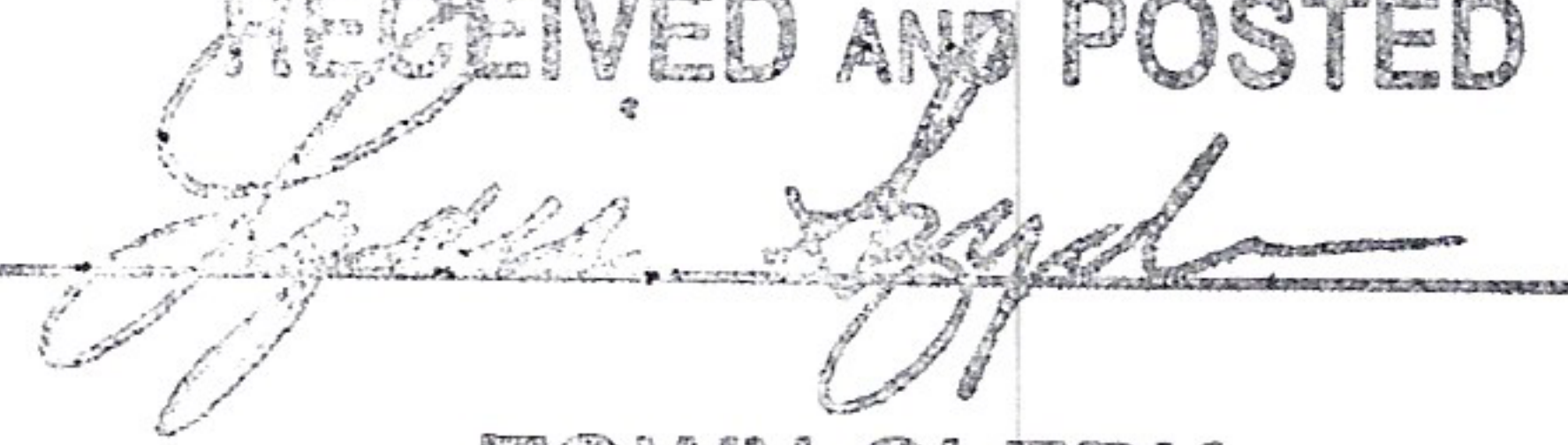
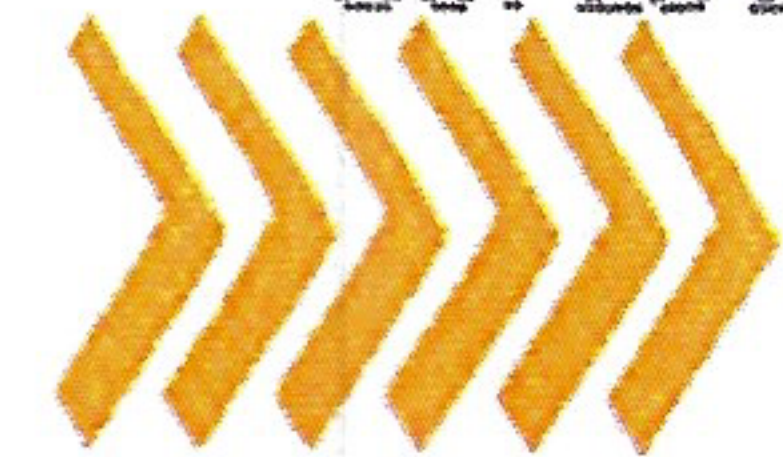


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Town of Hatfield to Hold Public Engagement Event for its Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Hatfield residents, businesses, and surrounding community representatives are invited to provide comments on a completed draft of the Town of Hatfield Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update at a public meeting of the Select Board November 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Hatfield Town Hall, located at 59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA. There will also be an option to participate remotely using the link below:

From your computer, tablet or smartphone:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/195943805>

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The meeting will include an introduction to the planning process, a summary of existing mitigation initiatives, and an outline of recommended strategies for addressing natural hazards in Hatfield. Members of the HMP Advisory Group, municipal officials and PVPC staff will be available to answer questions and receive input and listen to comments on the draft Plan, which is posted at [Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update | Hatfield MA \(townofhatfield.org\)](https://www.townofhatfield.org/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan-update-hatfield-ma). All members of the public, representatives from surrounding communities and other interested parties are welcome to attend the event.

The draft HMP update was produced by the Town with assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). This planning effort is being undertaken to help Hatfield assess the risks faced from natural hazards, identify action steps that can be taken to prevent injury, loss of life, and damage to property, and prioritize funding for mitigation efforts. A mitigation action is any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards. Upon completion, the Plan will be submitted to MEMA and FEMA for review and approval. A FEMA approved Plan makes the community eligible for federal and state mitigation grant funding.

For more information, please contact PVPC's Mimi Kaplan at mkaplan@pvpc.org or (413) 781-6045.