

Section 2 – Public Involvement and Outreach

The community in Mamaroneck Village participated in the process to develop this Hazard Mitigation Plan. The public was involved through invitations in newspaper notices, web site notices, and attendance at public meetings. They provided comments at meetings, in letters and E-mail (See Appendix). A draft of this Plan was made available to the public at the Village Hall, and on the Village website. A list of all public and committee meetings and other key activities of this plan step were given in Table 1-2 in Section 1.

Public meetings will be held in conjunction with the Village Board of Trustees meetings. These meetings can be accessed through LMC-TV the local public access television station. The can be viewed on Cablevision channel 76 or Verizon channel 35. The Board meetings can be viewed online at www.lmc-tv.org Videos on Demand, Municipal meetings.

2.A Public Meetings

Public meetings were held in the Village Hall Court room to inform interested people in the community about the plan and to obtain their input. A notice for the first public meeting was issued on June 16, 2011 announcing the first meeting held on June 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM. A copy of this public notice is provided below. The purpose of this first meeting was to summarize for the community the current status of the project, future planning activities and the process for developing the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Members of the community were encouraged to provide input. Several statements and questions were presented and responded to by the Village Management and its consultant. (See Appendix.) A second public meeting was held March 26, 2012 to present the Draft Plan for their review and comment. The purpose of this meeting was to summarize the Plan, present the next steps in the planning and approval process and obtain public input.

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
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 Mamaroneck 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

2.B Public Information Activities

Members of the community were encouraged to attend public meetings and to report on notable hazard issues in the Village. A notice and meeting summary was also put on the Village Web Page at (<http://www.village.mamaroneck.ny.us/Pages/index>). A summary of the meeting presentations and discussions is given in the appendix of this Plan.

In order to facilitate coordination and communication between the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and Mamaroneck citizens, several methods of public outreach were conducted to inform the public of the Plan and encourage participation in the planning process. The Village has made the following efforts for public input in the preparation and review of this Plan:

- A public meeting notice, notifying the community about a public meeting on June 27, 2011 was sent to the local news outlets, including *The Journal News*, *Westchester Hispano*, *The Sound and Town Report*, and the *Larchmont-Mamaroneck Patch*. Notice was also posted on the Village's website.
- On January 27, 2012, the Draft Plan was posted to the Mamaroneck website. (<http://www.village.mamaroneck.ny.us/Pages/index>)
- A public meeting notice notifying the community about the second public meeting on March 26, 2012 was sent to the local news outlets and posted on the Village's website.
- A formal opportunity for public comment was provided for the Draft Plan that was submitted to NYSOEM and FEMA. A 30 day review period for the Plan was provided for public comment, which closed on April 16, 2012.
- The plan development was covered in the local print media by *The Sound & Town Report* and online by *Larchmont-Mamaroneck Patch* and *The Daily Mamaroneck*.

Examples of public outreach efforts are given and public comments that have been received to date are documented in the Appendix.

2.C Public Input

The Village officials and Board of Trustees sought public input on the plan that would help it identify and prepare for any disasters that could impact the community. The public was invited

to provide information by letter or E-mail and by participation at public meetings. The residents were informed that this plan would qualify the Village for grant money to help mitigate the hazards evaluated in the plan.

As part of the required planning process for a local pre-disaster mitigation plan, the village held its first public information session at the Board of Trustees meeting June 27, 2011. Although there wasn't a plan to review yet, the Assistant Village Manager explained that the village is seeking ideas from residents about potential hazards the villagers face and sought ways the local government can help residents prepare for and recover from disasters.

Public comments were noted and incorporated into this Plan where applicable and feasible. Several community members attended the first public meeting. The meeting was covered by the local press. The primary hazard of concern was frequent flooding in various areas of the Village. (See Section 4.D in this Plan.) Public input was also provided by one citizen who served on the Planning Committee. A second public meeting was held on March 26, 2012 at the Village Hall Court Room to present the Draft Plan and discuss flooding and other hazard planning issues. Public input from residents at this meeting strongly emphasized the serious impacts from local street and home flooding in Mamaroneck. The public was invited to review and comment on the Draft Plan. Several comments were received by the close of public comment and are included in the Appendix.

Once the document was completed, it was submitted to the New York State Office of Emergency Management and to the Village for a 30-day public comment period. It was then submitted to FEMA for their review and approval. Though the planning procedure officially requires a specific 30-day comment period, feedback was continually sought and welcomed. Through public outreach the village will get ideas from people who have been impacted by these hazards and offer input on how the Village government can help. Anyone wishing to submit comments to the village could call (914) 777-7703, submit a letter or email to either the assistant manager or the Village Manager.