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Public Meeting Invitation Identify Natural Hazard Risks and Recommend Mitigation Actions

Do you wonder if Hamilton can flood, experience a tornado, or have an earthquake? What is the worst that can happen in Hamilton? What can prevent those natural hazards and others from wreaking havoc?

Fortunately, the Town of Hamilton is developing an update to their Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan details all the natural hazard risks that may impact the Town and includes a list of potential actions to mitigate those risks.

The Town of Hamilton encourages all residents and business owners to come to a public meeting to share your ideas and gather your feedback regarding which hazards present the greatest risks, which areas of Town are most susceptible to damage, and what you would like to see done to mitigate these risks.

We cannot stop winter storms, heavy rains, high winds, or earthquakes but we do not have to suffer severe consequences. The Town of Hamilton hopes you will join our first of two Public Meetings on January 28, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Town leaders have formed a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC), and this Committee is developing the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. A Hazard Mitigation Plan, approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and adopted by the Town, allows the Town to apply for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation grant funds. Development of this plan includes **public** participation.

Public participation is essential to the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan that represents the interests of all residents and mitigates risk to all natural hazards and the impacts of climate change.

Meeting will be held via Zoom

- Tuesday, January 28, 2025
- 7:00pm 8:00pm
- Zoom Information:

o Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137892280?pwd=VbkBpif7aS9WdXNUSlpbBQeKvpaoBR.1

o Meeting ID: 871 3789 2280

o Passcode: 060156

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