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## **Now Available: Draft 2016-2021 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WCCOG) has released its Draft 2016-2021 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for the municipalities of Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport, and Wilton. The plan, which is the product of extensive technical analysis, is designed to provide residents, businesses, and emergency responders with information on storms and other extreme weather events, vulnerable locations, and methods to mitigate damage and limit disruption. An approved HMP is a prerequisite for municipalities to be eligible for many types of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding. Public review and comment on the Draft HMP will extend from February 6, 2015 to March 6, 2015.

The Draft HMP can be found here: <http://www.swrpa.org/default.aspx?Regional=268>.

WCCOG will hold four Public Information (PI) sessions where technical experts will be on hand to answer any project related questions. During the sessions, members of the community can also review the Draft HMP and provide comments, if desired. Details regarding the PI sessions are below:

- **February 10, 2015:** 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; Wilton Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A
  - *Snow Date: February 11, 2015: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm*
- **February 12, 2015:** 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; Darien Town Hall, Room 206
  - *Snow Date: February 18, 2015: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; Westport Town Hall, Auditorium*
- **February 19, 2015:** 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; WCCOG (Stamford Government Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)
  - *Snow Date: February 24, 2015: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm*
- **February 19, 2015:** 7:30pm to 9:00 pm; Greenwich Town Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room
  - *Snow Date: February 23, 2015: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm*

*\* To arrange for special accommodations or translation services contact WCCOG at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at (203) 316-5190 (voice only)*

*\*\*Any PI sessions cancelled due to inclement weather will be posted in advance on the WCCOG/SWRPA website: [www.swrpa.org](http://www.swrpa.org)*

“We encourage the public to attend the sessions and talk to the experts” said Robert Sachnin, Senior Regional Planner at WCCOG and HMP project manager, “information is our greatest asset; the more informed our communities are, the better they can prepare for natural hazards”

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