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## **Public Draft of Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is Available for Review**

Local planners are seeking public input on a plan for reducing losses from natural disasters in the greater Hartford area. The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), along with each of the 38 municipalities in the Capitol Region, has updated the region's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. A Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is a tool that helps a community understand risks and take specific steps to reduce property damage, injury, and loss of life. This plan discusses the occurrence and consequences of floods, winter storms, tornadoes, hurricanes and tropical storms, wildfires, earthquakes, and dam failure. The plan identifies activities that communities can perform before natural hazards occur in order to minimize property damage, risk of life, and the costs that are shared by all. This update identifies significant changes in vulnerabilities, risks, capabilities, and mitigation actions that have developed since adoption of the previous plan in 2014.

A draft is available for review at CRCOG's web page for natural hazard mitigation planning:

<http://crcog.org/2016/05/natural-hazards-mitigation-planning/>

Alternatively, individual plan components can be accessed as follows:

- Multi-Jurisdiction Plan: <https://mminc.sharefile.com/d-sf1fec9bcbbd4c078>
- Community Annexes: <https://mminc.sharefile.com/d-sb7da0cf3bee4ba8b>
- Appendices A-F: <https://mminc.sharefile.com/d-s77e9db4ef7e4d239>
- Appendices G-H: <https://mminc.sharefile.com/d-sd323dd8fb334a309>

The Capitol Region Council of Governments is offering an opportunity for the public to attend an informational meeting to learn about the plan, ask questions, and provide input. The meeting will be held on November 15, 2018, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the West Hartford Town Hall, Room 400. CT Transit bus routes 60, 62, 64, 66, and 153 can be used to access the location. Local bus route 153 connects to the CTfastrak busway.

Comments or questions can also be emailed to Lynne Pike DiSanto at [lpikedisanto@crcog.org](mailto:lpikedisanto@crcog.org).

Comments are due November 21, 2018.

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