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Make available literature on natural disasters and preparedness at Town Hall and at the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library.
Work with property owners to mitigate flood damages when grant funding is available. 60-80 buildings are considered floodprone along Willow Brook as well as in other parts of the city. The City will work with property owners to perform localized or neighborhood mitigation actions upon property owner request when grant funding is available.
Notify Wilbur Smith, who is conducting the New Haven-Springfield commuter rail study, of town's flooding and rail safety concerns, and of NRCS study's recommendations.
Continue to monitor and work with property owners of five homes on Thornbush Road for possibilities to eliminate risk, including potential use of FEMA grants (these homes are in the flood zone and at times become inundated during high water events).
Work with local hotels to ensure adequate emergency generating equipment to reduce reliance on municipal emergency shelters.
Promote timber management planning with other major landholders including McLean Game Refuge, Land Trust, and the State.
Protect the integrity of "Great Swamp" and other wetlands from development pressure.
Monitor and manage Notch Pond Dam beaver population.
Develop and implement timber management plan for town-owned forested land
Work with property owners, contractors and the DEEP to regularly remove beaver dams causing flooding problems
Continue to work with and improve coordination with utility companies to provide first order power restoration to Century Hills, senior housing, age restricted developments and assisted living developments.
Continue with current practices of relocating personnel to the east side of the Farmington River as needed.
Identify location for secondary access to Island Woods Subdivision and prepare and file map of proposed street in the office of the town clerk in accordance with CT General Statute Section 8-29.
Require group homes to have an emergency generator to provide power for essential home utilities, i.e. heat, refrigerator, lighting, etc. during power outages, thus enabling the residents to “shelter in place.”
Continue installation of dry hydrants and cisterns in needed areas of Town.
Develop a watershed compact with other Pequabuck River communities. Town staff wish to develop low-impact design standards that will be adopted by each community in the watershed and enforced by inter-municipal agreement.
Analyze and make recommendations to improve natural and artificial drainage in Industrial Park and Gages Brook.
Assess and make recommendations on public and private structures including, but not limited to, Avery Heights dam, dam at Lake St., dam at Veteran's Park off Parkview Dr., and Dzen's dam.
Develop a list of private properties for acquisition as they become available at Dowd’s Corner.
Further study and pursue protection measures for Town Library.
Relocate Physical Services Complex to higher ground. The Physical Services Complex is located in the floodplain and is at risk of flooding which can render it inoperable during flood events. A grant is necessary to relocate the facility.
Implement needed improvements to build a new Emergency Operations Center, when funding is available, at the Department of Public Works facility to withstand hurricanes and other disasters.
Upgrade culverts associated with Stratton Brook on Town Forest and Stratton Brook Roads.
Continue to implement necessary repairs and upgrades required by FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers to retain accreditation.
Review feasibility of micro-grid system(s) within the Town Center area to supplement Town Facilities as well as specific business community operations such as gas stations and grocery stores. This system could be utilized in the event of an extended power outage.