

PUBLIC NOTICE

MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION

FEMA-4744-DR-VT

The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") is giving public notice of its intent to provide assistance to the State of Vermont, local and tribal governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations under the Public Assistance ("PA") and Hazard Mitigation Grant ("HMGP") programs for major disaster declaration FEMA-4744-DR-VT pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. A detailed notice can be accessed at www.fema.gov/disaster/4744 or a hard copy can be requested in writing using the address listed at the end of this notice.

The President declared a major disaster for the State of Vermont, on October 6, 2023 as a result of the severe storms and flooding that occurred from August 3-5, 2023. This declaration, designated FEMA-4744-DR-VT, authorized HMGP statewide and PA for Addison County. Additional counties or the Individual Assistance program may be authorized later.

Under PA, work may include debris removal, emergency protective measures, and permanent restoration of facilities damaged or destroyed by the incident. Under HMGP, work may include construction of new facilities, modification of existing, undamaged facilities, relocation of facilities out of floodplains, demolition of structures, or other types of projects to mitigate future disaster damage.

Some FEMA-funded activities may affect historic properties or be located in or affect wetlands or the floodplain. In these cases, FEMA must comply with its implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), Federal Flood Risk Management Standard partial implementation policies, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

FEMA is required to provide notice for certain activities in or affecting wetlands or a floodplain, as well as review alternatives to avoid adverse effects and incompatible developments. Certain actions under the PA program only require a limited review or are fully excluded from these requirements, such as emergency protective measures necessary to save lives and protect property and public health. For other actions, FEMA will evaluate alternatives to carrying out a proposed action in or near a wetland or floodplain. Where work must occur in or near wetlands or a floodplain, FEMA will determine any potential adverse impacts and identify measures to minimize flood risk and potential harm to lives. For both programs, FEMA may publish subsequent project-specific notices as needed.

For certain PA and HMGP projects, the National Historic Preservation Act requires FEMA to consider the effects of its activities on any historic property and consider public comments on such projects before making final decisions. For historic properties that will not be adversely affected, this will be the only public notice. FEMA may provide additional notices if a proposed project would adversely affect a historic property.

Comments concerning this public notice must be submitted in writing to FEMA within 30 days of its publication using the address below. A detailed notice can be accessed at www.fema.gov/disaster/4744 or a hard copy can be requested in writing also using the following address.

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Attn: William F. Roy, National FCO Program
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Williston, VT 05495