10. Hazards Mitigation

Overview of all hazards with a focus on reducing damage from flooding, the most common natural hazard facing Vermont communities including pre-disaster mitigation planning, flood hazard area regulations, setbacks and buffers and stormwater management.

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Examples:
- Vermont’s State Hazard Mitigation Plan, also known as the “409 Plan” (available at the Vermont Emergency Management website: www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/miti_forms.htm), identifies hazards (including floods, winter storms, windstorms, drought, wildfires, earthquakes, and landslides) and sets mitigation priorities for the state.
- Model Overlay District Language and other resources can be found in the Municipal Guide to Fluvial Erosion Hazard Mitigation, available from the Floodplain Management Office, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Water Quality Division: http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/rivers/htm/rv_floodhazard.htm

Resources:
- The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), River Management Program, Floodplain Management Office (802) 241-3759 or http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/rivers/htm/rv_floodhazard.htm.
- ANR Riparian Buffer Guidance (2005), outlines the functions and values of buffers, as well as technical guidance for their determination www.anr.state.vt.us/site/html/buff/anrbuffer2005.htm.
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) - www.floodsmart.gov
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mitigation Division - www.fema.gov/fima/
- Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) - www.vpic.info/rpcs/
- Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT), Water Quality Planning—the Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) at VLCT offers free on-site training and professional assistance on water quality improvement planning, bylaws and stormwater compliance - www.vlct.org.
- Web Guide to Technical Assistance Programs in Vermont, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife’s directory of all the organizations in Vermont that provide some type of natural resource-related assistance to towns and private landowners - http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/vtfwl/index.cfm