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TOWN OF CAMPTON COMMENCES HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING UPDATE

On August 28, the Campton Hazard Mitigation Team met with June Garneau, Mapping and Planning Solutions discuss and begin planning the required five-year update to the 2009 Campton Hazard Mitigation Plan. As a result of these meetings, the Town of Campton will hold a series of Hazard Mitigation Planning meetings over the next few months.

As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all communities are required to complete a local hazard mitigation plan in order to qualify for FEMA funding should a natural disaster occur. The hazard mitigation plan format will cover a variety of natural hazards and also address the history and likelihood of wildfire disasters, man-made hazards and the risks of building in flood zones.

Campton's Planning Team is currently being formed; all interested parties should contact David Tobine, Fire Chief & Emergency Management Director, by phone at 726-3300, if they wish to be included in the process. Through a series of public meetings, the Planning Team will establish priorities, collaborate on activities, and increase public awareness and participation to reduce the impact of hazards. Discussion will address issues such as flooding, hurricanes, drought, landslides and wildfires; the planning processes are made possible through grants from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Team will be held on Thursday September 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Campton Fire Station; the general public is encouraged to attend all meetings and to assist the Team with first hand knowledge of historic hazard events.

Hazard mitigation planning is a preparedness tool. In an effort to reduce the costs of suppression and the incidence of potential losses, FEMA and New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management award local communities funding to assist in developing these plans. If you wish to have your community participate in this process please contact June Garneau at Mapping and Planning Solutions, 603.846.5720.