
Electric Power		0	0	0	0	0

Induced Earthquake Damage

Fire Following Earthquake

Fires often occur after an earthquake. Because of the number of fires and the lack of water to fight the fires, they can often burn out of control. Hazus uses a Monte Carlo simulation model to estimate the number of ignitions and the amount of burnt area. For this scenario, the model estimates that there will be 0 ignitions that will burn about 0.00 sq. mi 0.00 % of the region's total area.) The model also estimates that the fires will displace about 0 people and burn about 0 (millions of dollars) of building value.

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Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the earthquake. The model breaks the debris into two general categories: a) Brick/Wood and b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 0.00 million tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Brick/Wood comprises 72.00% of the total, with the remainder being Reinforced Concrete/Steel. If the debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 40 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the earthquake.

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Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the earthquake and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 0 households to be displaced due to the earthquake. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

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Hazus estimates the number of people that will be injured and killed by the earthquake. The casualties are broken down into four (4) severity levels that describe the extent of the injuries. The levels are described as follows;

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	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	1	0	0	0
	Total	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2 PM	Commercial	1	0	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	0	0	0	0
	Total	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
5 PM	Commercial	0	0	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	0	0	0	0
	Total	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the earthquake is 5.45 (millions of dollars), which includes building and lifeline related losses based on the region's available inventory. The following three sections provide more detailed information about these losses.

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The total building-related losses were 5.04 (millions of dollars); 19 % of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 55 % of the total loss. Table 11 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

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Category	Area	Single Family	Other Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Income Losses							
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.01	0.03	0.23
	Capital-Related	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.17
	Rental	0.04	0.02	0.12	0.01	0.00	0.19
	Relocation	0.15	0.01	0.15	0.03	0.03	0.38
	Subtotal	**0.19**	**0.03**	**0.62**	**0.05**	**0.06**	**0.96**
Capital Stock Losses							
	Structural	0.46	0.04	0.21	0.06	0.04	0.81
	Non_Structural	1.61	0.11	0.52	0.18	0.10	2.51
	Content	0.33	0.02	0.22	0.11	0.04	0.72
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.03
	Subtotal	**2.40**	**0.16**	**0.96**	**0.37**	**0.19**	**4.07**
	Total	**2.59**	**0.20**	**1.58**	**0.42**	**0.25**	**5.04**

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	Subtotal	**31.30**	**0.00**	
Light Rail	Segments	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Tunnels	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Bus	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
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	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Port	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Airport	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Runways	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
	Total	**1162.70**	**0.40**	

Table 13: Utility System Economic Losses

(Millions of dollars)

System	Component	Inventory Value	Economic Loss	Loss Ratio (%)
Potable Water	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Distribution Lines	10.10	$0.01	0.14
	Subtotal	**10.05**	**$0.01**	
Waste Water	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Distribution Lines	6.00	$0.01	0.11
	Subtotal	**6.03**	**$0.01**	
Natural Gas	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
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	Distribution Lines	4.00	$0.00	0.06
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	Subtotal	**0.00**	**$0.00**	
Electrical Power	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
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	Pipelines	0	0.00
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	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
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Earthquake Scenario

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Probabilistic Return Period	NA
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Latitude of Epicenter	41.60
Earthquake Magnitude	5.70
Depth (Km)	10.00
Rupture Length (Km)	NA
Rupture Orientation (degrees)	NA
Attenuation Function	Central & East US (CEUS 2008)

Building Damage

Hazus estimates that about 84 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 1.00 % of the buildings in the region. There are an estimated 0 buildings that will be damaged beyond repair. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus technical manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 below summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Agriculture	73	0.78	4	0.93	1	1.41	0	1.89	0	1.84
Commercial	637	6.77	34	8.56	12	15.52	2	21.24	0	26.58
Education	22	0.23	1	0.27	0	0.47	0	0.58	0	0.89
Government	14	0.15	1	0.19	0	0.34	0	0.41	0	0.55
Industrial	250	2.66	13	3.25	5	6.09	1	7.51	0	9.09
Other Residential	544	5.78	29	7.40	9	12.15	1	13.25	0	14.93
Religion	33	0.35	2	0.45	1	0.80	0	1.20	0	1.74
Single Family	7,830	83.29	310	78.95	49	63.21	4	53.91	0	44.39
Total	**9,401**		**393**		**77**		**7**		**0**	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type (All Design Levels)

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Wood	8,035	85.46	305	77.55	40	52.39	2	31.26	0	0.00
Steel	477	5.07	23	5.84	8	10.92	1	11.15	0	10.86
Concrete	82	0.87	4	0.90	1	1.49	0	0.67	0	0.67
Precast	30	0.32	2	0.39	1	1.30	0	2.74	0	0.24
RM	120	1.28	4	1.13	3	3.25	0	4.56	0	0.00
URM	577	6.13	49	12.41	21	26.61	3	47.31	0	88.01
MH	82	0.87	7	1.79	3	4.04	0	2.31	0	0.22
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*Note:
RM Reinforced Masonry
URM Unreinforced Masonry
MH Manufactured Housing

Essential Facility Damage

Before the earthquake, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the earthquake, the model estimates that only 0 hospital beds (0.00%) are available for use by patients already in the hospital and those injured by the earthquake. After one week, 0.00% of the beds will be back in service. By 30 days, 0.00% will be operational.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**At Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Complete Damage > 50%**	**With Functionality > 50% on day 1**
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	13
EOCs	2	0	0	2
PoliceStations	1	0	0	1
FireStations	3	0	0	3

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Damage

Table 6 provides damage estimates for the transportation system.

Table 6: Expected Damage to the Transportation Systems

System	Component	Number of Locations				
		Locations/ Segments	With at Least Mod. Damage	With Complete Damage	With Functionality > 50 %	
					After Day 1	After Day 7
Highway	Segments	34	0	0	34	34
	Bridges	53	0	0	53	53
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
Railways	Segments	7	0	0	7	7
	Bridges	1	0	0	1	1
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Light Rail	Segments	0	0	0	0	0
	Bridges	0	0	0	0	0
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Bus	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Ferry	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Port	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Airport	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
	Runways	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Roadway segments, railroad tracks and light rail tracks are assumed to be damaged by ground failure only. If ground failure maps are not provided, damage estimates to these components will not be computed.

Tables 7-9 provide information on the damage to the utility lifeline systems. Table 7 provides damage to the utility system facilities. Table 8 provides estimates on the number of leaks and breaks by the pipelines of the utility systems. For electric power and potable water, Hazus performs a simplified system performance analysis. Table 9 provides a summary of the system performance information.

Table 7 : Expected Utility System Facility Damage

System	# of Locations				
	Total #	With at Least Moderate Damage	With Complete Damage	with Functionality > 50 %	
				After Day 1	After Day 7
Potable Water	0	0	0	0	0
Waste Water	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Gas	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Systems	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical Power	0	0	0	0	0
Communication	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8 : Expected Utility System Pipeline Damage (Site Specific)

System	Total Pipelines Length (kms)	Number of Leaks	Number of Breaks
Potable Water	503	4	1
Waste Water	302	2	1
Natural Gas	201	1	0
Oil	0	0	0

Table 9: Expected Potable Water and Electric Power System Performance

	Total # of Households	Number of Households without Service				
		At Day 1	At Day 3	At Day 7	At Day 30	At Day 90
Potable Water	8,325	0	0	0	0	0
Electric Power		0	0	0	0	0

Induced Earthquake Damage

Fire Following Earthquake

Fires often occur after an earthquake. Because of the number of fires and the lack of water to fight the fires, they can often burn out of control. Hazus uses a Monte Carlo simulation model to estimate the number of ignitions and the amount of burnt area. For this scenario, the model estimates that there will be 0 ignitions that will burn about 0.00 sq. mi 0.00 % of the region's total area.) The model also estimates that the fires will displace about 0 people and burn about 0 (millions of dollars) of building value.

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the earthquake. The model breaks the debris into two general categories: a) Brick/Wood and b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 0.00 million tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Brick/Wood comprises 69.00% of the total, with the remainder being Reinforced Concrete/Steel. If the debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 80 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the earthquake.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the earthquake and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 0 households to be displaced due to the earthquake. Of these, 0 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Casualties

Hazus estimates the number of people that will be injured and killed by the earthquake. The casualties are broken down into four (4) severity levels that describe the extent of the injuries. The levels are described as follows;

- Severity Level 1: Injuries will require medical attention but hospitalization is not needed.
- Severity Level 2: Injuries will require hospitalization but are not considered life-threatening
- Severity Level 3: Injuries will require hospitalization and can become life threatening if not promptly treated.
- Severity Level 4: Victims are killed by the earthquake.

The casualty estimates are provided for three (3) times of day: 2:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. These times represent the periods of the day that different sectors of the community are at their peak occupancy loads. The 2:00 AM estimate considers that the residential occupancy load is maximum, the 2:00 PM estimate considers that the educational, commercial and industrial sector loads are maximum and 5:00 PM represents peak commute time.

Table 10 provides a summary of the casualties estimated for this earthquake

Table 10: Casualty Estimates

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2 AM	Commercial	0	0	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	1	0	0	0
	Total	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2 PM	Commercial	1	0	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	0	0	0	0
	Total	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**
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	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	0	0	0	0
	Total	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the earthquake is 9.27 (millions of dollars), which includes building and lifeline related losses based on the region's available inventory. The following three sections provide more detailed information about these losses.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the earthquake. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the earthquake.

The total building-related losses were 8.54 (millions of dollars); 18 % of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 55 % of the total loss. Table 11 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 11: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Single Family	Other Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Income Losses							
	Wage	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.02	0.04	0.35
	Capital-Related	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.01	0.00	0.26
	Rental	0.07	0.03	0.18	0.01	0.01	0.30
	Relocation	0.24	0.02	0.24	0.05	0.05	0.60
	Subtotal	**0.31**	**0.05**	**0.96**	**0.08**	**0.10**	**1.50**
Capital Stock Losses							
	Structural	0.72	0.06	0.32	0.10	0.07	1.26
	Non_Structural	2.70	0.20	0.91	0.34	0.17	4.31
	Content	0.65	0.04	0.43	0.21	0.09	1.42
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.05
	Subtotal	**4.07**	**0.29**	**1.67**	**0.69**	**0.32**	**7.04**
	Total	**4.38**	**0.35**	**2.63**	**0.77**	**0.42**	**8.54**

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Losses

For the transportation and utility lifeline systems, Hazus computes the direct repair cost for each component only. There are no losses computed by Hazus for business interruption due to lifeline outages. Tables 12 & 13 provide a detailed breakdown in the expected lifeline losses.

Hazus estimates the long-term economic impacts to the region for 15 years after the earthquake. The model quantifies this information in terms of income and employment changes within the region. Table 14 presents the results of the region for the given earthquake.

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Highway	Segments	403.60	$0.00	0.00
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	Tunnels	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**1131.40**	**0.70**	
Railways	Segments	31.25	$0.00	0.00
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		Subtotal	**31.30**
Light Rail	Bridges	0	0.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Segments	0	0.00
	Tunnels	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Bus	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Ferry	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Port	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Airport	Facilities	0	0.00
	Runways	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
		Total	**1,162.70**

Table 2: Utility System Lifeline Inventory

System	Component	# Locations / Segments	Replacement value (millions of dollars)
Potable Water	Distribution Lines	NA	10.10
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**10.10**
Waste Water	Distribution Lines	NA	6.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**6.00**
Natural Gas	Distribution Lines	NA	4.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**4.00**
Oil Systems	Facilities	0	0.00
	Pipelines	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Electrical Power	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
Communication	Facilities	0	0.00
		Subtotal	**0.00**
		Total	**20.10**

Earthquake Scenario

Hazus uses the following set of information to define the earthquake parameters used for the earthquake loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name	Stamford
Type of Earthquake	Arbitrary
Fault Name	NA
Historical Epicenter ID #	NA
Probabilistic Return Period	NA
Longitude of Epicenter	-73.60
Latitude of Epicenter	41.15
Earthquake Magnitude	5.70
Depth (Km)	10.00
Rupture Length (Km)	NA
Rupture Orientation (degrees)	NA
Attenuation Function	Central & East US (CEUS 2008)

Building Damage

Hazus estimates that about 350 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 4.00 % of the buildings in the region. There are an estimated 3 buildings that will be damaged beyond repair. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the Hazus technical manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 below summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Agriculture	61	0.73	11	0.98	5	1.58	1	2.48	0	2.58
Commercial	534	6.34	91	8.22	49	15.92	9	23.95	1	30.30
Education	18	0.22	3	0.27	2	0.52	0	0.67	0	1.04
Government	12	0.14	2	0.17	1	0.36	0	0.47	0	0.66
Industrial	206	2.45	36	3.24	22	7.01	4	10.11	0	13.60
Other Residential	476	5.65	71	6.42	31	10.12	4	12.23	0	11.25
Religion	28	0.34	4	0.38	2	0.64	0	0.97	0	1.23
Single Family	7,088	84.14	888	80.32	198	63.86	18	49.13	1	39.35
Total	8,424		1,105		310		37		3	

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type (All Design Levels)

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Wood	7,290	86.54	898	81.26	181	58.48	12	33.63	0	13.56
Steel	384	4.56	70	6.30	46	14.97	8	21.28	1	29.59
Concrete	68	0.80	11	0.98	7	2.28	1	1.92	0	2.29
Precast	26	0.31	3	0.31	3	0.95	1	2.17	0	0.42
RM	108	1.28	10	0.92	8	2.54	2	4.27	0	0.43
URM	484	5.75	98	8.84	54	17.37	12	33.33	2	52.39
MH	65	0.77	15	1.40	11	3.42	1	3.41	0	1.32
Total	8,424		1,105		310		37		3	

*Note:

RM Reinforced Masonry
URM Unreinforced Masonry
MH Manufactured Housing

Essential Facility Damage

Before the earthquake, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the earthquake, the model estimates that only 0 hospital beds (0.00%) are available for use by patients already in the hospital and those injured by the earthquake. After one week, 0.00% of the beds will be back in service. By 30 days, 0.00% will be operational.

Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

		# Facilities		
Classification	**Total**	**At Least Moderate Damage > 50%**	**Complete Damage > 50%**	**With Functionality > 50% on day 1**
Hospitals	0	0	0	0
Schools	13	0	0	13
EOCs	2	0	0	2
PoliceStations	1	0	0	1
FireStations	3	0	0	3

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Damage

Table 6 provides damage estimates for the transportation system.

Table 6: Expected Damage to the Transportation Systems

System	Component	Number of Locations				
		Locations/ Segments	With at Least Mod. Damage	With Complete Damage	With Functionality > 50 %	
					After Day 1	After Day 7
Highway	Segments	34	0	0	34	34
	Bridges	53	0	0	53	53
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
Railways	Segments	7	0	0	7	7
	Bridges	1	0	0	1	1
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Light Rail	Segments	0	0	0	0	0
	Bridges	0	0	0	0	0
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Bus	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Ferry	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Port	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Airport	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
	Runways	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Roadway segments, railroad tracks and light rail tracks are assumed to be damaged by ground failure only. If ground failure maps are not provided, damage estimates to these components will not be computed.

Tables 7-9 provide information on the damage to the utility lifeline systems. Table 7 provides damage to the utility system facilities. Table 8 provides estimates on the number of leaks and breaks by the pipelines of the utility systems. For electric power and potable water, Hazus performs a simplified system performance analysis. Table 9 provides a summary of the system performance information.

Table 7 : Expected Utility System Facility Damage

System	# of Locations				
	Total #	With at Least Moderate Damage	With Complete Damage	with Functionality > 50 %	
				After Day 1	After Day 7
Potable Water	0	0	0	0	0
Waste Water	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Gas	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Systems	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical Power	0	0	0	0	0
Communication	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8 : Expected Utility System Pipeline Damage (Site Specific)

System	Total Pipelines Length (kms)	Number of Leaks	Number of Breaks
Potable Water	503	16	4
Waste Water	302	8	2
Natural Gas	201	3	1
Oil	0	0	0

Table 9: Expected Potable Water and Electric Power System Performance

	Total # of Households	Number of Households without Service				
		At Day 1	At Day 3	At Day 7	At Day 30	At Day 90
Potable Water	8,325	0	0	0	0	0
Electric Power		0	0	0	0	0

Induced Earthquake Damage

Fire Following Earthquake

Fires often occur after an earthquake. Because of the number of fires and the lack of water to fight the fires, they can often burn out of control. Hazus uses a Monte Carlo simulation model to estimate the number of ignitions and the amount of burnt area. For this scenario, the model estimates that there will be 0 ignitions that will burn about 0.00 sq. mi 0.00 % of the region’s total area.) The model also estimates that the fires will displace about 0 people and burn about 0 (millions of dollars) of building value.

Debris Generation

Hazus estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the earthquake. The model breaks the debris into two general categories: a) Brick/Wood and b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 0.01 million tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Brick/Wood comprises 58.00% of the total, with the remainder being Reinforced Concrete/Steel. If the debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 280 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the earthquake.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

Hazus estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the earthquake and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 3 households to be displaced due to the earthquake. Of these, 1 people (out of a total population of 25,031) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Casualties

Hazus estimates the number of people that will be injured and killed by the earthquake. The casualties are broken down into four (4) severity levels that describe the extent of the injuries. The levels are described as follows;

- Severity Level 1: Injuries will require medical attention but hospitalization is not needed.
- Severity Level 2: Injuries will require hospitalization but are not considered life-threatening
- Severity Level 3: Injuries will require hospitalization and can become life threatening if not promptly treated.
- Severity Level 4: Victims are killed by the earthquake.

The casualty estimates are provided for three (3) times of day: 2:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. These times represent the periods of the day that different sectors of the community are at their peak occupancy loads. The 2:00 AM estimate considers that the residential occupancy load is maximum, the 2:00 PM estimate considers that the educational, commercial and industrial sector loads are maximum and 5:00 PM represents peak commute time.

Table 10 provides a summary of the casualties estimated for this earthquake

Table 10: Casualty Estimates

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2 AM	Commercial	0	0	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	1	0	0	0
	Single Family	4	0	0	0
	Total	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2 PM	Commercial	4	1	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	1	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	1	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	1	0	0	0
	Total	**7**	**1**	**0**	**0**
5 PM	Commercial	3	1	0	0
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	0	0	0	0
	Industrial	0	0	0	0
	Other-Residential	0	0	0	0
	Single Family	1	0	0	0
	Total	**5**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the earthquake is 43.83 (millions of dollars), which includes building and lifeline related losses based on the region's available inventory. The following three sections provide more detailed information about these losses.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the earthquake. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the earthquake.

The total building-related losses were 37.96 (millions of dollars); 17 % of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 55 % of the total loss. Table 11 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 11: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates

(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Single Family	Other Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Income Losses							
	Wage	0.00	0.02	1.29	0.08	0.15	1.54
	Capital-Related	0.00	0.01	1.12	0.04	0.01	1.18
	Rental	0.28	0.10	0.73	0.03	0.02	1.17
	Relocation	1.02	0.07	1.05	0.19	0.21	2.54
	Subtotal	**1.30**	**0.20**	**4.19**	**0.34**	**0.40**	**6.43**
Capital Stock Losses							
	Structural	2.59	0.18	1.36	0.42	0.29	4.84
	Non_Structural	11.87	0.71	4.06	1.45	0.78	18.88
	Content	3.98	0.18	2.06	0.93	0.44	7.58
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.17	0.01	0.23
	Subtotal	**18.44**	**1.06**	**7.53**	**2.98**	**1.52**	**31.54**
	Total	**19.75**	**1.26**	**11.72**	**3.32**	**1.92**	**37.96**

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Losses

For the transportation and utility lifeline systems, Hazus computes the direct repair cost for each component only. There are no losses computed by Hazus for business interruption due to lifeline outages. Tables 12 & 13 provide a detailed breakdown in the expected lifeline losses.

Hazus estimates the long-term economic impacts to the region for 15 years after the earthquake. The model quantifies this information in terms of income and employment changes within the region. Table 14 presents the results of the region for the given earthquake.

Table 12: Transportation System Economic Losses

(Millions of dollars)

System	Component	Inventory Value	Economic Loss	Loss Ratio (%)
Highway	Segments	403.60	$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	727.76	$5.74	0.79
	Tunnels	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**1131.40**	**5.70**	
Railways	Segments	31.25	$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	0.05	$0.00	0.00
	Tunnels	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**31.30**	**0.00**	
Light Rail	Segments	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Tunnels	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Bus	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Ferry	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Port	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
Airport	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Runways	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**0.00**	
	Total	**1162.70**	**5.70**	

Table 13: Utility System Economic Losses

(Millions of dollars)

System	Component	Inventory Value	Economic Loss	Loss Ratio (%)
Potable Water	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Distribution Lines	10.10	$0.07	0.71
	Subtotal	**10.05**	**$0.07**	
Waste Water	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Distribution Lines	6.00	$0.04	0.59
	Subtotal	**6.03**	**$0.04**	
Natural Gas	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Distribution Lines	4.00	$0.01	0.30
	Subtotal	**4.02**	**$0.01**	
Oil Systems	Pipelines	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**$0.00**	
Electrical Power	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**$0.00**	
Communication	Facilities	0.00	$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	**0.00**	**$0.00**	
	Total	**20.11**	**$0.12**	

Table 14. Indirect Economic Impact with outside aid

(Employment as # of people and Income in millions of $)

LOSS		Total	%

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Fairfield,CT

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

State	County Name	Population	Building Value (millions of dollars)		
			Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Connecticut					
	Fairfield	25,031	1,934	618	2,552
Total State		**25,031**	**1,934**	**618**	**2,552**
Total Region		**25,031**	**1,934**	**618**	**2,552**

APPENDIX F
FEMA SNOW LOAD GUIDANCE

FEMA Snow Load Safety Guidance

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This flyer summarizes warning signs of overstress conditions during a snow event, key safety issues and risks a snow event poses to buildings, and what to do after a snow event.

Warning Signs of Overstress Conditions during a Snow Event

Overstressed roofs typically display some warning signs. Wood and steel structures may show noticeable signs of excessive ceiling or roof sagging before failure. The following warning signs are common in wood, metal, and steel constructed buildings:

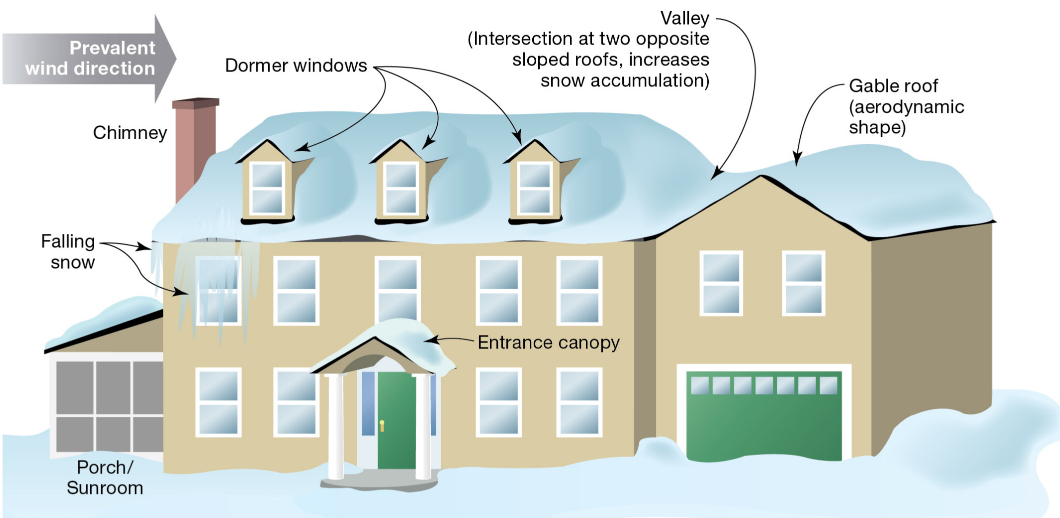
- Sagging ceiling tiles or boards, ceiling boards falling out of the ceiling grid, and/or sagging sprinkler lines and sprinkler heads
- Sprinkler heads deflecting below suspended ceilings
- Popping, cracking, and creaking noises
- Sagging roof members, including metal decking or plywood sheathing
- Bowing truss bottom chords or web members
- Doors and/or windows that can no longer be opened or closed
- Cracked or split wood members
- Cracks in walls or masonry
- Severe roof leaks
- Excessive accumulation of water at nondrainage locations on low slope roofs

Warning! If any of these warning signs are observed, the building should be promptly evacuated and a local building authority and/or a qualified design professional should be contacted to perform a detailed structural inspection.

Key Safety Issues and Risks

Snow accumulation in excess of building design conditions can result in structural failure and possible collapse. Structural failure due to roof snow loads may be linked to several possible causes, including but not limited to the following:

- **Unbalanced snow load from drifting and sliding snow.** When snow accumulates at different depths in different locations on a roof, it results in high and concentrated snow loads that can potentially overload the roof structure.
- **Rain-on-snow load.** Heavy rainfall on top of snow may cause snow to melt and become further saturated, significantly increasing the load on the roof structure.
- **Snow melt between snow events.** If the roof drainage system is blocked, improperly designed or maintained, ice dams may form, which creates a concentrated load at the eaves and reduces the ability of sloped roofs to shed snow. On flat or low slope roof systems, snow melt may accumulate in low areas on roofs, creating a concentrated load.
- **Roof geometry.** Simple roofs with steep slopes shed snow most easily. Roofs with geometric irregularities and obstructions collect snow drifts in an unbalanced pattern. These roof geometries include flat roofs with parapets, stepped roofs, saw-tooth roofs, and roofs with obstructions such as equipment or chimneys.



Unbalanced Snow Load from Drifting and Sliding Snow on Residential Structure

What to Do After a Snow Event

After a snow event, snow removal may be in order. To determine whether snow removal is necessary, one may enlist valuable resources such as a local building authority and/or a qualified design professional, who will be familiar with the snow conditions of the region and the design capacities of local buildings per the building code. If it is determined that the snow should be removed, snow removal should only be performed by qualified individuals. The qualified individual should follow necessary protocols for safe snow removal to minimize risk of personal injury and lower the potential for damaging the roof covering during the snow removal process.

> Warning! Snow removal is a dangerous activity that should only be done by qualified individuals following safety protocols to minimize risks. If at any time there is concern that snow loads may cause a collapse of the roof structure, cease all removal activity and evacuate the building.

If subsequent snow events are anticipated, removing snow from the roof will minimize the risk of accumulating snow causing structural damage. One benefit of immediate snow removal is that the effort required to remove the snow from the rooftop is reduced.

Safety Measures for Snow Removal

Below are some safety measures to take during snow removal to minimize risk of personal injury.

- Any roof snow removal should be conducted following proper OSHA protocol for work on rooftops. Use roof fall arrest harnesses where applicable.
- Always have someone below the roof to keep foot traffic away from locations where falling snow or ice could cause injuries.
- Ensure someone confirms that the area below removal site is free of equipment that could be damaged by falling snow or ice.
- Whenever snow is being removed from a roof, be careful of dislodged icicles. An icicle falling from a short height can still cause damage or injury.
- When using a non-metallic snow rake, be aware that roof snow can slide at any moment. Keep a safe distance away from the eave to remain outside of the sliding range.
- Buried skylights pose a high risk to workers on a roof removing snow. Properly mark this hazard as well as other rooftop hazards.

Methods of Snow Removal

Below are some recommended methods of snow removal that allow the qualified individual to remove snow safely and minimize risk of personal injury and property damage.

- Removing snow completely from a roof surface can result in serious damage to the roof covering and possibly lead to leaks and additional damage. At least a couple of inches of snow should be left on the roof.
- Do not use mechanical snow removal equipment. The risk of damaging the roof membrane or other rooftop items outweighs the advantage of speed.
- Do not use sharp tools, such as picks, to remove snow. Use plastic rather than metal shovels.
- Remove drifted snow first at building elevation changes, parapets, and around equipment.
- Once drifted snow has been removed, start remaining snow removal from the center portion of the roof.
- Remove snow in the direction of primary structural members. This will prevent unbalanced snow loading.
- Do not stockpile snow on the roof.
- Dispose of removed snow in designated areas on the ground.
- Keep snow away from building exits, fire escapes, drain downspouts, ventilation openings, and equipment.
- If possible, remove snow starting at the ridge and moving toward the eave for gable and sloped roofs.
- In some cases a long-handled non-metallic snow rake can be used from the ground, thereby reducing the risk. Metal snow rakes can damage roofing material and pose an electrocution risk and should be avoided.
- Upon completion of snow removal, the roofing material should be inspected for any signs of damage. Additionally, a quick inspection of the structural system may be prudent after particularly large snow events.

If you have any additional questions on this topic or other mitigation topics, contact the FEMA Building Science Helpline at FEMA-Buildingsciencehelp@fema.dhs.gov or 866-927-2104.

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