

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Public Assistance Program funding for an action located in the floodway. Funding would be provided through Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Middlebury to repair the floodwall along the Middlebury River.

The proposed action is located on the Middlebury River in Middlebury, Vermont. The project is to reattach the steel sheathing to the floodwall on the east bank of the river.

The project is within the floodway. The repairs to the floodwall will reduce the risk of future damage adversely affecting the functionality of the structure. A map of the area of available upon request.

Alternatives considered and dismissed included the No Action alternative and re-location. The project must take place within the floodway because the floodwall is functionally dependent on its location along the Middlebury River and acts as a flood control measure for adjacent residential properties along Vermont Route 125. The No Action alternative would leave the affected community at enhanced risk of future flood loss and damages and therefore is not practicable.

The proposed action was determined to be the most practicable alternative because it restores the integrity of the floodwall and extends the structure's usefulness as a flood control measure, minimizing risks to human health and safety.

The project will be conditioned for Local Floodplain Administrator approval, to obtain a "No-Rise" certificate, Clean Water Act permitting, and Stream Alteration Rule permitting from the VT Agency of Natural Resources.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodway impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

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