**SECTION 3 PLANNING PROCESS**

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| **Planning Process** | |
| **Requirement §201.6(b)(1):** (The planning process shall include) an opportunity for the public to comment on the plan during the drafting stage and prior to plan approval. | |
| Element | A3. Does the plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage? |

Throughout this plan, the terms “community” and “jurisdiction” are used interchangeably. Either word is understood to include cities, plantations, towns or tribes. The terms “Hazard Mitigation Planning Team” and “Planning Team” are used interchangeably to refer to the group in charge of developing this plan.

The Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan update was a multi-jurisdictional collaborative effort. The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team sought participation through town mailings, surveys, meetings,postings on the Aroostook County EMA website, emails, facebook, and phone calls.

Additional participation was solicitedthrough phone and email correspondence and the Public Review and Comment sessionsfor any recommendations/comments.

A separate Annex to this plan was prepared by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, and it is included in Appendix A.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team provided expertise, data and assistance in updating the plan. The Planning Team consisted of the following:

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| Darren Woods Director | Aroostook County Emergency Management Agency |
| Brian Goff, Assistant Planner | Aroostook County EMA |
| Joyce Findlen, Planner, Planning Associate | Aroostook County EMA |
| Anne Fuchs, Director of Mitigation, Planning and Recovery Division | Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) |
| Sam Roy, Natural Hazards Planner | Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) |
| Rich Rothe | Consultant |

**NOTE**: Because Aroostook County covers an area the size of the state of Connecticut, time and distance was a very large challenge to the county in the planning process. The pandemic of 2020 created safety concerns which made in-person meeting inadvisable. To accommodate the communities with long driving distances to any central point, and in light of the public participation concerns caused by the pandemic, it was mutually agreed that plan “participation” could take many forms. These included, but were not limited to: conference calls, telecoms, one-to-one calls, surveys, emails, website notices, regular mail and projects. This participation is summarized in the paragraphs below and in the participation table that follows.

**Local Directors’ Meeting.** The Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed at the local EMA Directors’ ZOOM meeting held on January 15, 2021. AKEMA staff explained that the plan is an update of the 5-year plan prepared in 2016, and that drafts of the various sections of the plan are posted on the AKEMA website. The list of participants and their positions in the respective communities, included:

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| **Town** | **Representative** | **Title** |
| Amity | Melissa Sherman | Town Manager |
| Aroostook Band of Micmacs | Jonathan Cote | EMA Director |
| Blaine | Bob Collins | EMA Director |
| Bridgewater | Jill Rusby | Town Manager |
| Caribou | Mike Gahagan | Police Chief |
| Castle Hill | Adam Rider | Fire Chief |
| Chapman | Adam Rider | Fire Chief |
| Eagle Lake | John Sutherland | Town Manager |
| Easton | Greg White | EMS Director |
| Fort Fairfield | Shawn Newell | EMA Director |
| Grand Isle | Vern Ouellette | EMA |
| Houlton | Marian Anderson | Town Manager |
| Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians | Bill Greaves | Emergency Management Coordinator |
| Ludlow | Diane Hines | Town Manager |
| Mapleton | Adam Rider | Fire Chief |
| Mars Hill | Gerald Cousins | EMA Director/Fire Chief |
| Reed Plantation | Diane Hines | Town Manager |
| Van Buren | Vern Ouellette | EMA |
| Westmanland | Darren Woods | EMA Director |
| Weston | Dwayne Young | Admn. Asst. |
| Aroostook EMA | Darren Woods | Director |
| Aroostook EMA | John Gibson | Deputy Director |
| Aroostook EMA | Joyce Findlen | Planner, Planning Assoc. |
| Aroostook EMA | Brian Goff | Assistant Planner |

**Kick-off Meetings.** Three ZOOM kick-off meetings were held by the Planning Team in November, 2020 to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, the hazards to be profiled, and the importance of updating and re-prioritizing the list of local projects. These meetings, and the list of participants and their positions in the respective communities, included:

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| **Town/City** | **Representative** | **Title** |
| **Nov.10, 2020**  **9:00 AM ZOOM** |  |  |
| Caribou | Michael Gahagan | Police Chief |
| Presque Isle | Martin Puckett | City Manager |
| Van Buren | Vernon Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Washburn | Donna Turner | Town Manager |
| Aroostook EMA | Brian Goff | Assistant Planner |
| Aroostook EMA | John Gibson | Deputy Director |
| Consultant | Rich Rothe | Owner, Rothe Assoc. |
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| **Nov.10, 2020**  **6:00 PM ZOOM** |  |  |
| Aroostook Band of Micmacs | Chad Guerrette | EMA Intern |
| Aroostook Band of Micmacs | Jonathan Cote | EMA Director |
| Castle Hill | Sandra Fournier | Town Manager |
| Chapman | Sandra Fournier | Town Manager |
| Easton | Greg White | EMA Director, Fire Chief |
| Fort Fairfield | Shawn Newell | Police Chief |
| Mapleton | Sandra Fournier | Town Manager |
| Westmanland | Darren Woods | EMA Director |
| Aroostook EMA | Brian Goff | Assistant Planner |
| Consultant | Rich Rothe | Rothe Associates. |
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| **Nov.12, 2020**  **10:00 AM ZOOM** |  |  |
| Caribou | Mark Gahagan | EMA/Police Department |
| Aroostook EMA | Brian Goff | Assistant Planner |
| Consultant | Rich Rothe | Owner, Rothe Assoc. |

**Survey #1.** In November of 2020, Aroostook EMA distributed a survey to municipalities, asking about specific areas subject to flooding, winter and summer storms, wildfire and drought as well as “other” concerns they might have. Survey responses, and the list of participants and their positions in the respective communities, included:

| **Town** | **Representative** | **Title** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Amity | Melissa Sherman | Town Manager |
| Aroostook Band of Micmacs | Jonathan Cote | EMA Director |
| Ashland | Cyr Martin | Town Mgr/Police Chief |
| Bridgewater | Troy Bradstreet | EMA Director |
| Castle Hill | Adam Rider | EMA Director, Fire Chief |
| Caribou | Michael Gahagan | Police Chief |
| Chapman | Adam Rider | EMA Director, Fire Chief |
| Crystal | Jeremy York | Public Safety Coord.. |
| Dyer Brook | Florence Hardy | Town Manager |
| Eagle Lake | John Sutherland | Town Manager |
| Easton | Greg White | EMS Director |
| Fort Fairfield | Shawn Newell | EMA Director |
| Fort Kent | Suzie Paradis | Town Manager |
| Grand Isle | Vern Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Hodgdon | James Griffin | Town Manager |
| Houlton | Marian Anderson | Town Manager |
| Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians | Bill Greaves | Emergency Management Coordinator |
| Linneus | Carroll Willette | Town Manager |
| Littleton | Dwight Cowperthwaite | Fire Chief |
| Madawaska | Gary Picard | Town Manager |
| Mapleton | Adam Rider | EMA Director, Fire Chief |
| Mars Hill | David Cyr | Town Manager |
| Monticello | Ginger Pryor | Town Manager |
| New Canada | Rodney Pelletier | Town Manager |
| New Limerick | Judy Nightingale | Town Manager |
| Perham | John Hedman | Administrator |
| Presque Isle | Darrell White | Fire Chief/EMA |
| Sherman | Debra O’Roak | Town Manager |
| St. Francis | Gerald Jandreau | Fire Chief |
| St. John Plantation | Patrick Nadeau | EMA Director |
| Stockholm | Corey Dickenson | Town Clerk |
| Unorganized Territory | Paul Bernier | Community Services Dir. |
| Van Buren | Vern Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Wallagrass | Lana Voisine | Director |
| Wade | Donna Turner | Town Manager |
| Washburn | Donna Turner | Town Manager |
| Westfield | Clinton Watson | Director |
| Westmanland | Darren Woods | EMA Director |
| Weston | Dwayne Young | Administrative. Asst. |
| Winterville Plantation | Kevin Drake | Board of Assessors |

**Survey #2.** In February of 2016, Aroostook EMA distributed a second survey to municipalities, asking municipalities to update the list of projects contained in the 2016 plan. Survey participants were asked to add projects, re-prioritize projects where applicable, and to indicate which projects had been completed and the year of completion. Survey responses, and the list of participants and their positions in the respective communities, included:

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| **Town** | **Representative** | **Title** |
| Aroostook Band of Micmacs | Jonathan Cote | EMA Dir./Risk Manager |
| Ashland | Cyr Martin | Town Manager |
| Castle Hill | Sandra L. Fournier | Town Manager |
| Chapman | Sandra L. Fournier | Town Manager |
| Dyer Brook | Florence Hardy | Town Manager/EMA Dir. |
| Easton | Jim Gardner | Town Manager |
| Grand Isle | Vern Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Houlton | Marian L. Anderson | Town Manager |
| Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians | Bill Greaves | EMA Director |
| Madawaska | Jim Soucy | Fire Chief |
| Mapleton | Sandra L. Fournier | Town Manager |
| Monticello | Ginger Pryor | Clerk/Manager |
| Portage Lake | Lawrence Duchette | Town Manager |
| Presque Isle | Darrell K. White | Fire Chief/EMA Director |
| St. John Plantation | Michelle Glasscock | Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector |
| Unorganized Territory | Paul Bernier | Community Services Dir. |
| Van Buren | Vern Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Wade | Donna Turner | Town Manager |
| Washburn | Donna Turner | Town Manager |
| Westmanland | Darren R. Woods | EMA Director |
| Weston | Dwayne Young | Administrative Assistant |

**Public Comment Sessions.** Two ZOOM public comment sessions were held by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team on April 8, 2021 to review the final draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, and to solicit public questions and comments. Brian Goff and Rich Rothe provided an overview of the importance of the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan and reviewed the sections of the plan and how to access them on the Aroostook County EMA website.

**Public Comments.** The only input resulting from the public comment and review sessions came from Town Manager Sandra Fournier who asked that the list of participants be revised to reflect that she and the Fire Chief represented Castle Hill, Chapman and Mapleton. The plan was revised to make the requested change. No other comments were received. Brian also stated that the deadline for comments and changes is April 22. The ZOOM meetings, and the list of participants, included:

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| **Town** | **Representative** | **Title** |
| **April 8, 2021**  **9:00 AM ZOOM** |  |  |
| Easton | Greg White | EMA Director |
| Frenchville | Peter Parent | EMA Director |
| Grand Isle | Vern Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians | Bill Greaves | EMA Director |
| Monticello | Ginger Pryor | Town Manager |
| Presque Isle | Nate Allen | EMA Director |
| Van Buren | Vern Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Wade | Donna Turner | Town Manager |
| Washburn | Donna Turner | Town Manager |
| Westmanland | Darren Woods | EMA Director |
| Aroostook EMA | Darren Woods | Director |
| Aroostook EMA | Brian Goff | Assistant Planner |
| Aroostook EMA | John Gibson | Deputy Director |
| Maine EMA | Sam Roy | Natural Hazards Planner |
| Consultant | Rich Rothe | Owner, Rothe Assoc. |
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| **April 8, 2021**  **6:00 PM ZOOM** |  |  |
| Bridgewater | Jill Rusby | Town Manager |
| Castle Hill | Sandra L. Fournier | Town Manager |
| Chapman | Sandra L. Fournier | Town Manager |
| Houlton | Marion Anderson | Town Manager |
| Mapleton | Sandra L. Fournier | Town Manager |
| Westfield | Clint Watson | EMA Director |
| Aroostook EMA | Brian Goff | Assistant Planner |
| Maine EMA | Sam Roy | Natural Hazards Planner |
| Consultant | Rich Rothe | Owner, Rothe Assoc. |

**Outreach**

The ongoing pandemic created a number of challenges to the Planning Team in terms of its efforts to solicit public input including state limits on public gatherings. As a result, Aroostook County EMA provided outreach to cities, towns, plantations and Aroostook County’s portion of the Unorganized Territory primarily through emails and ZOOM meetings.

**Stakeholders/Invitations to participate.** A list of the stakeholders who were invited to participate in the planning process is shown on the following pages. These stakeholders were contacted by a series of eight emails (see emails following the stakeholder table). As shown in the stakeholder table, some of these stakeholders have multiple regulatory and authoritative roles.

**Other invitations to participate.** The Maine Emergency Management Agency requested plan reviews and information from the USGS, Maine Forest Service, and NWS Caribou as well as Sue Baker, Maine NFIP Program. These agencies did not have anything significant to add to the plan, except that the Maine Forest Service provided wildfire data, and Sue Baker provided flood insurance data and information on repetitive loss properties.

**Invitations through website, facebook.** AKEMA solicited additional input by posting sections of the plan on its website and on facebook.

**County Directors’ Meetings.** AKEMA’s EMA Director participates in monthly meetings of Maine EMA directors. Through these meetings, the Director has informed the other directors of progress on the plan, and that it can be viewed on AKEMA’s website, and that comments and input are welcome. There were no comments or suggestions from other directors.

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| **List of Stakeholders Receiving Email Notifications of**  **ZOOM Meetings and Surveys** | | |
| **Town** | **Representative** | **Title** |
| Amity | Melissa Sherman | Town Manager |
| Aroostook Band of Micmacs | Jonathan Cote | EMA Director/Cary Medical Center |
| Aroostook Band of Micmacs | Chad Guerrette | Assistant |
| Ashland | Cyr Martin | Town Manager/Police Chief |
| Bridgewater | Troy Bradstreet | EMA Director/Fire Chief |
| Caribou | Michael Gahagan | Police Chief/EMA Director |
| Caribou | Mark Gahagan | EMA/Police Dept. |
| Castle Hill | Adam Rider | Fire Chief |
| Castle Hill | Sandra Fournier | Town Manager |
| Chapman | Adam Rider | Fire Chief |
| Chapman | Sandra Fournier | Town Manager |
| Crystal | Jeremy York | Public Safety Coord.. |
| Dyer Brook | Florence Hardy | Town Manager |
| Eagle Lake | John Sutherland | Town Manager |
| Easton | Greg White | EMA Director/Fire Chief |
| Fort Fairfield | Shawn Newell | Police Chief / EMA Director |
| Fort Kent | Suzie Paradis | Town Manager |
| Fort Kent | Edward K. Endee | Fire Chief/EMA Director |
| Grand Isle | Vern Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Hodgdon | James Griffin | Town Manager |
| Houlton | Marian Anderson | Town Manager |

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| **List of Stakeholders Receiving Email Notifications of**  **ZOOM Meetings and Surveys** | | |
| **Town** | **Representative** | **Title** |
| Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians | Bill Greaves | Emergency Management Coordinator |
| Linneus | Carroll Willette | Town Manager |
| Littleton | Dwight Cowperthwaite | Fire Chief/EMA Director |
| Madawaska | Jim Soucy | Fire Chief/ EMA Director |
| Mapleton | Adam Rider | EMA Director, Fire Chief |
| Mapleton | Sandra Fournier | Town Manager |
| Mars Hill | David Cyr | Town Manager |
| Mapleton | Sandra Fournier | Town Manager |
| Monticello | Ginger Pryor | Town Manager |
| New Canada | Rodney Pelletier | Town Manager |
| New Limerick | Judy Nightingale | Town Manager |
| Perham | John Hedman | Administrator |
| Presque Isle | Darrell White | Fire Chief/EMA |
| Sherman | Debra O’Roak | Town Manager |
| St. Francis | Gerald Jandreau | Fire Chief |
| St. John Plantation | Patrick Nadeau | EMA Director |
| Stockholm | Corey Dickenson | Town Clerk |
| Unorganized Territory | Paul G. Bernier | Community Services Director |
| Van Buren | Vern Ouellette | EMA Director |
| Wallagrass | Lana Voisine | Director |
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| Westmanland | Darren Woods | EMA Director |
| Weston | Dwayne Young | Administrative. Asst. |
| Winterville Plantation | Kevin Drake | Board of Assessors |
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| AKEMA | Brian C. Goff | Asst. Planner |
| AKEMA | Darren Woods | EMA Director |
| AKEMA | John Gibson | Asst. EMA Director |
| AKEMA | Joyce Findlen | Planner |
|  |  |  |
| MEMA | Ann P. Fuchs | Director of Mitigation, Planning and Recovery |
| MEMA | Samuel G. Roy | Natural Hazards Planner |
|  |  |  |
| Consultant | Rich Rothe |  |

**Emails.** Copies of eight emails to stakeholders are included on the following pages.

**Email sent October 15, 2020**

Good Morning,

It’s Hazard Mitigation time and we would like for you to attend one of our three Kick-Off Meetings. These meetings will be held by Zoom on:

Thursday, November 12th @ 9:00am

Thursday, November 12th @ 6:00pm

Saturday, November 14th @ 10:00am

Please plan on attending one of these to help get the AKEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan in gear.

**All three of these are the same, so you only need to attend one.**

Please let me know what time is good for you, so that we may have an accurate count of attendees.

For more information or assistance, please give me a call or send me an email.

Zoom Link:

Nov. 12 @ 9am Link:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475162378?pwd=QTcrN1lVWEUweXdDQWRYbXp1RDAwdz09>

Nov. 12 @ 6pm Link:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81185612185?pwd=L05LbS9rY0EwSWxJNUZZVHNXTVJaQT09>

Nov. 14 @ 10am Link:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81865449365?pwd=Y3BUSUhXTlpSSG1GVGo3MURaWGVMQT09>

Thank You and Have a Good Day.

Brian

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**Email sent Nov 10, 2020**

Good Morning,

AKEMA Would like to invite you to our 2020 Hazard Mitigation Kick-Off Meeting.

**All three meetings are the same, you will only need to attend one.**

This meeting should only last about an hour.

Zoom Meeting Links:

Nov. 12 @ 9am Link:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475162378?pwd=QTcrN1lVWEUweXdDQWRYbXp1RDAwdz09>

Nov. 12 @ 6pm Link:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81185612185?pwd=L05LbS9rY0EwSWxJNUZZVHNXTVJaQT09>

Nov. 14 @ 10am Link:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81865449365?pwd=Y3BUSUhXTlpSSG1GVGo3MURaWGVMQT09>

Thank You and we hope to see you there.

Have a Good Day.

Brian C. Goff

p.s. I apologize if this email goes to you more than once, just trying to make sure everyone gets an invite.

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**Email sent Nov 20, 2020**

Good Afternoon,

Here is the 2020 AKEMA Hazard Mitigation Survey, please update! We have attached our website information with a link to where you can go over your 2016 information.

Just a reminder, if you do not participate, you are not eligible for Hazard Mitigation Funding for the next 5 years. So please make sure your towns information is correct and up to date and please help encourage other towns to participate.

It is a benefit for all of us in the County. We are doing the work for you, we just need your participation.

Thank You and Have a Good Weekend.

Brian C. Goff

Any questions please feel free to give us a call or email us!

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**Email sent Jan 7, 2021**

Good Afternoon,

Below is a list of towns that have responded to the Aroostook County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Survey, please if you have not yet responded, please update! I have attached our website information with a link to where you can go over your 2016 information.

<https://aroostookema.com/?page_id=405>

***Just a reminder, if you do not participate, you are not eligible for Hazard Mitigation Funding for the next 5 years.*** So please make sure your towns information is correct and up to date and please help encourage other towns to participate.

It is a benefit for all of us in the County. We are doing the work for you, we just need your participation. Any questions please feel free to give us a call or email us!

If you have responded to this survey no need for further action. We will be in touch with updates and future meeting times. Thank You.

Have a Good Day.

Brian C. Goff

**Completed Town Survey’s**

1. Aroostook Band of Micmacs

2. Caribou

3. Crystal

4. Dyer Brook

5. Eagle Lake

6. Fort Kent

7. Hodgdon

8. Linneus

9. Mars Hill

10. Monticello

11. Perham

12. Sherman

13. St. John Plantation

14. Stockholm

15. Westfield

16. Westmanland

17. Weston

18. Winterville Plantation

19. Easton

20. Madawaska

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**Email sent February 3, 2021**

Good Morning,

I am Resending this projects email, we had some computer issues and wanted to make sure everyone received this.  If you have already responded thank you and no need to take further action.  This is for the Projects list for the 2021 Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan, If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

Have a Good Day and hope everyone is shoveled out!

Brian

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**Email sent March 24, 2021**

Good Afternoon,

Here is an invite to the Final Stage of the Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Invite is attached and below is the zoom info.

Have a Good Day

Brian C. Goff

Topic: Aroostook County Mitigation

Time: Apr 8, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83909048798?pwd=S0Y5aDMxNDUwTTRMN3RpS2t3dFVLdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 0904 8798

Passcode: 598287

Dial in:

        +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Topic: Aroostook County Mitigation

Time: Apr 8, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82791835483?pwd=cXBKdlQvYWpNN2lDZko3TkZaNWhwZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 9183 5483

Passcode: 598380

Dial in:

        +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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**Email sent April 7, 2021**

Good Afternoon,

Just a quick reminder , that AKEMA we will be having a quick Zoom Meeting Tomorrow, we are in the Final Stages of the Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Invite is attached and below is the zoom info.

Thank You & Have a Good Day!

Brian C. Goff

Topic: Aroostook County Mitigation

Time: Apr 8, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83909048798?pwd=S0Y5aDMxNDUwTTRMN3RpS2t3dFVLdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 0904 8798

Passcode: 598287

Dial in:

        +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Topic: Aroostook County Mitigation

Time: Apr 8, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82791835483?pwd=cXBKdlQvYWpNN2lDZko3TkZaNWhwZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 9183 5483

Passcode: 598380

Dial in:

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**Email sent April 8, 2021**

FYI – This morning’s call went well and took less than ½ hour, please do what you can to participate in tonight’s call and get your community credit in the new plan.

Darren

**From:** Brian Goff <[brian@aroostookema.com](mailto:brian@aroostookema.com)>   
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:25 AM  
**Subject:** Finalization of AKEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan

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***“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” – C.S. Lewis***

**SUMMARY OF LOCAL PARTICIPATION**

| **Municipality** | **EMA Directors**  **Meetings** | **Kick-Off Meetings** | **Hazard**  **Mitigation Survey #1** | **Hazard**  **Mitigation Survey #2** | **Projects** | **Public Comment Session** |
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| **Aroostook County UT** | 1/21 |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Aroostook Band of Micmacs** | 1/21 | 11/20 | X | X | X |  |
| **Allagash** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Amity** | 1/21 |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Ashland** |  |  | X | X | X |  |
| **Blaine** | 1/21 |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Bridgewater** | 1/21 |  | X |  | X | X |
| **Caribou** | 1/21 | 11/20 | X |  | X |  |
| **Castle Hill** | 1/21 | 11/20 | X | X | X | X |
| **Caswell** |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **Chapman** | 1/21 | 11/20 | X | X | X | X |
| **Crystal** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Cyr Plantation** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Dyer Brook** |  |  | X | X | X |  |
| **Eagle Lake** | 1/21 |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Easton** | 1/21 | 11/20 | X | X | X | X |
| **Fort Fairfield** | 1/21 | 11/20 | X |  | X |  |
| **Fort Kent** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Frenchville** |  |  |  |  | X | X |
| **Garfield Plantation** |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **Glenwood Plantation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand Isle** | 1/21 |  | X | X | X | X |
| **Hamlin** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Hammond** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Haynesville** |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **Hodgdon** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Houlton** | 1/21 |  | X | X | X | X |
| **Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians** | 1/21 |  | X | X | X | X |
| **Island Falls** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Limestone** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Linneus** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Littleton** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Ludlow** | 1/21 |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Macwahoc Plt.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Madawaska** |  |  | X | X | X |  |
| **Mapleton** | 1/21 | 11/20 | X | X | X | X |
| **Mars Hill** | 1/21 |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Masardis** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Merrill** |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **Monticello** |  |  | X | X | X | X |
| **Moro Plantation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Nashville Plantation** |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| **New Canada** |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| **New Limerick** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **New Sweden** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Oakfield** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Orient** |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| **Perham** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Portage Lake** |  |  | X | X | X |  |
| **Presque Isle** |  | 11/20 | X | X | X | X |
| **Reed Plantation** | 1/21 |  | X |  | X |  |
| **St. Agatha** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **St. Francis** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **St. John Plantation** |  |  | X | X | X |  |
| **Sherman** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Smyrna** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Stockholm** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Van Buren** | 1/21 | 11/20 | X | X | X | X |
| **Wade** |  |  | X | X | X | X |
| **Wallagrass** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Washburn** |  | 11/20 | X | X | X | X |
| **Westfield** |  |  | X |  | X | X |
| **Westmanland** |  |  | X | X | X | X |
| **Weston** | 1/21 |  | X | X | X |  |
| **Winterville Plt.** |  |  | X |  | X |  |
| **Woodland** |  |  |  |  | X |  |

The following table identifies the participation status of all jurisdictions in the county. This includes participation in the preparation of the 2011 Plan, the 2016 plan, the 2021 plan, as well as the non-participants.

| **Summary of Participating Municipalities**  **“X” indicates participation; “-” indicates non-participation** | | | |
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| **Jurisdiction** | **Participated in 2011 Plan** | **Participated in 2016 Plan** | **Participated in 2021 Plan** |
| Aroostook County | X | X | X |
| Aroostook Band of Micmacs | **-** | X | X |
| Allagash, Town of | X | X | X |
| Amity, Town of | **-** | - | X |
| Ashland, Town of | X | X | X |
| Blaine, Town of | X | X | X |
| Bridgewater, Town of | X | X | X |
| Caribou, City of | X | X | X |
| Castle Hill, Town of | X | X | X |
| Caswell, Town of | X | X | X |
| Chapman, Town of | X | X | X |
| Cyr Plantation | X | X | X |
| Crystal, Town of | **-** | - | X |
| Dyer Brook, Town of | X | X | X |
| Eagle Lake, Town of | X | X | X |
| Easton, Town of | X | X | X |
| \*Fort Fairfield, Town of | X | X | X |
| Fort Kent, Town of | X | X | X |
| Frenchville, Town of | X | X | X |
| Garfield Plantation | X | X | X |
| Glenwood, Town of | **-** | - | - |
| Grand Isle, Town of | X | X | X |
| Hamlin, Town of | X | X | X |
| Hammond, Town of | **-** | - | - |
| Haynesville, Town of | X | X | X |
| Hersey, Town of | - | - | - |
| Hodgdon, Town of | X | X | X |
| Houlton, Town of | X | X | X |
| Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians |  |  | X |
| Island Falls, Town of | X | X | X |
| Limestone, Town of | X | X | X |
| Linneus, Town of | X | X | X |
| Littleton, Town of | X | X | X |
| Ludlow, Town of | - | - | X |
| Macwahoc Plantation | - | - | - |
| Madawaska, Town of | X | X | X |
| Mapleton, Town of | X | X | X |
| Mars Hill, Town of | X | X | X |
| Marsardis, Town of | **-** | - | - |
| Merrill, Town of | X | X | X |
| Monticello, Town of | X | X | X |
| Moro Plantation | **-** | - | - |
| Nashville Plantation | **-** | - | - |
| New Canada, Town of | **-** | - | X |
| New Limerick, Town of | **-** | - | X |
| New Sweden, Town of | **-** | X | - |
| Oakfield, Town of | **-** | - | - |
| Orient, Town of | **-** | - | - |
| Perham, Town of | X | X | X |
| Portage Lake, Town of | X | X | X |
| Presque Isle, City of | X | X | X |
| Reed Plantation | X | X | X |
| St. Agatha, Town of | X | X | X |
| St. Francis, Town of | X | X | X |
| St. John Plantation | X | X | X |
| Sherman, Town of | X | X | X |
| Smyrna, Town of | **-** | - | - |
| Stockholm, Town of | **-** | - | X |
| Van Buren, Town of | X | X | X |
| Wade, Town of | X | X | X |
| Wallagrass, Town of | X | X | X |
| Washburn, Town of | X | X | X |
| Westfield, Town of | X | X | X |
| Westmanland, Town of | **-** | X | X |
| Weston, Town of | X | X | X |
| Winterville Plantation | X | X | X |
| Woodland, Town of |  | X | X |

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| **Opportunity for Neighboring Communities, Regional Agencies** | |
| **Requirement §201.6(b)(2):** (The planning process shall include) an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development, as well as businesses, academia and other private and non-profit interests to be involved in the planning process. | |
| Element | A2. Does the Plan document an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as other interests to be involved in the planning process? |

Since this is a multi-jurisdictional plan, all meetings were with neighboring communities, either adjacent to each other or within the county.Opportunities for local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as other interests to be involved in the planning process were given in the form of town mailings, the Aroostook County EMA website, facebook, emails and phone calls. Many of the local officials involved in the preparation of the 2021 plan work in various agencies, businesses, academia and nonprofit organizations.