

9.31 Town of Wilton

This section presents the jurisdictional annex for the Town of Wilton. The town provided the following updates that were incorporated into this annex:

- Jurisdictional Annex Update Form (Contact Information, Profile, and Capability Assessment)
- Hazard Event History
- Hazard Ranking
- NYS Mitigation Action Worksheets

9.31.1 Hazard Mitigation Plan Point of Contact

Primary Point of Contact	Alternate Point of Contact
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9.31.2 Town Profile

Population

16,653 (American Community Survey 5-Year 2016 Estimates)

Location

The Town of Wilton is located in the northeast section of Saratoga County. It is bounded on the north by Corinth and Moreau, on the east by Northumberland, on the south by Saratoga and Saratoga Springs, and on the west by Greenfield. US Route 9 and the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87) are parallel north-south highways. New York State Route 50 is a north-south highway in the eastern part of Wilton. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 36.0 sq. mi, with 35.9 sq. mi of it land and 0.1 sq. mi of its (0.25-percent) water.

Climate

Saratoga County, with all its municipalities, generally experiences seasonable weather patterns characteristic of the northeastern U.S. Warm summers are typically experienced, with occasional high temperatures and humidity. Midsummer temperatures typically range from 60°F to 83°F (Fahrenheit). The winters of Saratoga County are long and cold, with temperatures typically ranging from 12°F to 30°F (Fahrenheit). During the winter, temperatures are cooler than the

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temperatures in areas located near large bodies of water. Snow accumulates to an average depth of 68.7 inches each year.

Brief History

The region, once called "Palmertown," was first settled around 1764. The Town of Wilton was created in 1818 from the Town of Northumberland. The Grant Cottage State Historic Site is located in Wilton, in an area known as Mount McGregor, which is the highest peak of the Palmertown Range, mostly north of Wilton. This site is the place where Ulysses S. Grant died in 1885 while completing his memoirs. A narrow-gauge railway built in 1882, the Saratoga, Mount McGregor and Lake George Railroad, ran through Wilton.

Governing Body Format

Town of Wilton functions as an elected legislative body in accordance with N.Y.S. Constitution and authorizing legislative authority. Elected are one (1) supervisor and four (4) councilmen with various staggered terms. Other elected positions are Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and two (2) Town Justices. All other positions are appointed as specified by the state law or civil service. The Town has legislative authority to appoint boards and committees to serve the Town residents needs including adopting budgets and raising taxes.

Growth/Development Trends

The Wilton Planning Department’s Development Report Update for 2017 (Appendix X) outlines that Wilton is growing and therefore there is continuing residential and commercial development in the Town.

Table 9.31-1 New and Potential Development in Town of Wilton

Project Name	Approved	CO's	Undeveloped
Adirondack Estates	10	7	3
ANW Holdings	4	1	3
Autumn Acres	3	2	1
Biss, John and Lisa	2	1	1
Blanchard Road	7	7	0
Brooke Park	13	11	2
Burnham Hollow	55	20	35
Cahill's Forest	15	0	15
Canyon Run	61	44	17
Carriage Pines PUDD	12	0	12
Chestnut Hill	16	4	12
Connor's Way (Stewart Court)	5	5	0
Craw Farm	49	26	23
Crossings at Northern Pines	36	36	0
Dennis Land (Eighteenth Pass)	8	6	2

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Project Name	Approved	CO's	Undeveloped
ER Design Build LLC	4	0	4
Fairways III	197	196	1
Floral Estates V	18	17	1
Forest Phase III	13	11	2
Gurn Springs Road	6	2	4
Huckleberry Finn Estates	42	36	6
Indian Springs	127	122	5
Links, The	21	20	1
Louden Ridge	23	9	14
Louden Road/Eastview	17	2	15
Loughberry III, Sections 2 & 3	37	35	2
Mill at Smith Bridge	68	48	20
Morris, Lands of	26	2	24
Northern Pines PUDD	8	5	3
Olson Farm	55	44	11
Paddocks PUDD	84	84	0
Park Place at Wilton	114	114	0
Perry Road Senior Community	202	110	92
Pine Brook Landing	21	14	7
Pravda, Lands of	5	2	3
Preserve at Ruggles Road	49	48	1
Ridgeview Commons Zone 1A	58	58	0
Ridgeview Commons Zone 2	22	0	22
Ridgeview Estates	38	12	26
Rolling Greens Executive Estates	29	14	15
Safian, Lands of	3	2	1
Salmonson, Gerald et al	3	1	2
Saratoga Heritage Phase III 5-lot	5	0	5
Saratoga Heritage Phase II Multi-Family	16	16	0
Saratoga Heritage Phase III	40	40	0
Sass, Lands of	9	0	9
708 Route 9	48	16	32
Smith Subdivision	27	0	27
Sonoma Grove	66	0	66
Spencer Conservation Subdivision	8	0	8
Streicher, Lands of	4	1	3
Sydney Hill	28	26	2
Traver Road 5-Lot	5	1	4
Traver Road – Ushu Court	9	5	4
Wilton Woods	19	0	19
Woodcock	4	2	2
TOTALS	1874	1286	588
Saratoga Heritage Phase II Multi-Family	16	16	0
Saratoga Heritage Phase III	40	40	0
Sass, Lands of	9	0	9
708 Route 9	48	16	32
Smith Subdivision	27	0	27

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Sonoma Grove	66	0	66
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Streicher, Lands of	4	1	3
Sydney Hill	28	26	2
Traver Road 5-Lot	5	1	4
Traver Road – Ushu Court	9	5	4
Wilton Woods	19	0	19
Woodcock	4	2	2

9.31.3 Town-Specific Hazard Information

Detailed hazard event histories can be found in the Previous Occurrences and Losses sections of each hazard profile in Section 5. The information summarized in Table 9.31-2 is unique hazard occurrences reported within the Town of Wilton in the last 10 years. Table 9.31-3 summarizes the Town of Wilton's ranking of the hazards based on probability of occurrence and impacts to the town. The most notable difference between the Town of Wilton and the County is that severe winter weather is the Town's highest risk hazard, whereas the County ranked it a moderate hazard. The Town of Wilton also ranked invasive species low, whereas the County ranked this hazard moderate.

Table 9.31-2 Hazard Event History for the Town of Wilton

Hazard	Previous Events (Last 10 Years)
Extreme Temperatures (Heat and Cold)	N/A
Drought	No recent droughts
Earthquake	None
Flood	N/A
Ground Failure (Landslide, land Subsidence)	None
Infectious Disease	Annual minor issues
Severe Winter Weather (Ice storm, nor'easters, heavy snow, blizzards, freezing rain/sleet)	Minor
Severe Storm (Hurricane, windstorm, thunderstorm, lightning, tornados, hail, microbursts)	Minor
Wildfire	Minor

Table 9.31-3 Town of Wilton Hazard Ranking

Rank #	Hazard Type	Probability of Occurrence	Risk Ranking Score ^a	Hazard Ranking ^b	County Hazard Ranking ^b
7	Drought	Infrequent	14	Low	Low
4	Earthquake	Rare	18	Medium	Low
4	Extreme Temperature	Regular	18	Medium	High
3	Flood (riverine, flash, coastal and urban flooding)	Regular	27	High	High
6	Ground Failure	Infrequent	16	Medium	Medium

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Rank #	Hazard Type	Probability of Occurrence	Risk Ranking Score ^a	Hazard Ranking ^b	County Hazard Ranking ^b
8	Invasive Species	Infrequent	14	Low	Medium
1	Severe Storm (windstorms, thunderstorms, hail, lightning and tornados)	Frequent	36	High	High
1	Severe Winter Storm (heavy snow, blizzards, ice storms)	Frequent	36	High	Medium
8	Wildfire	Rare	7	Low	Low

a. Risk ranking score = Probability x Impact

b. High = Total hazard priority risk ranking score of 31 and above; Medium = Total hazard priority risk ranking of 16-30; and Low = Total hazard risk ranking below 15

9.31.4 Capability Assessment

This section identifies the following capabilities of the local jurisdiction:

- Legal and regulatory capability;
- Administrative and technical capability;
- Fiscal capability; and,
- Community classification.

Legal and Regulatory Capability

Table 9.31-4 Legal and Regulatory Capability of the Town of Wilton

Regulatory Tools (Codes, Ordinances, Plans)	Local Authority (Y or N)	Prohibitions (State or Federal) (Y or N)	Higher Jurisdictional Authority (Y or N)	State Mandated (Y or N)	Code Citation (Section, Paragraph, Page Number, date of adoption)
1) Building Code	Y	N	Y	N	NYS Building & Fire Code 5/6/1974 Revised in 2004
2) Zoning Ordinance	Y	N	N	N	Adopted 5/6/1974
3) Subdivision Ordinance	Y	N	N	N	Adopted 1/13/1977
4) NFIP Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (if you are in the NFIP, you must have this.)	N	Y	Y	Y	Not provided

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5) Growth Management	Y	N	N	N	See Comprehensive Plan Adopted: 12/2/2004, Revised: 3/2/2006
6) Floodplain Management / Basin Plan	N	Y	Y	N	Not provided
7) Stormwater Management Plan/Ordinance	Y	N	Y	Y	Local Law #4 of 2006 MS4 Adopted: 12/7/2006
8) Comprehensive Plan / Master Plan/ General Plan	Y	N	N	N	Comprehensive Plan Adopted: 12/2/2004, Revised: 3/2/2006
9) Capital Improvements Plan	Y	N	N	N	By Resolution for Each Project
10) Site Plan Review Requirements	Y	Y	Y	N	Adopted with Zoning 5/6/2007
11) Open Space Plan	Y	N	N	N	Adopted 12/6/2007
12) Economic Development Plan	Y	N	N	N	Local Law #2 of 1994 Adopted 2/17/1994
13) Emergency Response Plan	Y	N	Y	Y	Adopted 2/12/2008
14) Post Disaster Recovery Plan	N	N	N	N	Not provided
15) Post Disaster Recovery Ordinance	N	N	N	N	Not provided
16) Real Estate Disclosure req.	N	N	N	N	Not provided
17) Other [Special Purpose Ordinances (i.e., critical or sensitive areas)]	Y	Y	Y	N	Hazardous Material Law: Local Law #4 of 1988 Ad: 10/6/88 Illicit Discharge Law: Local Law #3 of 2007 Ad: 9/6/07 Wilton Water and Sewer Authority Ad. 8/8/91 Automobile Junk Yards Ad. 7/13/70 Sensitive Areas: Local Law #4 of 2006 Ad. 12/7/06 Fire Code: NYS Ad. 5/6/74

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Administrative and Technical Capability

Table 9.31-5 Administrative and Technical Capability of the Town of Wilton

Staff/ Personnel Resources	Available (Y or N)	Department/ Agency/Position
1) Planner(s) or Engineer(s) with knowledge of land development and land management practices	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Kate Maynard, A.I.C.P.; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.
2) Engineer(s) or Professional(s) trained in construction practices related to buildings and/or infrastructure	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Mark Mykins, Building Inspector; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.
3) Planners or engineers with an understanding of natural hazards	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Kate Maynard, A.I.C.P.; Mark Mykins, Building Inspector; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.
4) Floodplain Administrator	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Kate Maynard, A.I.C.P.; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.
5) Surveyor(s)	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.
6) Personnel skilled or trained in "GIS" applications	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Kate Maynard, A.I.C.P.; Mark Mykins, Building Inspector; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.
7) Scientist familiar with natural hazards in the Town of Wilton.	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.; Kirklin Woodcock, Highway Superintendent
8) Emergency Manager	Y	Larry Gordon, E.S.C.
9) Grant Writer(s)	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Kate Maynard, A.I.C.P.; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.
10) Staff with expertise or training in benefit/cost analysis	Y	Keith Manz, P.E.; Larry Gordon, E.S.C.

Fiscal Capability

Table 9.31-6 Fiscal Capability of the Town of Wilton

Financial Resources	Accessible or Eligible to use (Yes/No/Don't know)
1) Community development Block Grants (CDBG)	Yes
2) Capital Improvements Project Funding	Yes
3) Authority to Levy Taxes for specific purposes	Yes
4) User fees for water, sewer, gas or electric service	Yes
5) Impact Fees for homebuyers or developers of new development/homes	Yes
6) Incur debt through general obligation bonds	Yes
7) Incur debt through special tax bonds	Yes
8) Incur debt through private activity bonds	No
9) Withhold public expenditures in hazard-prone areas	No

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Financial Resources	Accessible or Eligible to use (Yes/No/Don't know)
10) State sponsored grant programs such as FCAAP	Not provided
11) Other	Not provided

Community Classifications

Table 9.31-7 Community Classifications of the Town of Wilton

Program	Classification	Date Classified
Community Rating System (CRS)	NP	N/A
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS)	NP	N/A
Public Protection	NP	N/A
Storm Ready	NP	N/A
Firewise	NP	N/A

N/A = Not applicable. NP = Not participating. - = Unavailable.

The classifications listed above relate to the community's effectiveness in providing services that may impact its vulnerability to the natural hazards identified. These classifications can be viewed as a gauge of the community's capabilities in all phases of emergency management (preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation) and are used as an underwriting parameter for determining the costs of various forms of insurance. The CRS class applies to flood insurance while the BCEGS and Public Protection classifications apply to standard property insurance. CRS classifications range on a scale of 1 to 10 with class one being the best possible classification, and class 10 representing no classification benefit. Firewise classifications include a higher classification when the subject property is located beyond 1000 feet of a creditable fire hydrant and is within 5 road miles of a recognized Fire Station. Criteria for classification credits are outlined in the following documents:

- The Community Rating System Coordinators Manual;
- The Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule;
- The ISO Mitigation online ISO's Public Protection website at: <https://www.isomitigation.com/ppc/>;
- The National Weather Service Storm Ready website at <https://www.weather.gov/stormready/>; and,
- The National Firewise Communities website at <http://firewise.org/>.

9.31.5 Mitigation Strategy

Proposed Hazard Mitigation Initiatives

Table 9.31-8 Proposed Hazard Mitigation Initiatives of the Town of Wilton

Initiative	Mitigation Initiative	Applies to New and/or Existing Structures*	Hazard(s) Mitigated	Goals Met	Objectives Met	Lead	Support	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Timeline
TW-2	Consider participation in incentive-based programs such as CRS.	New & Existing	Flood	1, 2, 5	1-1, 1-3, 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 5-2	NFIP Floodplain Administrator	NYS DHSES, ISO, FEMA	Low - Medium	Local Budget	Short Term
TW-3	Continue to support the implementation, monitoring, maintenance, and updating of this Plan, as defined in Section 7.0	New & Existing	All Hazards	All	All	NFIP Floodplain Administrator	County (through Mitigation Planning Coordinator), NYS DHSES	Low – High (for 5-year update)	Local Budget, possibly FEMA Mitigation Grant Funding for 5-year update	Ongoing
TW-4	Strive to maintain compliance with, and good standing in the National Flood Insurance program.	New & Existing	Flood	1, 2, 4	1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-8, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4	NFIP Floodplain Administrator	NYS DHSES, ISO, FEMA	Low - Medium	Local Budget	Ongoing
TW-5	Continue to develop, enhance, and implement existing emergency plans.	New & Existing	All Hazards	1, 3	1-1, 1-7, 3-2, 3-4, 3-5	Emergency Management with support from County OEM and NYS DHSES	County Emergency Management, NYS DHSES	Low - Medium	Local Budget	Ongoing

Initiative	Mitigation Initiative	Applies to New and/or Existing Structures*	Hazard(s) Mitigated	Goals Met	Objectives Met	Lead	Support	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Timeline
TW-6	Create/enhance/ maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities.	New & Existing	All Hazards	3, 5	3-4, 5-1, 5-3	Emergency Management, DPW and Roads	Surrounding municipalities and County	Low - Medium	Local Budget	Ongoing
TW-7	Support County-wide initiatives identified in Section 9.1 of the County Annex.	New & Existing	All Hazards	All	All	Appropriate Departments	County and Regional agencies (as appropriate for initiative)	Low - High	Existing programs and grant funding where applicable	Ongoing – Long-term depending on initiative
TW-8	Construct an inventory of community resources.	Existing	All Hazards	1, 3	1-3, 1-4, 3-3	Office of Emergency Management; Community Services Department		Medium	Local budget	Short Term
TW-9	Provide ICS training for key Town employees	N/A	All Hazards	1, 3	1-4, 1-6, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5	Office of Emergency Management	County	Medium	FEMA EMPG	Ongoing as monies made available
TW-10	Establish the Town of Wilton GIS system to map natural and man-made hazard locations.	New & Existing	All Hazards	1, 3	1-1, 1-3, 1-4, 3-1, 3-3, 3-4	NFIP Floodplain Administrator	County	Medium	Local Budget	Short Term
TW-14	Identify community shelters and purchase supplies of cots and blankets.	Existing	All Hazards	1, 3	1-4, 3-3, 3-4	Office of Emergency Management	County	Medium	Local	Short Term – dependent on funding
TW-15	Maintain and update the Town's Emergency Response Plan	N/A	All Hazards	1, 3	1-6, 3-2, 3-4	Office of Emergency Management		Low	Local	Long Term
TW-16	Develop a post-disaster action plan for natural hazard events that will address the continuity of local government operations.	N/A	All Hazards	1, 3	1-6, 3-2, 3-4, 3-5	Office of Emergency Management	County	Medium	FEMA; Local	Short Term

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Initiative	Mitigation Initiative	Applies to New and/or Existing Structures*	Hazard(s) Mitigated	Goals Met	Objectives Met	Lead	Support	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Timeline
TW-21	Increase local coordination with agencies responsible for the protection of natural resources, including the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	N/A	All Hazards	1, 4, 5	1-5, 1-7, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 5-2	Office of Emergency Management	NYS DEP, USACE, USF&W	Low	Local sources	Long Term
TW-27	Develop an ongoing PR campaign to educate residents and business owners to ensure all cellular phones are registered with the CodeRed database maintained by Saratoga County.	N/A	All Hazards	2	2-1, 2-2	Office of Emergency Management; Information Technology		Low	Local budget	Short Term
TW-28	Continue to increase local coordination with DEC and adjoining townships to identify and maintain situation awareness of risk areas related to beaver dams, including but not limited to the use of UAV.	N/A	Flood	1, 3	1-1, 1-2, 3-6	Town Emergency Response Committee		Low	Regional sources	Short Term

*Does this mitigation initiative reduce the effects of hazards on new and/or existing buildings and/or infrastructure?

Notes: Short term = 1 to 5 years; Long Term= 5 years or greater; OG = Ongoing program; DOF = Depending on funding; NA = Not applicable; PDM = Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

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Analysis of Mitigation Actions

This table summarizes the participant's mitigation actions by hazard of concern and the six mitigation types to illustrate that the Town has selected a comprehensive range of actions/projects.

Table 9.31-9 Analysis of Mitigation Actions of the Town of Wilton

Hazard of Concern	Type of Mitigation Action					
	Prevention	Property Protection	Public Education and Awareness	Natural Resource Protection	Emergency Services	Structural Projects
Drought	TW-3, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-28	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7
Earthquake	TW-3, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-21, TW-28	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7
Extreme Temperatures	TW-3, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-21, TW-28	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7
Flooding (riverine, flash, coastal and urban flooding)	TW-2, TW-3, TW-4, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-28	TW-2, TW-3, TW-4, TW-7	TW-2, TW-3, TW-4, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7
Ground Failure	TW-3, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-21, TW-28	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7

Hazard of Concern	Type of Mitigation Action					
	Prevention	Property Protection	Public Education and Awareness	Natural Resource Protection	Emergency Services	Structural Projects
Invasive Species	TW-3, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-21, TW-28	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7
Severe Storms (windstorms, thunderstorms, hail, lightning and tornados)	TW-2, TW-3, TW-4, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-11, TW-12, TW-13, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-21, TW-28	TW-2, TW-3, TW-4, TW-7	TW-2, TW-3, TW-4, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7,	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7
Severe Winter Storm (heavy snow, blizzards, ice storms)	TW-3, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-11, TW-12, TW-13, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-21, TW-28	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7
Wildfire	TW-3, TW-7, TW-8, TW-9, TW-10, TW-14, TW-15, TW-16, TW-21, TW-28	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-7, TW-27	TW-3, TW-7	TW-3, TW-5, TW-6, TW-7, TW-9	TW-3, TW-7

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Hazard of Concern	Type of Mitigation Action					
	Prevention	Property Protection	Public Education and Awareness	Natural Resource Protection	Emergency Services	Structural Projects

Notes:

1. **Prevention:** Government, administrative or regulatory actions or processes that influence the way land and buildings are developed and built. These actions also include public activities to reduce hazard losses. Examples include planning and zoning, floodplain local laws, capital improvement programs, open space preservation, and storm water management regulations.
2. **Property Protection:** Actions that involve (1) modification of existing buildings or structures to protect them from a hazard or (2) removal of the structures from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, elevation, relocation, structural retrofits, storm shutters, and shatter-resistant glass.
3. **Public Education and Awareness:** Actions to inform and educate citizens, elected officials, and property owners about hazards and potential ways to mitigate them. Such actions include outreach projects, real estate disclosure, hazard information centers, and school-age and adult education programs.
4. **Natural Resource Protection:** Actions that minimize hazard loss and also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. These actions include sediment and erosion control, stream corridor restoration, watershed management, forest and vegetation management, and wetland restoration and preservation.
5. **Emergency Services:** Actions that protect people and property, during and immediately following, a disaster or hazard event. Services include warning systems, emergency response services, and the protection of essential facilities.
6. **Structural Projects:** Actions that involve the construction of structures to reduce the impact of a hazard. Such structures include dams, setback levees, floodwalls, retaining walls, and safe rooms.

Prioritization of Mitigation Initiatives

Table 9.31-10 Prioritization of Mitigation Initiatives of the Town of Wilton

Initiative #	# of Objectives Met	Benefits	Costs	Do Benefits equal or exceed Costs? (Yes or No)	Is project Grant eligible? (Yes or No)	Can Project be funded under existing programs/budgets? (Yes or No)	Priority (High, Med., Low)
TW-2	8	M	L	Y	N	Y	H
TW-3	28	M	M	Y	N (Yes for 5-year update)	Y	H
TW-4	11	L	L	Y	N	Y	H
TW-5	5	M	L	Y	N	Y	M
TW-6	35	M	L	Y	N	Y	H
TW-7	28	H	L-M	Y	Dependent on specific initiative	Dependent on specific initiative	M-H (dependent)
TW-8	3	M	M	Y	Dependent on specific initiative	Dependent on specific initiative	M
TW-9	5	M	M	Y	Y	Y (local match)	M
TW-10	6	M	M	Y	N	Y	M
TW-14	3	M	L	Y	Y	Y	M
TW-15	3	H	L	Y	N	Y	H
TW-16	4	M	M	Y	Y	Y (local match)	M
TW-21	6	M	L	Y	N	Y	M
TW-27	2	M	L	Y	N	Y	H
TW-28	3	L	L	Y	N	Y	H

Notes: H = High. L = Low. M = Medium. N = No. N/A = Not applicable. Y = Yes.

*This initiative has a Medium priority based on the prioritization scheme used in this planning process (implementation based on grant funding), however it is recognized that addressing repetitive and severe repetitive loss properties is considered a high priority by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) (as expressed in the State HMP), and thus shall be considered a High priority for all participants in the planning process.

Explanation of Priorities

- High Priority** - A project that meets multiple objectives (i.e., multiple hazards), benefits exceeds cost, has funding secured or is an on-going project and project meets eligibility requirements for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) or Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) programs. High priority projects can be completed in the short term (1 to 5 years).

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- **Medium Priority** - A project that meets goals and objectives, benefits exceeds costs, funding has not been secured but project is grant eligible under, HMGP, PDM or other grant programs. Project can be completed in the short term, once funding is completed. Medium priority projects will become high priority projects once funding is secured.
- **Low Priority** - Any project that will mitigate the risk of a hazard, benefits do not exceed the costs or are difficult to quantify, funding has not been secured and project is not eligible for HMGP or PDM grant funding, and time line for completion is considered long term (1 to 10 years). Low priority projects may be eligible other sources of grant funding from other programs. A low priority project could become a high priority project once funding is secured as long as it could be completed in the short term.

Prioritization of initiatives was based on above definitions: Yes.

Prioritization of initiatives was based on parameters other than stated above: Not Applicable.

9.31.6 National Flood Insurance Program Compliance

The Town of Wilton (Town) participates in the NFIP and draws on a number of capabilities to carry out program requirements. The Town maintains a number of jurisdictional ordinances that ensure all construction is appropriate for the areas considered at risk to flooding: Stormwater Management Plan/Ordinance (Local Law #4 of 2006 MS4 Adopted: 12/7/2006); and Site Plan Review Requirements (Adopted with Zoning 5/6/2007). The Town also formed other special ordinances regarding hazardous materials (Hazardous Material Law: Local Law #4 of 1988 Ad: 10/6/88 Illicit Discharge Law: Local Law #3 of 2007 Ad: 9/6/07 Wilton Water and Sewer Authority Ad. 8/8/91 Automobile Junk Yards Ad. 7/13/70 Sensitive Areas: Local Law #4 of 2006 Ad. 12/7/06 Fire Code: NYS Ad. 5/6/74).

The Town is staffed with professionals whose expertise supports a high standard of floodplain management. In addition to employing a floodplain administrator, included on Town staff are planners and engineers with knowledge of land development and land management practices; engineers and professionals trained construction practices related to buildings and infrastructure; technical staff with an understanding of natural hazards; surveyors; scientists familiar with natural hazards in the Town of Wilton; personnel trained in GIS applications; emergency managers; grant writers; and staff with expertise of training in benefit/cost analysis. Project review input from professionals serving in these technical positions provides guidance to property owners about how to build or rebuild in ways that minimize flood damage to persons and property.

The community also developed three mitigation actions to enhance NFIP program management. These include striving to maintain compliance with, and good-standing in the National Flood Insurance program; reviewing the feasibility of becoming a member of the Community Rating System; and continue to increase local coordination with DEC and adjoining townships to identify and maintain situation awareness of risk areas related to beaver dams, including but not limited to the use of UAV.

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The town does not currently have any properties that have experienced repetitive loss (RL) or severe repetitive losses (SRL) from flood. The town will continue to proactively mitigate at-risk properties and monitor NFIP claims for RL and SRL properties.

9.31.7 Future Needs to Better Understand Risk/Vulnerability

None at this time.

9.31.8 Additional Comments

No additional comments at this time.

9.31.9 NYS Mitigation Action Worksheets

See next page.

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Name of Jurisdiction: Town of Wilton

NYS DHSES Action Worksheet			
Project Name:	Community Notification		
Project Number:	TW-27		
Risk / Vulnerability			
Hazard of Concern:	All Hazards		
Description of the Problem:	A significant population no longer utilities land line or VOIP telephone service, resulting in the potential for significant portion of the population being missed in a Community Notification.		
Action or Project Intended for Implementation			
Description of the Solution:	Develop an ongoing PR campaign to educate residents and business owners to ensure all cellular phones are registered with the CodeRed database maintained by Saratoga County.		
Is this project related to a Critical Facility?		Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(If yes, this project must intend to protect to the 500-year flood event or the actual worst damage scenario, whichever is greater.)			
Level of Protection:		Estimated Benefits (losses avoided):	Personal injury and/or death.
Useful Life:	10+ years		
Estimated Cost:	\$200		
Plan for Implementation			
Prioritization:	High	Desired Timeframe for Implementation:	3 months
Estimated Time Required for Project Implementation:	6 months	Potential Funding Sources:	Local municipal budget
Responsible Organization:	Town Emergency Response Committee	Local Planning Mechanisms to be Used in Implementation, if any:	
Three Alternatives Considered (including No Action)			
Alternatives:	Action	Estimated Cost	Evaluation
	No Action	\$0	
	Conduct a study to understand the primary methods residents and business owners prefer to receive information (e.g., email, text, television). Develop emergency notifications to distribute through these channels. Ensure communication is accessible to people with access and functional needs.	\$35,000	Understanding preferred methods of communication will allow more residents and business owners to receive emergency notifications.
	Collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to develop the PR campaign.	<\$200	Many residents and homeowners travel between jurisdictional boundaries; a coordinated campaign will reach more people.
Progress Report (for plan maintenance)			
Date of Status Report:			
Report of Progress:			
Update Evaluation of the Problem and/or Solution:			

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Name of Jurisdiction: Town of Wilton

NYS DHSES Action Worksheet			
Project Name:	Beaver Dam Identification and Management		
Project Number:	TW-28		
Risk / Vulnerability			
Hazard of Concern:	Flooding		
Description of the Problem:	Each year beaver dams are created within the town and in adjacent towns that pose a risk in the event they fail and are not properly mitigated.		
Action or Project Intended for Implementation			
Description of the Solution:	Continue to increase local coordination with DEC and adjoining townships to identify and maintain situational awareness of these risk areas, including but not limited to the use of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).		
Is this project related to a Critical Facility?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(If yes, this project must intend to protect to the 500-year flood event or the actual worst damage scenario, whichever is greater.)			
Level of Protection:		Estimated Benefits (losses avoided):	Steps can be taken to protect people and infrastructure.
Useful Life:	10+ years		
Estimated Cost:	\$10,000		
Plan for Implementation			
Prioritization:	High	Desired Timeframe for Implementation:	6 months
Estimated Time Required for Project Implementation:	12 Months	Potential Funding Sources:	Budget re-allocation; USDA Watershed Surveys and Planning; USDA-NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program;
Responsible Organization:	Town Emergency Response Committee	Local Planning Mechanisms to be Used in Implementation, if any:	Local fire and emergency services
Three Alternatives Considered (including No Action)			
Alternatives:	Action	Estimated Cost	Evaluation
	No Action	\$0	
	Recurring excavation and beaver dam destruction as needed	\$200-300	PRO: Low cost; immediate CON: Temporary solution to recurring problem
	Maintaining and clearing existing culverts as needed	\$200-300	PRO: Low cost; immediate CON: Temporary solution to recurring problem
Progress Report (for plan maintenance)			
Date of Status Report:			
Report of Progress:			
Update Evaluation of the Problem and/or Solution:			