

WestCOG Hazard Mitigation Plan

Public Meeting #7 – Towns of Darien, New Canaan, Westport

Date: August 20, 2020

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Zoom

Panelists:

Noah Slovin, MMI

Victoria Brudz, MMI

Attendees:

Call-in participant

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Noah Slovin and Victoria Brudz from Milone and MacBroom (MMI) conducted the meeting specifically targeted for the Towns of Darien, New Canaan, and Westport. There was a total of two attendees. Various topics were presented to the public by MMI including:

- The need for hazard mitigation
- How the plan can be used
- Hazards that will be addressed in the plan
- Specific hazards for the targeted communities
- The next steps of the plan

Throughout the presentation attendees were asked a total of eight polling questions to gain additional insight for plan development. The Questions corresponded with the topic being discussed and were asked after information on the subject was presented to the public. Questions and responses can be found in table 1.

Because of the inability of a call-in attendee to participate in the workshop polls, it was noted that there would be an opportunity for comments at the conclusion of the presentation.

Table 1: August 11, 2020 polling results

1 respondent

Poll #1 Tell us about you											
		Bridgewater, New Fairfield, New Milford, or Sherman	Bethel, Brookfield, or Newtown	Danbury	Redding, Ridgefield, Weston, or Wilton	Greenwich	Stamford	Darien, New Canaan, or Westport	Norwalk	None of the Above	
#1	What community do you live in?										
		I want to learn more about Natural Hazards and Mitigation		I have Natural Hazards concerns and I want to share		I have ideas for Hazard Mitigation I want to share		I thought this was a link to watch Hamilton on Disney+			
#2	What brought you here tonight?										
Poll #2 Hazard Concerns											
		Coastal Flooding	Riverine Flooding	Flash Flooding	High Wind Events	Snow/Ice Events	Dam Failure	Earthquakes	Landslides	Wildfire	Extreme Temperatures (hot or cold)
#1	Which Natural Hazard are you most concerned with?		1		1						
		Very Concerned		Somewhat Concerned		A Little Concerned		Not At All Concerned			
#2	How Concerned are you about Climate Change impacts on Natural Hazards?	1									
		Injury		Property Damage		Displacement (had to move or stay in a shelter)		Lost Work or Income		Minor Delays or Inconvenience	
#3	Have you been impacted by			1						1	

	Natural Hazard in the Past?								
Poll #3 Mitigation Actions									
		Public Education & Awareness	Emergency Alerts & Notification	Electric Grid Resilience (tree trimming, burying wires, backup generators, etc.)	Prevention of Damages (zoning regulation, building codes, etc.)	Structural Protection (floodwalls, increased bridge sizes, etc.)	Property Protection (elevation, storm shutters or windows, etc.)	Emergency Services (improvements to shelters, emergency facilities, etc.)	Natural Resource Protection (open space, wetlands, etc.)
#1	What types of mitigation actions have you seen implements in your community?	1	1	1	1			1	1
		Public Education & Awareness	Emergency Alerts and Notifications	Electric Grid Resilience	Prevention of Damages	Structural Projects	Property Protection	Emergency Services	Natural Resource Protection
#2	What type of mitigation actions would you most like to see implemented in your community?		1	1			1	1	1
Poll #4 Sustainable CT									
		Sea Level Rise	More Frequent and Intense RAIN storms	More frequent and intense WIND storms	More Extreme heat events	More severe droughts	Increased wildfire risk	Increased risk of insect-borne illnesses	

#1	Which of the following climate change impacts are you most concerned about within your community?		1	1	1	1		1
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At the conclusion of the presentation participants were asked if there were any questions or comments they would like to share.

An attendee asked if we could review the timeframe for the plan again.

- Victoria explained that we were in the phase of public participation and that draft plans would be submitted to towns within the coming weeks, the plans would be available for public comment, the plans would then be finalized late fall, and ultimately submitted to DEMHS and FEMA for review and approval by the end of the year.

There were no other questions or comments from attendees.