

2020 PASSAIC COUNTY HMP
2023 PROGRESS REPORT
Borough of Woodland Park

Background

Passaic County and participating local cities and districts developed a hazard mitigation plan to reduce risk from all hazards by identifying resources, information, and strategies for risk reduction. The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal disaster grant assistance. To prepare the plan, the participating planning partners organized resources, assessed risks from natural hazards, developed planning goals and objectives, reviewed mitigation alternatives, and developed an action plan to address probable impacts from natural hazards. By completing this process, these jurisdictions maintained compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act, achieving eligibility for mitigation grant funding opportunities afforded under the Robert T. Stafford Act. The plan can be viewed on-line at:

<https://www.passaiccountynj.org/home/showpublisheddocument/2250/637672038994270000>

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the implementation of the mitigation initiatives identified in the 2020 Passaic County HMP for the Borough of Woodland Park. The objective is to ensure that there is a continuing planning process that will keep the 2020 Passaic County HMP dynamic and responsive to the needs and capabilities of the Passaic County stakeholders.

Planning Committee

For the reporting period, the committee membership for the Borough of Woodland Park is listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1 COMMITTEE		
Name	Title	Jurisdiction/Agency
Joseph Domicolo	Woodland Park OEM Coordinator	Woodland Park, Borough of

John Pietrowski	DPW Superintendent	Woodland Park, Borough of


Summary Overview of the Plan’s Progress

The performance period for the 2020 Passaic County HMP became effective on January 8, 2021, with the final approval of the plan by FEMA. The initial performance period for this plan will be 5 years, with an anticipated update to the plan to occur before January 7, 2026. The 2020 Passaic County HMP has targeted 15 hazard mitigation actions to be pursued by Woodland Park during the 5-year performance period.

Review of the Action Plan

Table 2 reviews the action plan, reporting the status of each initiative.

TABLE 2 ACTION PLAN MATRIX				
Action Taken?	Timeline	Priority Changed?	Comment (Describe progress or changed priority)	Status
Woodland Park, Borough of				
2020-Woodland Park -001 - Install door dams, caulking of all conduits, sealing transformers, elevate and waterproof adjacent transition collection structure.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Door Dams installed at Boys Club. Generator, electrical panels, and boiler systems all elevated.	Complete.
2020-Woodland Park -002 - The Borough will work with the school to raise mechanicals in the Memorial Middle School.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	In Discussion with District Maintenance personal	No Progress
2020-Woodland Park -003 - The Borough will distribute quarterly mailings to flood-prone residents and shows them on a map– add mitigation options so they can evaluate a mitigation option and contact the Borough for implementation				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Project Completed for previous year(s)and continues on a quarterly basis.	Ongoing Capability

2020-Woodland Park -004 - The Mayor and Council will oversee an action to build a flood wall around the Woodland Park Youth Center.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	Yes	Project on hold pending Army Co of Eng. Review of Peckman River BY Pass Culvert.	In Progress
2020-Woodland Park -005 - The USACE will construct a double box diversion culvert, or tunnel structure to be built under roadways to divert floodwater from the Peckman River into the Passaic River. Proposed project aspects include: • A 1,500-foot-long, 40-foot diameter double box diversion culvert would be constructed between the Peckman and Passaic rivers to divert floodwater from the Peckman into the Passaic River. • Approximately 2,170 linear feet of levees and/or floodwalls.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Project approved by all Federal Agencies. Awaiting Funding by Congress.	In Progress
2020-Woodland Park -006 - Increase capacity of culverts on McBride Ave				
Yes	Long Term (5+yrs.)	No	In Communication with Passaic County	In Progress
2020-Woodland Park -007 - Peckman River at McBride Ave bridge – remove gravity sewer main and replace with a pump station to increase conveyance capacity of Peckman River – in progress				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Project completed in December 2022. 	Complete
2020-Woodland Park -008 - Conduct outreach to flood-prone property owners, including RL/SRL property owners and provide information on mitigation alternatives. After preferred mitigation measures are identified, collect required property-owner information and develop a FEMA grant application and BCA to obtain funding to implement acquisition/purchase/moving/elevating residential homes that experience frequent flooding (high risk areas).				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Public has been made aware of said project and the Borough has had discussions with various property owners relating to same.	In Progress
2020-Woodland Park -009 - The Borough will provide cameras on the Francisco Bridge, E. Man Street, Lackawanna Avenue, and Route 46 East and West Bridge and connect the live footage to the Police headquarters and the Borough website. This will be a collaborative effort with the Township of Little Falls.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Camera will be installed on the McBride Ave Bridge 2021. (WPDPW)	In Progress
2020-Woodland Park -010 - Develop an all-hazards public education and outreach program for hazard mitigation and preparedness on natural hazard risk including information regarding flood insurance and flood issues.				

Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	Yes	Information is available to resident relating to same at various public building within the borough as well a yearly mailing.	In Progress
2020-Woodland Park -011 - Expand the early warning communication system in the Borough so that it is automated and does not require man-power to activate.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	In discussion with Municipal Tech. Dept.	In Progress
2020-Woodland Park -012 - Improve understanding of natural hazards and compile and archive flood loss information, record high water marks to promote flood hazard awareness.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	Yes	High water mark(s) information being compiled.	In Progress
2020-Woodland Park -013 - Develop a funding source to fund mitigation program on a yearly basis for municipal mitigation projects.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	Yes	Municipal Budget reviewed yearly by Mayor and Council for request of mitigation project funding, and if approved project will proceed.	Ongoing Capability
2020-Woodland Park -014 - Implement a streambank stabilization project using native plant species.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	Yes		No Progress
2020-Woodland Park -015 - Utilize the HMP to update the Master Plan				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	Yes	Updating Master Plan this year 2021 with HMP input.	In Progress

Additional Comments

No new actions have been identified at this time.