

## **Appendix 2. Meetings and Notices**

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**REVISED (DATE)**

Notice of Public Meeting  
To Solicit Public Input  
For the preparation of a  
Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan (PDHMP)  
For the Village of Mamaroneck, NY  
Date: **Monday, JUNE 27, 2011**  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Place: 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue

All interested residents are invited to attend a Public Meeting hosted by the Village of Mamaroneck Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, which includes contractual, elected, appointed and citizen representatives to assist and contribute in the preparation of an All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Mamaroneck.

The Village is preparing this Pre-Disaster Plan with a grant from the Department of Homeland Security / Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) in the amount of \$37,500 . Additional administrative oversight and technical assistance is being provided by the NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services , Office of Emergency Management (NYS OEM), and the Westchester County Office of Emergency Management.

It is anticipated that a plan will be prepared in draft from the comments and considerations presented by the Committee Members and interested citizens in the Village of Mamareoneck community. A second Public Meeting will be held later this year for additional public input and comment on the draft plan, before it is considered ready for submission to NYS OEM and FEMA.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please call Village Hall at (914) 777-7703.

Agostino A. Fusco  
Clerk-Treasurer  
June 16, 2011

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## Government

# Mamaroneck Village Assesses Perils That Beset It

Hazards panel seeks to identify the potential dangers, then map steps to lessen their impact.

By [Tom Bartley](#) | [Email the author](#) | June 29, 2011 | [Print](#) | [0 Comments](#)

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A panel charged with imagining the very worst happening to Mamaroneck Village is seeking the public's very best thinking to anticipate and surmount any potential adversity.

"We want as much community input as possible," said Paul Ryan, a member of the All-Hazards Committee, which is compiling both a nightmare prospectus of calamities that could befall the village as well as a checklist of possible responses.

He spoke at the board of trustees' Monday night meeting in village hall. Ryan's panel—which includes village public safety, public works, and administration officials, among others—is working with a Long Island firm to identify the hazards.

The firm, **Environmental Technology Group** (ETG) Inc., provides consulting, environmental, engineering and science services, including multi-hazard mitigation plans, to clients in the United States and Latin America. The board contracted with ETG in March to prepare an all-hazard mitigation plan, with grant funds expected to cover the \$31,732 cost of the consultants' work.

The consultants, James E. Brower and Valerie H. Rifkin, attended Monday's meeting. Addressing the board, Brower also emphasized the need for the public's help in developing ideas "to mitigate these hazards."

An environmental health scientist, Brower has helped villages like Manorhaven, on Nassau County's north shore, and Patchogue, on Suffolk's south, to develop hazard mitigation plans. He said community committees like Mamaroneck's assess their risks and vulnerabilities to develop lists of potential natural and man-made threats. After the lists have been made, he said, they are scored by likelihood, combined with state and federal emergency plans and presented to the public for comment.

While Mamaroneck has until September, 2013 under a federally funded \$37,500 state grant to complete and adopt a mitigation plan, Assistant Village Manager Daniel J. Sarnoff said, "we would like to adhere to a schedule by which we submit a final plan," for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to review by next May, more than a year early.

Not surprisingly, natural disasters make up four of the top six threats facing Mamaroneck, Village Manager Richard Slingerland said. He identified them as flooding, a coastal storm, hazardous-materials spill, hurricane, severe rainstorm and rail or highway accidents.

The roll call of potential perils highlighted a relatively quiet and brief meeting in which the board also declared itself the lead agency on the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) and later, in a split vote, extended its contract with—and payments to—another consultant, this one assisting with the LWRP update.

The consultant, Manhattan-based BFJ Planning, advises the village planning board. Mamaroneck retained BFJ under a \$40,000 contract in February 2010 to help the village update the LWRP. Now, however, citing extra work the firm has taken on in conducting added public information sessions and meetings of the LWRP update committee, BFJ has asked for an additional \$28,000. It got that sum Monday, but not before one trustee flatly refused and three others on the short-handed board swallowed hard before voting a reluctant "yes."

A village resident, Doreen Roney, expressed dismay with BFJ's request for further funding. In a letter to the mayor and trustees, she asked, "Doesn't this board have the fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers to appropriately manage programs, consultants and budgetary funds?"

Trustee John M. Hofstetter, declaring himself, "very nervous about spending \$28,000," voted against the measure. But Trustees Toni Pergola Ryan, Sid Albert and Louis N. Santoro, presiding as deputy mayor, provided the unenthusiastic approval. Ryan and Albert both noted what they said was a need for more public input, which inevitably adds hours and, at some point, dollars to a consultant's invoice. Santoro, casting the final assent, called it "the price we've got to pay to get this done."

Slingerland, in discussing potential hazards facing the community, noted the danger inherent in having two major arteries—a busy rail line and an interstate highway—coursing through this quiet suburb. With them come opportunities for calamitous accidents and massive disruptions.

Still, the emergencies deemed more likely to beset the village grow out of nature's fury. On that aspect Monday the board immediately received some of the public input it was seeking. Dan Natchez, a resident who regularly shares his views with the board, pointed out that The Nature Conservancy has extensively studied flooding along Mamaroneck's coast, among other places, and offers ready-made data that the hazards committee could consider.

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## Village of Mamaroneck seeks input on hazard plan



Written by PAIGE RENTZ

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The Village of Mamaroneck is seeking public input on a plan that would help it identify and prepare for any disasters that could befall the community – and qualify for grant money to mitigate them.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) requires municipalities to compile a structured “pre-hazard mitigation plan” to qualify for a number of grant programs. Previously, local governments had a choice as to whether they wanted to implement a hazard mitigation plan or a Flood Mitigation Action Program in order to qualify for FEMA funds. After the devastating floods of 2007, the village completed a Flood Mitigation Action Program under FEMA guidelines, filing a final version in February 2008.

Subsequently, according to Assistant Village Manager Dan Sarnoff, “they changed the rules on us, and now we have to have an all-hazard plan in place.” Fortunately for the village, it has received a FEMA grant that covers 75 percent of the cost to complete the plan that will make it eligible for future grants.

As part of the required planning process for a local pre-disaster mitigation plan, the village held its first public information session at Monday’s Board of Trustees meeting. Though there isn’t a plan to present yet, Sarnoff explained that the village is seeking ideas from residents about potential hazards villagers face and ways the local government can help them prepare for and recover from them.

“Even though we are only 3.5 square miles, we have a sewage treatment plant, an industrial section,” said Sarnoff. “There are a lot of things we have to account for.”

The village staff, along with a consulting firm and a committee of village department heads and residents, met Monday afternoon to identify and prioritize the hazards that are the greatest threat to the village.

Village Manager Richard Slingerland identified the top six: flooding, coastal storm flooding, hazardous material contamination, hurricanes, severe storm and rain, and transportation accidents, both by roadway and rail.

Paul Ryan, one of the members of the village planning committee, said he was “surprised to look at the list and see how many things could happen. “I’m very happy to say we left out avalanche, one of the very few” items the village didn’t tick off on the checklist of disasters, which range from wildfires to tsunamis, thunderstorms to dam failure, tornadoes to terrorism.

James Brower of Environmental Technology Group out of Hauppauge, Long Island – the village’s consultants for the project – said his team will “try not to leave any stone unturned” as they evaluate the hazards and risks facing the village and identify the various vulnerable areas in the community.

From the evaluation phase, the team will move toward “looking at goals we’re trying to achieve in the community,” Brower said. Goals to mitigate the disasters can include measures such as studies, engineering plans or response procedures.

Once the document is complete, it is reviewed by the State Office of Emergency Management and is submitted for a 30-day public comment period before it gets sent off for a stamp of approval from the state and federal administrations.

The village hopes to have a plan ready to submit to the state by the end of January 2012.

Though the planning procedure requires the specific 30-day comment period, Brower said “feedback is continually sought out and welcomed.”

Village Trustee Toni Ryan (D) suggested Monday that the Mamaroneck hold a type of workshop or brainstorming session for residents to come present ideas.

“It’s a matter of public outreach,” said Village Manager Slingerland, who added that the village wants to get “ideas from people who have been affected by these things and how we can help.”

In the meantime, anyone who wishes to submit comments to the village can call (914) 777-7703, or email either Sarnoff at [dsarnoff@vomny.org](mailto:dsarnoff@vomny.org) or Slingerland at [rslingerland@vomny.org](mailto:rslingerland@vomny.org).

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## Government

### Mamaroneck Public Asked For Feedback on Multi-Hazard Plan To Address Flooding

A flood mitigation plan is the first step in obtaining FEMA grants for the village.

By [Marc Ferris](#)

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March 27, 2012

The Village of Mamaroneck (VOM) has suffered more than its fair share of damages related to flooding within the past few years, with the disastrous Nor'easter of 2007 and, more recently, the short-lived yet destructive Tropical Storm Irene.

Since 1954, there have been 64 major disaster declarations in New York State, including 46 instances of hurricanes or flooding. Given the likelihood of a potential reoccurrence, the Village is looking to the past to help guide future prevention efforts with their first draft of the Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is available in print at the village offices and online on the [village's website here](#); the public comment period remains open through April 13, 2012.

Paid for by a \$37,500 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the plan is the first step in the process of applying for more grants in the future to reduce risks for flooding.

James Brower, a consultant at Environmental Technology Group (ETG) of Hauppauge, NY, which prepared the document, presented an overview of the plan, designed to identify "critical hazards and provide remedies for these hazards." All hazards, not just flooding, are considered, though Valerie Rifkin of ETG joked that mine collapses and avalanches were "ruled out."

"We had to collect a lot of data," said Brower. "The public gave us some input in the early phases of the plan in hazard identification" and the plan includes, "flooding, fires, natural hazards such as hurricanes and so on. We even have to evaluate earthquakes—last year we had an earthquake and a hurricane in same year."

The plan considers damage assessment impacts and hazards to property as well as public safety and must be updated and revised every five years.

Mayor Norman Rosenblum noted that Larchmont is just starting its own hazard mitigation plan with the county, “so we’re a good year and a half ahead of them.” This could potentially have a “direct affect on potential funds available,” he added.

With flooding and coastal storms the major hazards identified by the plan, ETG mapped frequently flooded streets and provided guidelines for planned evacuations as well as assessed risks to critical facilities like schools, EMS depots, police buildings, the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the wastewater treatment facility. The plan also presents a damage analysis that identifies structures at risk, including buildings in the flood zones. The agency attempted to determine valuation replacement costs and ran a computer program simulating damage.

“We encourage residents to take a look at the plan and give feedback,” said Rifkin.

The next task is to “do some planning,” said Brower, which entails setting community objectives and selecting mitigation activities, including river dredging, removing obstructions from streams, changing building codes and improving zoning. After the development of a Draft Action Plan, the order of priorities would be set so “we’re not running around with list of projects,” said Brower. “Then we would go after funding for the most important ones right away.”

Speaking on behalf of the Coordinating Council of Neighborhood Associations, Dan Natchez praised the plan as being “exceedingly well written” and a “major step in the right direction, although he expressed concern that it represented an “after the fact plan,” less focused on prevention.

“It doesn’t really have a major outline of what to do to help try and prevent the hazards from occurring,” he said, continuing, “It addresses zoning in a limited way” and “could be beefed up dramatically.”

Paul Ryan, a member of the village’s Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee (since Noah’s Ark, joked the mayor), disagreed with Natchez’s assessment of the plan’s intent.

“It’s not an ‘after the fact plan,’ it’s a pre-fact plan. The work done on this helped us with Irene” and “educated people what to do in case we do have an event in the future—we will have an event in the future, hopefully a long, long time from now.”

In Westchester, 16 out of 44 municipalities have completed or are in the process of completing, such a plan, which is “not designed to sit on a shelf,” said Ryan. “We’re on the cutting edge and ours will be one of the best.”

The plan's effectiveness, he added, will involve educating the public via a multilingual, multimedia campaign.

"This is going to require a lot of education," said Trustee John Hofstetter. "This is an important document for people to pay attention to."

## All-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Meeting with Planning Committee and ETG – June 9, 2011

A meeting was held with the All-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and Environmental Technology Group (ETG), Happaugue, NY in order to review the proposed timeline and next steps and information needs to prepare the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Mamaroneck. Those in attendance included Richard Slingerland (Village Manager), Daniel Sarnoff (Assistant Village Manager), Christopher Leahy (Chief of Police), Tony Iacovelli (Gen. Foreman of DPW), Paul Ryan (resident representative/Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee), and Past-Chief Dean DeLitta (Fire Department), Jim Brower (ETG) and Valerie Rifkin (ETG).

The Assistant Village Manager summarized the discussion of a meeting held earlier in the morning among himself, the Village Manager, Mr. Brower, Ms. Rifkin and Bill Seevers, also of ETG. Among the topics of discussion at the morning meeting with the review of the proposed timeline, said schedule was revised and will be updated by Ms. Rifkin and distributed to the Planning Committee.

The scheduling of a first public meeting was also discussed and it was determined that such a public meeting would be scheduled to be held on June 27, 2011 during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the public meeting is to introduce the concept of an all-hazard mitigation plan to the Village residents and solicit their input. The Planning Committee discussed strategies to promote the public meeting and to encourage residents to attend. The Assistant Village Manager will work with the clerk's office to prepare the appropriate public notice.

The Assistant Village Manager reviewed with the Planning Committee the revised timeline, without covering each individual aspect of the timeline, the Assistant Village Manager highlighted six major milestones:

- **June 27, 2011** – First Public Meeting held
- **November 22, 2011** – Submission of first draft to Planning Committee
- **January 3, 2012** – Submission of First Draft of All-Hazard Plan to NYSOEM
- **February 20, 2011 – March 19, 2011** – Public Review and comment on Draft Plan
- **May 29, 2012** – Adoption of Plan by Village Board
- **May 30, 2012** – Submit Final Draft Plan to NYSOEM and FEMA

ETG confirmed their comfort with the schedule and believed it to be realistic. The Assistant Village Manager indicated that he reviewed the schedule with Tom Abbati from the New York State Office of Emergency Management and he also indicated that he believed it to be a realistic schedule.

Mr. Ryan indicated that in preparing the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, the mitigation plan address the needs of individuals with disabilities in the development and implementation of mitigation strategies.

The Planning Committee reviewed the previous reports prepared by the Village and other agencies dealing with hazards/disasters that have occurred in the Village of Mamaroneck and identified additional studies not previously known. The Village Manager also distributed a copy of the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department's emergency response most recently updated in 2005.

The Planning Committee also reviewed agencies identified by ETG to be contacted in connection with a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Additional agencies not identified on the original list and correct contact information was given to ETG.

ETG reviewed the HAZNY process with the Planning Committee. As several members of the Committee participated in the preparation of the Flood Mitigation Action (FMA) Plan, they were familiar with the process. The Village Manager provided a copy of the HAZNY included with the FMA to the Planning Committee. ETG was unable to conduct the HAZNY analysis at the meeting, however, they indicated that they would send the HAZNY questionnaire to the Planning Committee.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held subsequent to the first public meeting to be held on June 27, 2011 and the completion of the HAZNY. At that meeting, the Committee will provide input of storm hazards, discuss mitigation goals and objectives and mitigative measures that would be proposed by the Planning Committee.

## All-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Meeting with Planning Committee and ETG – June 27, 2011

A meeting was held with the All-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and Environmental Technology Group (ETG), Happaugue, NY in order to conduct the HAZNY analysis to prepare the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Mamaroneck. Those in attendance included Richard Slingerland (Village Manager), Daniel Sarnoff (Assistant Village Manager), Dominick Falcone (Lt. - VMPD), Paul Ryan (resident representative/Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee), Jim Brower (ETG) and Valerie Rifkin (ETG).

Mr. Brower and Ms. Rifkin explained how HAZNY works why it is used as part of the preparation in the All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The HAZNY analysis is largely a risk management tool which attempts to objectively rank the potential damage that can be caused by a hazard and takes into account frequency, property damage, casualties, etc. The Committee ruled out avalanche, mine collapse and tsunami as hazards that could be experienced in the Village of Mamaroneck. The Committee also Combined storm surge and wave action as well as combining storm and thunderstorm.

The members of the Committee spent approximately 2 ½ hours reviewing hazards and identifying the potential for damage that could be caused by each.

## All-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Meeting with Planning Committee and ETG – July 22, 2011

A meeting was held with the All-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and Environmental Technology Group (ETG), Happaugue, NY in order to conduct the HAZNY analysis to prepare the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Mamaroneck. Those in attendance included Richard Slingerland (Village Manager), Daniel Sarnoff (Assistant Village Manager), Joseph Russo (Harbor Master), Tony Iacovelli (General Foreman – DPW) Chief Christopher Leahy (VMPD), Dean DeLitta (Past Chief – VMFD), Paul Ryan (resident representative/Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee), and Valerie Rifkin (ETG).

The results of the first attempt at HAZNY seemed to indicate that certain hazard events may have been inflated while others may have been not been considered high enough. This was likely due to fewer members at the June 27 meeting. Mr. Brower and Ms. Rifkin again explained how HAZNY works why it is used as part of the preparation in the All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The members of the Committee spent approximately 2 ½ hours reviewing hazards and identifying the potential for damage that could be caused by each.

## All-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Meeting with Planning Committee and ETG – August 23, 2011

A meeting was held with the All-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and Environmental Technology Group (ETG), Happaugue, NY in order to conduct the HAZNY analysis to prepare the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Mamaroneck. Those in attendance included Daniel Sarnoff (Assistant Village Manager), Joseph Russo (Harbor Master), Tony Iacovelli (General Foreman – DPW) Chief Christopher Leahy (VMPD), Paul Ryan (resident representative/Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee), Jim Brower (ETG) and Valerie Rifkin (ETG).

The steering committee reviewed the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> HAZNY analysis and felt more comfortable with the results which indicated flooding as the greatest hazard faced by the Village of Mamaroneck. Other weather related events were also higher on the list. The purpose of the meeting was to establish goals and objectives for developing mitigative measures.

Dr. Brower and Ms. Rifkin provided handouts to the group and discussed the process of goals and objectives setting and the difference between the two. Mitigation alternatives or actions need to be prioritized based on certain considerations. FEMA recommends using the STAPLEE evaluation, as this process addresses all the major factors when weighing the costs to the benefits of implementing one action over another.

S – Social: Mitigation actions are acceptable to the community if they do not adversely affect a particular segment of the population, do not cause relocation of lower income people, and if they are compatible with the communities social and cultural values.

T – Technical: Mitigation actions are technically most effective if they provide long-term reduction of losses and have minimal secondary adverse impacts.

A – Administrative: Mitigation actions are easier to implement if the jurisdiction has the necessary staffing and funding.

P – Political: Mitigation actions can truly be successful if all stakeholders have been offered an opportunity to participate in the planning process and if there is public support of the action.

L – Legal: It is critical that the jurisdiction or implementing agency have the legal authority to implement and enforce a mitigation action.

E – Economical: Budget constraints can significantly deter the implementation of mitigation actions. Hence, it is important to evaluate whether an action is cost-effective, as determined by a cost-benefit review, and possible to fund.

E – Environmental: Sustainable mitigation actions that do not have an adverse effect on the environment, that comply with Federal, State, and local environmental regulations, and that are consistent with the community's environmental goals, have mitigation benefits while being environmentally sound.

## All-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Meeting with Planning Committee and ETG – September 22, 2011

A meeting was held with the All-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and Environmental Technology Group (ETG), Happaugue, NY in order to conduct the HAZNY analysis to prepare the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Mamaroneck. Those in attendance included Richard Slingerland (Village Manager), Daniel Sarnoff (Assistant Village Manager), Joseph Russo (Harbor Master), Tony Iacovelli (General Foreman – DPW) Chief Christopher Leahy (VMPD), Paul Ryan (resident representative/Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee), Reggie Wilson (MEMS) Gail Vidales (citizen representative – Hispanic Resource Center). Jim Brower (ETG), Bill SeEVERS (ETG) and Valerie Rifkin (ETG).

The steering committee met to review the goals that were previously identified and discussed and prioritized possible mitigation activities. Specific capital projects discussed were implementation of projects to be recommended by US Army Corps of Engineers, purchase of additional emergency response equipment and administrative matters such as code amendments, and public education and outreach.