

**APPENDIX 1.4 –
COUNTY PRESS RELEASES AND ARTICLES IN LOCAL NEWS MEDIA**

The screenshot shows the Ulster County website with a news article titled "Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Announces Ulster County's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Being Updated". The article is dated November 7, 2013. The website header includes navigation links for Government, Residents, Business, and Visitors, along with social media icons and a search bar. The article text discusses the county's participation in FEMA grant funding for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, highlighting the importance of emergency management and community resilience. A photo of County Executive Mike Hein is included, along with a list of participating municipalities and a link to the full plan.

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Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Announces
Ulster County's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural
Hazard Mitigation Plan Being Updated

Posted: November 7, 2013

Twenty-three of the County's Local Municipalities Participating

Kingston, NY – Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that Ulster County's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan will be updated, and the County will be growing its multi-jurisdictional participation from twelve to twenty-three of the County's jurisdictions. The Plan is required by FEMA to be updated every five years and the County has received FEMA grant funding once again to cover the cost of the plan update.

"Natural hazards have the potential to cause severe damage including property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety as we witnessed first-hand during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Sandy. An updated Hazard Mitigation Plan is essential because it helps ensure that we prepare today to be protected in the future," said County Executive Hein. "I am pleased that twenty-three of the County's local municipalities are participating in order to help their communities be better prepared should natural disaster strike."

While an important aspect of emergency management deals with disaster recovery (the actions that a community takes to repair damages), an equally important aspect of emergency management involves "hazard mitigation" which is sustained actions taken to reduce long-term risk to life and property. For example, elevating or acquiring buildings in flood hazard areas, relocating critical facilities out of hazard areas, using fire-resistant construction materials in wildfire hazard areas, etc. Hazard mitigation actions are essential to breaking the typical disaster cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. With careful selection, they can be long-term, cost-effective means of reducing risk and helping to create a more sustainable and disaster-resilient community.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan describes an area's vulnerability to the various natural hazards that are typically present, and provides various actions and projects for reducing key risks. This project list is available at www.ulstercountyny.gov/ulster-county-executive-mike-hein-announces-ulster-county-s-multi-jurisdictional-hazard-mitigation-strategy.

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Typically present, and provides various actions and projects for reducing key risks. This project list is known as a "mitigation strategy." While natural disasters cannot be prevented from occurring, the continued implementation of mitigation strategies identified in the plan will gradually, but steadily, make our communities more sustainable and disaster-resilient.

Previously, the Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for Ulster County was prepared between 2007 and 2009 to meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), which requires all states and local governments to have a hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible to apply for certain types of federal hazard mitigation project grants. FEMA grant monies were received to cover the costs of the plan's development. Ulster County used a "multi-jurisdictional" approach, inviting all of the municipalities within the County to participate in the plan. At that time, 12 of the County's 24 jurisdictions opted to participate; this opened the door for the County and each of its 12 participating jurisdictions to apply to FEMA for hazard mitigation project funding including monies which became available under recent Federal disaster declarations for Hurricane Irene, the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, and Superstorm Sandy in 2012. All plan participants have been working since the plan was initially approved by FEMA in 2009 to complete the projects that were listed in their mitigation strategies.

Hazard mitigation plans must be: (a) implemented on an ongoing basis, and (b) updated every five years to ensure that they remain applicable representations of local risk and locally-preferred risk reduction strategies. Ulster County and its jurisdictions initiated the first formal plan update this summer, and the process is ongoing. The updated plan is expected to be reapproved by FEMA in 2014 and adopted by participating communities in 2015. Each of the 23 participating jurisdictions are attending meetings, providing feedback in a series of topic areas, reaching out to the public and other key stakeholders in the community, and developing an updated mitigation strategy. Successful participation in the plan update process is required to maintain eligibility to apply for mitigation project grants.

"The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan provides municipalities with an opportunity to enhance their community's resilience by taking steps to harden their infrastructure and rebuild in ways that minimize the impact of future serious events, said Arthur Snyder, Director, Ulster County Emergency Communications / Emergency Management. "By partnering with Ulster County, the municipalities can save on the cost of producing their own plan, and leverage grant opportunities toward regional solutions to common hazards."

For questions or other feedback, or to find out how you can become involved, please contact your community's local elected official or Emergency Management Coordinator. At the County level, please feel free to reach out to Arthur Snyder, Director of Ulster County Emergency Communications / Emergency Management at 845-331-7000 or e-mail at asny@co.ulster.ny.us or his Deputy Director, Steven Peterson at 845-331-7000 or e-mail: spet@co.ulster.ny.us. More information about the project is maintained on the County web site at: <http://ulstercountyny.gov/emergencyservices/>.

Contact: News@co.ulster.ny.us



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www.dailyfreeman.com/general-news/20150807/town-of-ulster-officials-seek-public-help-in-identifying-hazards



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Ulster, Town Hall, Ulster, N.Y.

By WILLIAM J. KEIMBLE, news@freemanonline.com

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TOWNS OF ULSTER, N.Y. -> Town Board members have agreed to link the town Web site to the Ulster County page that allows residents and visitors to list projects that should be put on the hazard mitigation plan.

The information was discussed during a meeting Thursday, with officials noting there is an Aug. 15 deadline for the county to complete an update of the Ulster County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

"This is the public outreach part of the update," said county Legislator James Maloney, who is also town assessor.

"If... you have a rock ledge in front of your house that you think someday is going to fall on you, that's what you should include in comments," he said. "We're taking a document... that was done in 2007-08 and, now, it's time to update it."

Maloney said the previous update was before Tropical Storm Irene and Lee and Superstorm Sandy made people aware of how much damage can be done by severe weather. He said a similar public outreach five years ago resulted in only one or two comments.

"During this process, I've talked to the fire chiefs, I've talked to the Building Department, I've talked to the comprehensive planning people, I've talked to the Highway Department," he said.

"We want people who live in the town or drive through the town to contact us with anything they see as a possible project," Maloney said. "We have only about a week left in the process and want to make sure we don't leave anyone's concerns out."

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"The first question on a FEMA form is 'do you have a hazard mitigation plan?'" Maloney said. "If you check 'no,' don't go onto to question two."

Maloney said property owners often don't list concerns that are obvious and could qualify for assistance under future emergency declarations.

"I'll take you over to Engleman Lane where... there is a house where the water is cutting into the bank stabilization," he said. "That house one day is going to fall into the water."

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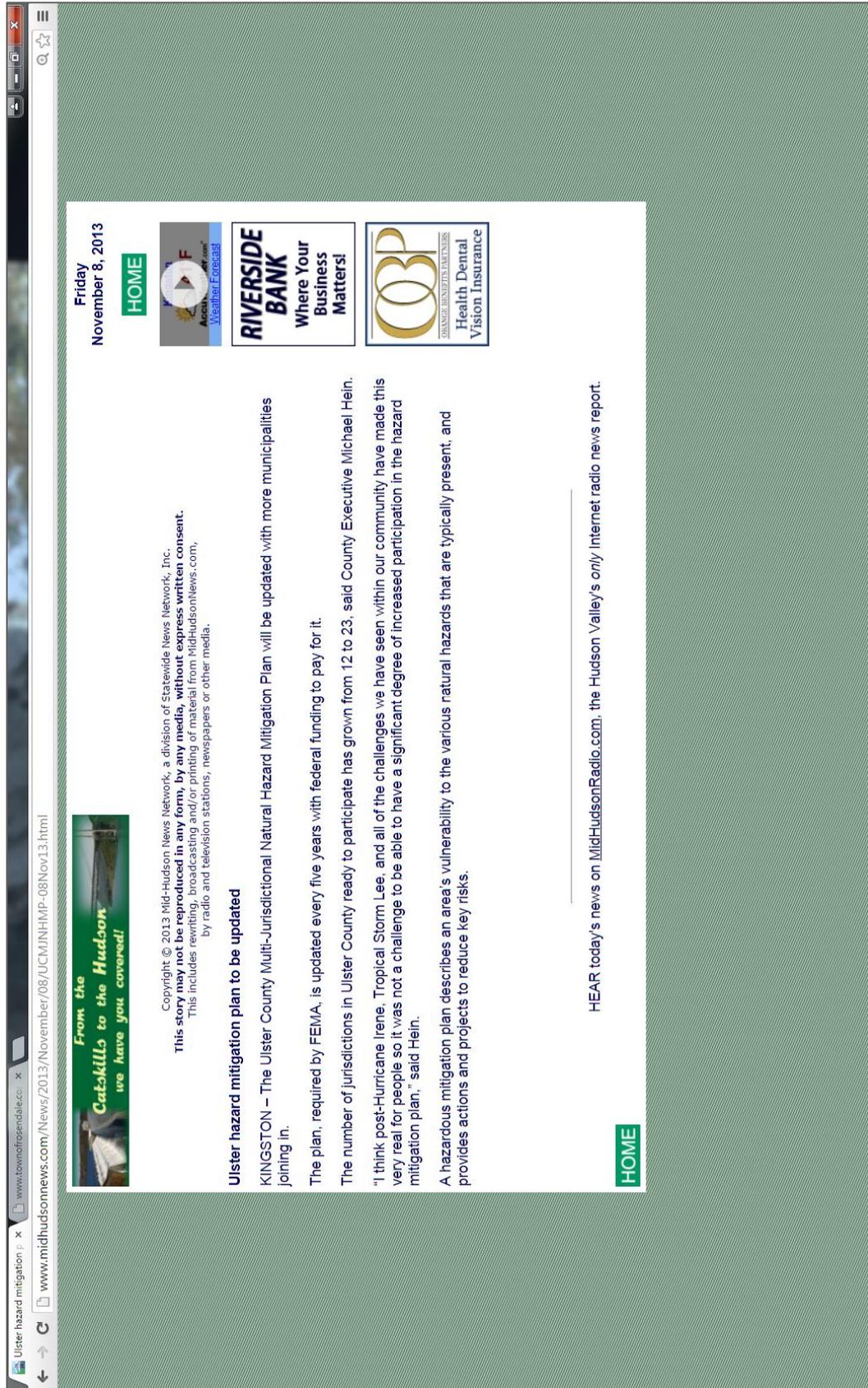
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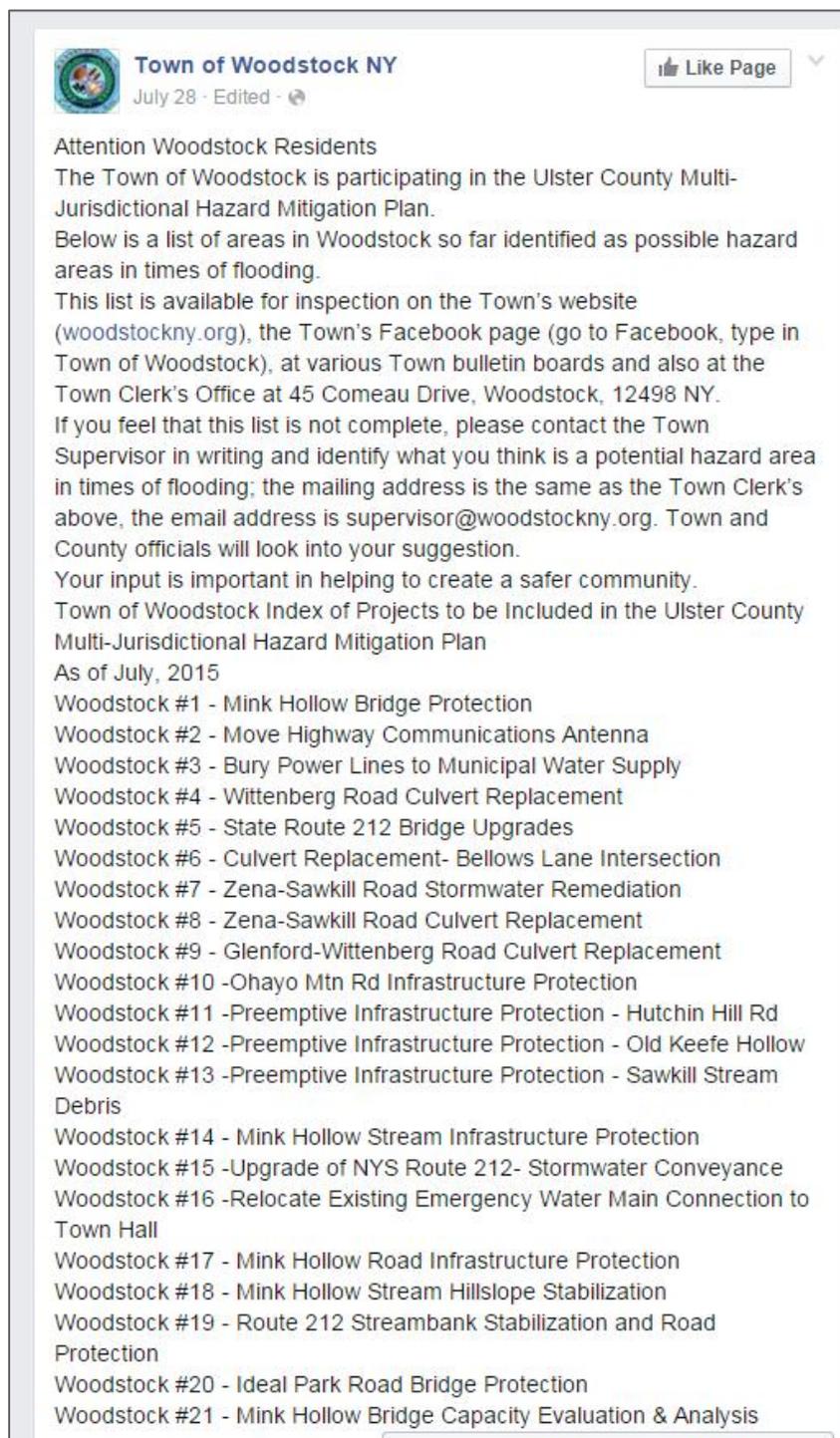
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The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the 'Town of Woodstock NY' page. The post is dated July 28 and has been edited. It contains a detailed announcement regarding the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The text provides information on where to find a list of potential hazard areas, how to provide input, and a list of 21 specific projects to be included in the plan as of July 2015. The projects range from bridge protection to infrastructure stabilization.

Town of Woodstock NY July 28 · Edited · 

Attention Woodstock Residents
The Town of Woodstock is participating in the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Below is a list of areas in Woodstock so far identified as possible hazard areas in times of flooding.
This list is available for inspection on the Town's website (woodstockny.org), the Town's Facebook page (go to Facebook, type in Town of Woodstock), at various Town bulletin boards and also at the Town Clerk's Office at 45 Comeau Drive, Woodstock, 12498 NY.
If you feel that this list is not complete, please contact the Town Supervisor in writing and identify what you think is a potential hazard area in times of flooding; the mailing address is the same as the Town Clerk's above, the email address is supervisor@woodstockny.org. Town and County officials will look into your suggestion.
Your input is important in helping to create a safer community.
Town of Woodstock Index of Projects to be Included in the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
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Woodstock #1 - Mink Hollow Bridge Protection
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