



11. TOWN OF ROMULUS

This jurisdictional annex to the Seneca County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) provides information to assist public and private sectors in the Town of Romulus with reducing losses from future hazard events. This annex is not guidance of what to do when a disaster occurs; its focus is on actions that can be implemented prior to a disaster to reduce or eliminate damage to property and people. The annex presents a general overview of the Town of Romulus, describes who participated in the planning process, assesses the Town of Romulus’ risk, vulnerability, and capabilities, and outlines a strategy for achieving a more resilient community.

11.1 HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING TEAM

The Town of Romulus identified the hazard mitigation plan (HMP) primary and alternate points of contact and developed this plan over the course of several months with input from many Town departments, including the Planning Board. The Town Supervisor represented the community on the Seneca County Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Partnership and supported the local planning process requirements by securing input from persons with specific knowledge to enhance the plan. All departments were asked to contribute to the annex development through reviewing and contributing to the capability assessment, reporting on the status of previously identified actions, and participating in action identification and prioritization.

Table 11-1 summarizes Town officials who participated in the development of the annex and in what capacity. Additional documentation of the Town’s planning activities through Planning Partnership meetings is included in Volume I.

Table 11-1. Hazard Mitigation Planning Team

Primary Point of Contact	Alternate Point of Contact
Name/Title: David Haynes, Town Supervisor Address: 1435 Prospect Street, Willard, NY 14588 Phone Number: (315) 924-1001 Email: david.haynes@romulustown.com	Name/Title: Janet Lynch, Planning Board Chairperson Address: 1435 Prospect Street, Willard, NY 14588 Phone Number: (607) 869-9326 Email: jlynch@romulustown.com
National Flood Insurance Program Floodplain Administrator	
Name/Title: Tim Dorn, Code Enforcement Officer Address: 1435 Prospect Street, Willard, NY 14588 Phone Number: (607) 869-9326 Email: zoning.enforcement@romulustown.com	

11.2 COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Town of Romulus is in the southcentral portion of Seneca County. The Town consists of 37.9 square miles. The south Town line borders the Town and Village of Ovid, the eastern Town line borders the Cayuga Lake and Cayuga County, the northern Town line borders the Town of Varick and the western Town line borders Seneca Lake and Yates County.

According to the U.S. Census, the 2020 population for the Town of Romulus was 3,174. Data from the 2023 American Community Survey indicates that 4.2 percent of the population is 5 years of age or younger, 12.9 percent is 65 years of age or older, 0.3 percent is non-English speaking, 6.8 percent is below the poverty threshold, and 9.2



percent is considered disabled. Communities must deploy a support system that enables all populations to safely reach shelters or to quickly evacuate a hazard area.

11.3 JURISDICTIONAL CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT AND INTEGRATION

The Town of Romulus performed an inventory and analysis of existing capabilities, plans, programs, and policies that enhance its ability to implement mitigation strategies. Volume I describes the components included in the capability assessment and their significance for hazard mitigation planning. The jurisdictional assessment for this annex includes analyses of the following:

- Planning and regulatory capabilities
- Development and permitting capabilities
- Administrative and technical capabilities
- Fiscal capabilities
- Education and outreach capabilities
- Classification under various community mitigation programs
- Adaptive capacity to withstand hazard events

For a community to succeed in reducing long-term risk, hazard mitigation must be integrated into day-to-day local government operations. As part of the hazard mitigation analysis, planning and /policy documents were reviewed and each jurisdiction was surveyed to obtain a better understanding of their progress toward plan integration. Development of an updated mitigation strategy provided an opportunity for the Town of Romulus to identify opportunities for integrating mitigation concepts into ongoing Town procedures.

11.3.1 Planning and Regulatory Capability and Integration

Table 11-2 summarizes the planning and regulatory tools that are available to the Town of Romulus.

Table 11-2. Planning and Regulatory Capability and Integration

	Jurisdiction has this? (Yes/No)	Citation and Date (code chapter or name of plan, date of enactment or plan adoption)	Authority (local, county, state, federal)	Individual / Department / Agency Responsible
Codes, Ordinances, & Regulations				
Building Code	Yes	NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code Article 16 of the Town Law and Articles 2 and 3 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of NYS, Town of Romulus Zoning Law	State and Local	NYS Division of Building Standards and Codes or Zoning Board of Appeals and Code Enforcement

How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?

Strong building codes for fire prevention, the widening use of smoke detectors and sprinklers and development of fire-resistant building materials represent fire mitigation actions that have made a huge impact on reducing private and public losses from fires. Strengthened building codes in floodplains, managing development in a way that recognizes



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flood risks and infrastructure improvements that prevent or resist flood damage are very cost-effective mitigation goals for any community.				
Zoning/Land Use Code	Yes	Article 16 of the Town Law and Articles 2 and 3 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of NYS, Town of Romulus Zoning Law	Local	Zoning Board of Appeals and Code Enforcement
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i> Encourage appropriate and orderly physical development; promote public health, safety, and general welfare; classify, designate and regulate the location and use of buildings and structures; and for said purposes may divide the jurisdiction into districts of such number, shape and area as may be deemed best suited to carry out these regulations.				
Subdivision Code	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i> N/A				
Site Plan Code	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i> N/A				
Stormwater Management Code	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i> N/A				
Post-Disaster Recovery/ Reconstruction Code	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i> N/A				
Real Estate Disclosure Requirements	Yes	Property Condition Disclosure Act, NY Code - Article 14 §460-467	State	NYS Department of State, Real Estate Agent
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i> In addition to facing potential liability for failing to disclose under the exceptions to “caveat emptor,” a home seller must make certain disclosures under the law or pay a credit of \$500 to the buyer at closing. While the PCDA requires a seller to complete a standardized disclosure statement and deliver it to the buyer before the buyer signs the final purchase contract, in practice, most home sellers in New York opt not to complete the statement and instead pay the credit.				
Growth Management	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i> N/A				
Environmental Protection Ordinance(s)	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i> N/A				
Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance	Yes	Local Law 2 of 2002	Federal, State, County and Local	Zoning Board
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				



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<p>These purposes include, but are not limited to, the following: to lessen congestion in the roads; to secure safety from fire, flood and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements; to protect significant resources; and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public.</p>				
Wellhead Protection	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Emergency Management Ordinance	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Climate Change Ordinance	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Other	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Planning Documents				
General/Comprehensive Plan	Yes	Town of Romulus Comprehensive Plan	Local	Planning Board
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
A Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document which provides an overview of current conditions, establishes a vision for the future of the Town, and recommends how the Town can make that vision a reality. It acts as a guide for decision-making for the Town over the next 10 to 20 years				
Capital Improvement Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Disaster Debris Management Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Floodplain Management or Watershed Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Stormwater Management Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Open Space Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				



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Urban Water Management Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Habitat Conservation Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Economic Development Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Community Forest Management Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Transportation Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Agriculture Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Climate Action/ Resiliency/Sustainability Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Tourism Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Business/ Downtown Development Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Other	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Response/Recovery Planning				
Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	Seneca County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan	County	Seneca County Emergency Management Office



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<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
The Emergency Operations Plan aims to assess the Township's ability to respond to emergency and identifies recommendations to improve its capacity to prepare and respond to future events. The plan address both short- and long-term recovery.				
Continuity of Operations Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Substantial Damage Response Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA)	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Post-Disaster Recovery Plan	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				
Public Health Plan	Yes	Seneca County Pandemic Plan	County	Seneca County Emergency Management Office
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
The plan was developed based on best practices and guidance available largely as a result of the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic. The plan is intended to provide ongoing guidance for the current pandemic as well as future guidance for any other infectious disease outbreaks requiring a state and/or county emergency declaration.				
Other	No	-	-	-
<i>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</i>				
N/A				

11.3.2 Development and Permitting Capability

Table 11-3 summarizes the capabilities of the Town of Romulus to oversee and track development.

Table 11-3. Development and Permitting Capability

Indicate if your jurisdiction implements the following	Yes/No	Comment:
Do you issue development permits?	Yes	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you issue development permits, what department is responsible? 	N/A	Code Enforcement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you do not issue development permits, what is your process for tracking new development? 	N/A	-



Indicate if your jurisdiction implements the following	Yes/No	Comment:
Are permits tracked by hazard area? (For example, floodplain development permits.)	No	-
Do you have a buildable land inventory?	No	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have a buildable land inventory, please describe 	N/A	-
Describe the level of build-out in your jurisdiction.	N/A	Moderate

11.3.3 Administrative and Technical Capability

Table 11-4 summarizes potential staff and personnel resources available to the Town of Romulus and their current responsibilities that contribute to hazard mitigation.

Table 11-4. Administrative and Technical Capabilities

Resources	Available? (Yes/No)	Comments (available staff, responsibilities, support of hazard mitigation)
Administrative Capability		
Planning Board	Yes	The Planning Board conducts investigations, prepares maps and reports, and provides recommendations to the Town Board relating to the planning and development of the Town, including amendments or changes to the Town Comprehensive (Master) Plan, the Zoning Code, and other land use and zoning requirements. The Planning Board will review and approve applications, including violations actions where civil penalties (fines) may be imposed.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Yes	The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) interprets the Town Zoning Code and evaluates the benefit an applicant would realize if they were to be granted a variance against any impacts that the town might realize as a result of the variance. The ZBA can grant use variances to allow the use of land for a purpose that is otherwise not allowed or is prohibited by zoning regulations. The ZBA can also grant area variances to reduce the required setback distances if an applicant can demonstrate suitable hardship.
Planning Department	No	-
Mitigation Planning Committee	No	-
Environmental Board/Commission	No	-
Open Space Board/Committee	No	-
Economic Development Commission/Committee	No	-
Public Works/Highway Department	Yes	The Highway Superintendent's duties and responsibilities are as detailed in Article 140 of the New York State Consolidated Town Laws.
Construction/Building/Code Enforcement Department	Yes	The Code Enforcement Officer performs inspections, assists in the enforcement of code and zoning regulations, and participates in planning and site plan review processes. They are responsible for approving building, plumbing, land



Resources	Available? (Yes/No)	Comments (available staff, responsibilities, support of hazard mitigation)
		use, signage permits; conducting land use, building inspections; enforcing municipal ordinances; maintaining liaison with appropriate state and local agencies; and maintaining office records and reports. They also provide administrative support to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.
Emergency Management/Public Safety Department	Yes	County Emergency Management
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (stormwater maintenance, tree trimming, etc.)	Yes	<p>The Town of Romulus Water Department is responsible for the provision of safe and adequate drinking water to consumers. As water is a basic necessity, supplying drinking water is a continuous process and the Water Department focuses on ensuring that the water provided to consumers is acceptable in appearance, taste, and odor.</p> <p>The Town of Romulus Water Department is responsible for maintaining the infrastructure and monitoring the water quality and usage for all three of the water districts in the Town of Romulus – the Romulus water district serving the hamlet of Romulus, the Route 89 water district serving users along Route 89 in the town, and the Willard water district serving the hamlet of Willard.</p>
Mutual aid agreements	Yes	Seneca County Emergency Management
Human Resources Manual - Do any job descriptions specifically include identifying or implementing mitigation projects or other efforts to reduce natural hazard risk?	No	-
Other	No	-
Technical/Staffing Capability		
Planners or engineers with knowledge of land development and land management practices	Yes	Mike Joslyn, Dave Hayes
Engineers or professionals trained in building or infrastructure construction practices	Yes	Hunts Engineering, MRB Engineering
Planners or engineers with an understanding of natural hazards	Yes	Hunts Engineering, MRB Engineering
Staff with expertise or training in benefit/cost analysis	Yes	Mike Joslyn
Professionals trained in conducting damage assessments	Yes	Tim Darn
Personnel skilled or trained in GIS and/or Hazus applications	No	-
Staff that work with socially vulnerable populations or underserved communities	No	-
Environmental scientist familiar with natural hazards	No	-
Surveyor(s)	No	-



Resources	Available? (Yes/No)	Comments (available staff, responsibilities, support of hazard mitigation)
Emergency Manager	Yes	County Emergency Manager
Grant writer(s)	No	-
Resilience Officer	No	-
Other (this could include stormwater engineer, environmental specialist, etc.)	No	-

11.3.4 Fiscal Capability

Table 11-5 summarizes financial resources available to the Town of Romulus.

Table 11-5. Fiscal Capabilities

Financial Resources	Accessible or Eligible to Use? (Yes/No)
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG, CDBG-DR)	Yes, not eligible for some
Capital improvement project funding	Yes, some money earmarked for specific projects
Authority to levy taxes for specific purposes	Yes
User fees for water, sewer, gas, or electric service	Yes
Impact fees for homebuyers or developers of new development/homes	No
Stormwater utility fee	No
Incur debt through general obligation bonds	No
Incur debt through special tax bonds	No
Incur debt through private activity bonds	No
Withhold public expenditures in hazard-prone areas	No
Other federal or state funding programs	No
Open Space Acquisition funding programs	No
Other (for example, Clean Water Act 319 Grants [Nonpoint Source Pollution])	Yes

11.3.5 Education and Outreach Capability

Table 11-6 summarizes the education and outreach resources available to the Town of Romulus.

Table 11-6. Education and Outreach Capabilities

Outreach Resources	Available? (Yes/No)	Comment:
Public information officer or communications office	Yes	Deputy Supervisor
Personnel skilled or trained in website development	Yes	Deputy Supervisor
Hazard mitigation information available on your website	Yes	Publish County's Plan



Outreach Resources	Available? (Yes/No)	Comment:
Social media for hazard mitigation education and outreach	Yes	Follow County's Social Media Post
Citizen boards or commissions that address issues related to hazard mitigation	No	-
Warning systems for hazard events	Yes	County's Hyper Reach System
Natural disaster/safety programs in place for schools	Yes	Schoolwide safety program and SROs
Organizations that conduct outreach to socially vulnerable populations and underserved populations	Yes	County Office for the Aging, County DHS, County Public Health, County Mental Health and County Emergency Management
Does the jurisdiction have any public outreach mechanisms / programs in place to inform citizens on natural hazards, risk, and ways to protect themselves during such events?	Yes	-
If yes, please describe.	Social media, County Preparedness Training, The Sheriff's App and Hyper Reach	-

11.3.6 Community Classifications

Table 11-7 summarizes classifications for community programs available to the Town of Romulus.

Table 11-7. Community Classifications

Program	Participating? (Yes/No)	Classification	Date Classified
Community Rating System (CRS)	No	-	-
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS)	No	-	-
Public Protection (ISO Fire Protection Classes 1 to 10)	No	-	-
NWS StormReady Certification	Yes	Seneca County is StormReady	N/A
Firewise Communities classification	No	-	-
NYSDEC Climate Smart Community	No	-	-
Other: Organizations with mitigation focus (advocacy group, non-government)	No	-	-

N/A = Not applicable

— = Unavailable

11.3.7 Adaptive Capacity

Adaptive capacity is defined as “the ability of systems, institutions, humans and other organisms to adjust to potential damage, to take advantage of opportunities, or respond to consequences” (IPCC 2022). Each jurisdiction has a unique combination of capabilities to adjust to, protect from, and withstand a future hazard event, future conditions, and changing risk. Table 11-8 summarizes the adaptive capacity for each identified hazard of concern and the Town’s capability to address related actions using the following classifications:



- Strong: Capacity exists and is in use.
- Moderate: Capacity might exist; but is not used or could use some improvement.
- Weak: Capacity does not exist or could use substantial improvement

Table 11-8. Adaptive Capacity

Hazard	Adaptive Capacity - Strong/Moderate/Weak
Dam Failure	Moderate
Drought	Moderate
Earthquake	Moderate
Extreme Temperature	Moderate
Flood	Moderate
Landslide	Moderate
Severe Weather	Moderate
Severe Winter Weather	Moderate

11.4 NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

This section provides specific information on the management and regulation of the regulatory floodplain, including current and future compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The floodplain administrator listed in is responsible for maintaining this information.

11.4.1 NFIP Statistics

Table 11-9 summarizes the NFIP policy and claim statistics for the Town of Romulus.

Table 11-9. Town of Romulus NFIP Summary of Policy and Claim Statistics

# Policies	8
# Claims (Losses)	8
Total Loss Payments	\$5,175
# Repetitive Loss Properties (NFIP definition)	0
# Repetitive Loss Properties (FMA definition)	0
# Severe Repetitive Loss Properties	0

NFIP Definition of Repetitive Loss: The NFIP defines a repetitive loss property as any insurable building for which two or more claims of more than \$1,000 were paid by the NFIP within any rolling 10-year period since 1978.

FMA Definition of Repetitive Loss: FEMA’s Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program defines a repetitive loss property as any insurable building that has incurred flood-related damage on two occasions, in which the cost of the repair, on average, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event.

Definition of Severe Repetitive Loss: A residential property covered under an NFIP flood insurance policy and: (a) That has at least four NFIP claim payments over \$5,000 each, and the cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeds \$20,000; or (b) For which at least two separate claims payments have been made with the cumulative amount of the building portion of such claims exceeding the market value of the building. At least two of the claims must have occurred within any 10-year period, more than 10 days apart.

Source: FEMA 2024



11.4.2 Flood Vulnerability Summary

Table 11-10 provides a summary of the NFIP program in the Town of Romulus.

Table 11-10. NFIP Summary

NFIP Topic	Comments
Flood Vulnerability Summary	
Describe areas prone to flooding in your jurisdiction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you maintain a list of properties that have been damaged by flooding? 	Poplar Beach, Zwick Road, Intersection State Route 89
Do you maintain a list of property owners interested in flood mitigation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many homeowners and/or business owners are interested in mitigation (elevation or acquisition)? 	No and unknown
Are any RiskMAP projects currently underway in your jurisdiction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, state what projects are underway. 	No
How do you make Substantial Damage determinations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many were declared for recent flood events in your jurisdiction? 	Assess the current state and potential costs to repair/replace Poplar Beach Repairs
How many properties have been mitigated (elevation or acquisition) in your jurisdiction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there are mitigation properties, how were the projects funded? 	Three; Tax Dollars
Do your flood hazard maps adequately address the flood risk within your jurisdiction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If not, state why. 	No – New Flood maps are being created currently
NFIP Compliance	
What local department is responsible for floodplain management?	Code Enforcement
Are any certified floodplain managers on staff in your jurisdiction?	No
Do you have access to resources to determine possible future flooding conditions from climate change?	Yes, County
Does your floodplain management staff need any assistance or training to support its floodplain management program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what type of assistance/training is needed? 	N/A Jurisdiction would request and need Training
Provide an explanation of NFIP administration services you provide (e.g., permit review, GIS, education/outreach, inspections, engineering capability)	N/A
How do you determine if proposed development on an existing structure would qualify as a substantial improvement?	N/A
What are the barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community, if any?	None



NFIP Topic	Comments
Does your jurisdiction have any outstanding NFIP compliance violations that need to be addressed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, state the violations. 	No
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC)?	CAV: August 17, 2010 CAC: Not Documented
What is the local law number or municipal code of your flood damage prevention ordinance? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the date that your flood damage prevention ordinance was last amended? 	Local Law 2 of 2002; updated in March 2020
Does your floodplain management program meet or exceed minimum requirements? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If exceeds, in what ways? 	Meets
Are there other local ordinances, plans or programs (e.g., site plan review) that support floodplain management and meeting the NFIP requirements? For instance, does the planning board or zoning board consider efforts to reduce flood risk when reviewing variances such as height restrictions?	No
Does your community plan to join the CRS program or is your community interested in improving your CRS classification?	No

11.5 GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

Understanding how past, current, and projected development patterns have or are likely to increase or decrease risk in hazard areas is a key component to appreciating a jurisdiction's overall risk to its hazards of concern. Recent and expected future development trends, including major residential/commercial development and major infrastructure development, are summarized in Table 11-11 through Table 11-13.

Table 11-11. Number of Building Permits for New Construction Issued Since the Previous HMP

	New Construction Permits Issued			
	Single Family	Multi-Family	Other (commercial, mixed-use, etc.)	Total
2018				
Total Permits	7	0	40	47
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0
2019				
Total Permits	2	0	35	37
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0
2020				
Total Permits	5	0	43	48
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0
2021				
Total Permits	5	0	54	59
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0
2022				



	New Construction Permits Issued			
	Single Family	Multi-Family	Other (commercial, mixed-use, etc.)	Total
Total Permits	7	0	49	56
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0

SFHA = Special Flood Hazard Area (1% flood event)

Table 11-12. Recent Major Development and Infrastructure from 2019 to Present

Property or Development Name	Type of Development	# of Units / Structures	Location (address and/or block and lot)	Known Hazard Zones*	Description / Status of Development
None Identified					

* Only location-specific hazard zones or vulnerabilities identified.

Table 11-13. Known or Anticipated Major Development and Infrastructure in the Next Five Years

Property or Development Name	Type of Development	# of Units / Structures	Location (address and/or block and lot)	Known Hazard Zones*	Description / Status of Development
None Identified					

11.6 JURISDICTIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

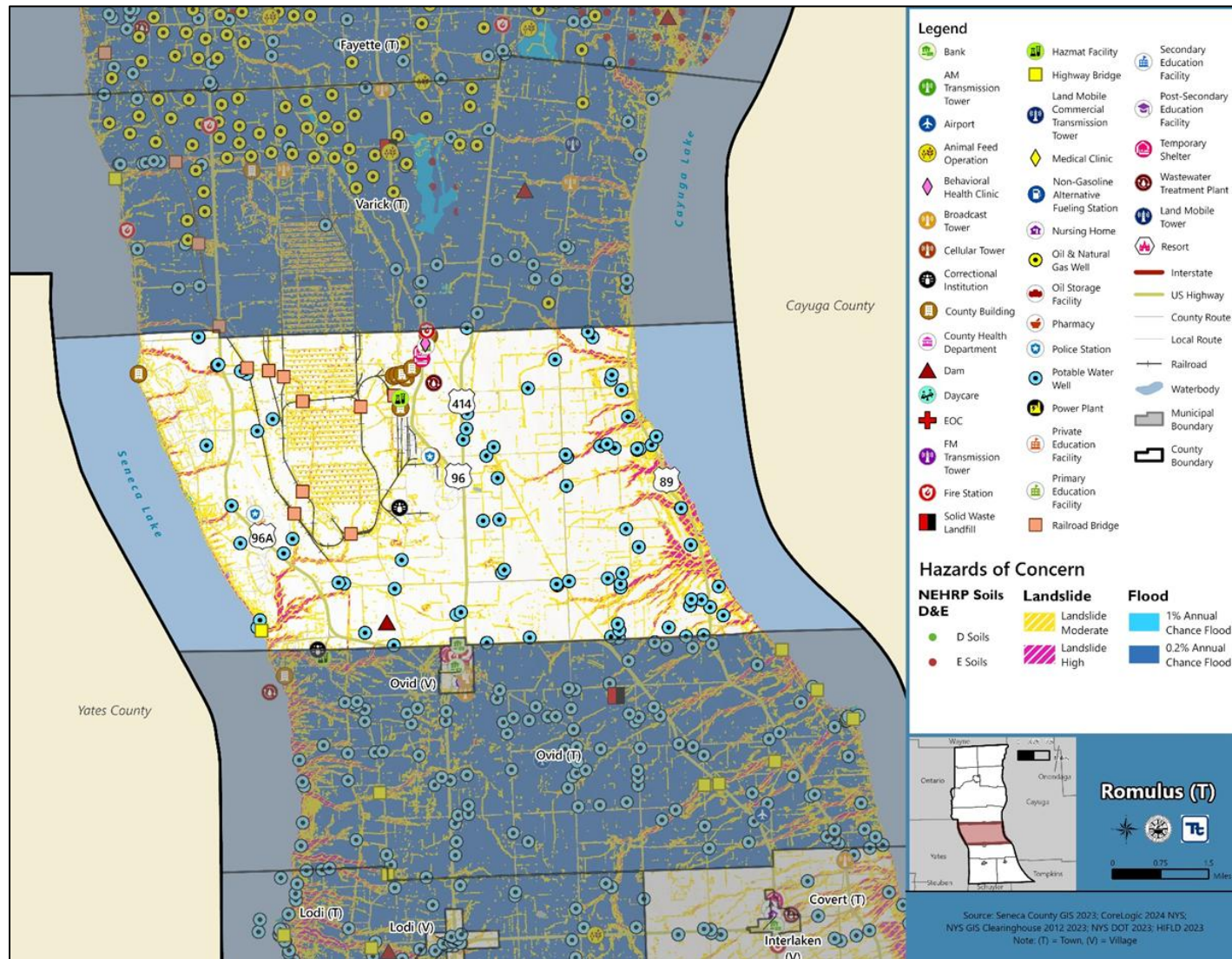
The hazard profiles in Volume I provide detailed information regarding each planning partner’s vulnerability to the identified hazards, including summaries of the Town of Romulus’ risk assessment results and data used to determine the hazard ranking. Key local risk assessment information is presented below.

11.6.1 Hazard Area

Hazard area extent and the location map provided below illustrates the probable areas impacted within the Town based on the best available data at the time of the preparation of this plan and are adequate for planning purposes. A map for the hazards that have impacted the Town of Romulus is included below.



Figure 11-1. Town of Romulus Hazard Area Extent and Location Map 1



Note: The shown flood hazard area is limited to the FEMA-defined flood hazard areas. Areas of localized flooding are not reflected in the above Figure.



11.6.2 Hazard Event History

The history of natural and non-natural hazard events in the Town of Romulus is detailed in Volume I, where each hazard profile includes a chronology of historical events that have affected the County and its municipalities. Table 11-14 provides details on loss and damage in the Town of Romulus during hazard events since the last hazard mitigation plan update.

Table 11-14. Hazard Event History in the Town of Romulus

Dates of Event	Event Type (Disaster Declaration)	County Designated?	Summary of Event	Summary of Damage and Losses in the Town of Romulus
August 13 - 15, 2018	Flood (DR- 4397)	Yes	A slow-moving storm tracked north from New Jersey to northern New York. This system triggered several rounds of heavy rain producing thunderstorms which caused severe flash flooding and major damages in several locations.	The Town did not incur any documented damages or losses.
January 20, 2020 - May 11, 2023	Pandemic (DR-4480, EM-3434)	Yes	The coronavirus pandemic resulted in roughly 8,000 cases and 100 attributed deaths as of summer 2023.	The Town abided by work from home and social distancing requirements.

EM = Emergency Declaration (FEMA)
 FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency
 DR = Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA)
 N/A = Not applicable

11.6.3 Hazard Ranking and Vulnerabilities

The hazard profiles in Volume I have detailed information regarding each planning partner’s vulnerability to the identified hazards. The following presents key risk assessment results for the Town of Romulus.

Hazard Ranking

The participating jurisdictions have differing degrees of vulnerability to the hazards of concern, so each jurisdiction ranked its own degree of risk to each hazard. The community-specific hazard ranking is based on problems and impacts identified by the risk assessment presented in Volume I. The ranking process involves an assessment of the likelihood of occurrence for each hazard; the potential impacts of the hazard on people, property, and the economy; community capabilities to address the hazard; and changing future climate conditions. The Town of Romulus reviewed the County hazard ranking and individual results to assess the relative risk of the hazards of concern to the community. During the review of the hazard ranking, the Town indicated that they agreed with all of the preliminary rankings.

Table 11-15 shows the Town of Romulus’ final hazard rankings for identified hazards of concern. Mitigation action development uses the ranking to target hazards with the highest risk.



Table 11-15. Hazard Ranking Input

Hazard	Rank
Dam Failure	Medium
Drought	Low
Earthquake	Low
Extreme Temperature	Medium
Flood	Medium
Landslide	Low
Severe Weather	High
Severe Winter Weather	High

Note: The scale is based on the hazard rankings established in Volume I, modified as appropriate based on review by the jurisdiction

Critical Facilities

Table 11-16 identifies critical facilities in the community located in the 1 percent and 0.2 percent annual chance floodplains.

Table 11-16. Critical Facilities Flood Exposure

Name	Type	Exposure		Addressed by Proposed Action	Already Protected to 0.2% Flood Level (describe protections)
		1% Event	0.2% Event		
County Building - Water Supply - Lakeshore Pump Station	County Building	X	X	2025-RomulusT-01	-
Highway Bridge - 3313930	Highway Bridge	X	X	2025-RomulusT-01	-
Water Well - SE00858	Potable Water Well	X	X	2025-RomulusT-01	-

Source: Seneca County GIS 2023, NYS GIS Clearinghouse 2023, NYSDOH 2023, NYSDOT 2023, HIFLD 2023

11.6.4 Identified Issues

After review of the Town of Romulus’ hazard event history, hazard rankings, hazard location, and current capabilities, the Town of Romulus identified the following vulnerabilities within the community:

- Critical facilities located in the floodplain are not only susceptible to flood damage but also create unnecessary complications for the municipality during an emergency event and post-disaster recovery. The following critical facilities are located in the special flood hazard area:
 - County Building - Water Supply - Lakeshore Pump Station
 - Highway Bridge - 3313930
 - Water Well - SE00858
- The County issues the municipality’s building permits. The municipality does not have a Substantial Damage Management Plan in place, nor do they have a formal process in place when conducting substantial damage determinations. The municipality is in need of a formal process and plan to provide a framework for conducting such inspections and determinations.



- The Town does not have any organizations that conduct outreach to socially vulnerable populations and underserved populations relating to the identified hazards of concern. Identifying, communicating, and educating vulnerable populations can increase the resiliency of the Town through the reduction of long-risk risks associated with each hazard of concern. Furthermore, emergency responders will be able to prioritize assistance, when feasible, in an emergency to help those who need it most.

11.7 MITIGATION STRATEGY AND PRIORITIZATION

This section discusses the status of mitigation actions from the previous HMP, describes proposed hazard mitigation actions, and prioritizes actions to address over the next five years.

11.7.1 Past Mitigation Action Status

Table 11-17 indicates progress on the Town's mitigation strategy identified in the 2019 HMP. Actions that are still recommended but not completed or that are in progress are carried forward and combined with new actions as part of the mitigation strategy for this plan update. Previous actions that are now ongoing programs and capabilities are indicated as such and are presented in the capability assessment earlier in this annex.



Table 11-17. Status of Previous Mitigation Actions

Project Number	Project Name	Hazard(s) Addressed	Responsible Party	Brief Summary of the Original Problem and the Solution (Project)	Action Review 1. Status (In Progress, Ongoing Capability, No Progress, Complete) 2. Provide a narrative to describe progress or obstacles that have prevented implementation	Next Steps 1. Project to be included in the 2025 HMP or Discontinue 2. If including action in the 2025 HMP, revise/reword to be more specific (as appropriate). 3. If discontinue, explain why.
1	Yarnell Road	Flood	Highway Superintendent, Town Board	<p>Problem: There is an undersized culvert at Yarnell road off CR 138. To add to the issue adjacent farmland owners have removed hedgerows and increased field tilling, contributing to runoff.</p> <p>Solution: Managing farmland runoff would improve the situation, otherwise increasing flow capacity may require a bridge instead of a larger culvert.</p>	<p>1. Complete 2. The project is completed</p>	<p>1. Discontinue 2. Not applicable 3. The project is completed</p>
2	Vineyard Road	Flood	Highway Superintendent, Town Board	<p>Problem: Vineyard incurs damages from flooding.</p> <p>Solution: Technical analysis is required, but a ditch or other options need to be considered to divert flooding that damages Vineyard Rd. from CR 129 to Route 89.</p>	<p>1. Complete 2. The project is completed</p>	<p>1. Discontinue 2. Not applicable 3. The project is completed</p>
3	Lakeshore and Slope Flooding – Near Vineyard and Swick Roads	Flood	Highway Superintendent, Town Board	<p>Problem: Homes and sites along Cayuga Lake in this area are exposed to both lakeshore and down slope flooding, and the clearing and installation of drain tile in upland farm fields may be contributing to runoff.</p> <p>Solution: Hydrology analysis is required and managing farm runoff might be one solution, or the installation of down slope check-dams could be an option.</p>	<p>1. Complete 2. The project is completed</p>	<p>1. Discontinue 2. Not applicable 3. The project is completed</p>



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4	Cayuga Lake Road – between Stout Road and Route 89	Flood	Highway Superintendent, Town Board	<p>Problem: There are multiple ravine bank sites in this area composed of silt and unstable ground where floodwaters cause erosion and threaten stability and safety of the road.</p> <p>Solution: A permanent bank stabilization design, piling or related improvements are required.</p>	<p>1. Complete 2. The project is completed</p>	<p>1. Discontinue 2. Not applicable 3. The project is completed</p>



11.7.2 Proposed Hazard Mitigation Actions for the HMP Update

The Town of Romulus participated in a mitigation action workshop in September 2024 and was provided the following FEMA publications to use as a resource as part of its comprehensive review of all possible activities and mitigation measures to address hazards of concern:

- FEMA 551 “Selecting Appropriate Mitigation Measures for Floodprone Structures” (March 2007)
- FEMA “Mitigation Ideas—A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards” (January 2013).

The action worksheets included at the end of this annex list the mitigation actions that the Town of Romulus would like to pursue in the future to reduce the effects of hazards. The actions are dependent upon available funding (grants and local match availability) and may be modified or omitted at any time based on the occurrence of new hazard events and changes in Town priorities.

Table 11-18 indicates the range of proposed mitigation action categories. The four FEMA mitigation action categories and the six CRS mitigation action categories are listed in the table to further demonstrate the wide range of activities and mitigation measures selected.

Volume I identifies 14 evaluation criteria for prioritizing the mitigation actions. To assist with rating each mitigation action as high, medium, or low priority, a numeric rank is assigned (-1, 0, or 1) for each of the evaluation criteria. Table 11-19 provides a summary of the prioritization of all proposed mitigation actions for the HMP update.



Table 11-18. Analysis of Mitigation Actions by Hazard and Category

Hazard	Actions That Address the Hazard, by Action Category									
	FEMA				CRS					
	LPR	SIP	NSP	EAP	PR	PP	PI	NR	SP	ES
Dam Failure	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X
Drought	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-
Earthquake	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X
Extreme Temperature	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-
Flood	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X
Landslide	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X
Severe Storm	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X
Severe Winter Storm	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X

- Local Plans and Regulations (LPR)*—These actions include government authorities, policies or codes that influence the way land and buildings are being developed and built.
- Structure and Infrastructure Project (SIP)*—These actions involve modifying existing structures and infrastructure to protect them from a hazard or remove them from a hazard area. This could apply to public or private structures as well as critical facilities and infrastructure. This type of action also involves projects to construct structures to reduce the impact of hazards.
- Natural Systems Protection (NSP)*—These are actions that minimize damage and losses and preserve or restore the functions of natural systems.
- Education and Awareness Programs (EAP)*—These are actions to inform and educate citizens, elected officials, and property owners about hazards and potential ways to mitigate them. These actions may also include participation in national programs, such as StormReady and Firewise Communities
- Preventative Measures (PR)*—Government, administrative or regulatory actions, or processes that influence the way land and buildings are developed and built. Examples include planning and zoning, floodplain local laws, capital improvement programs, open space preservation, and storm water management regulations.
- Property Protection (PP)*—These actions include public activities to reduce hazard losses or actions that involve (1) modification of existing buildings or structures to protect them from a hazard or (2) removal of the structures from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, elevation, relocation, structural retrofits, storm shutters, and shatter-resistant glass.
- Public Information (PI)*—Actions to inform and educate citizens, elected officials, and property owners about hazards and potential ways to mitigate them. Such actions include outreach projects, real estate disclosure, hazard information centers, and educational programs for school-age children and adults.
- Natural Resource Protection (NR)*—Actions that minimize hazard loss and preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. These actions include sediment and erosion control, stream corridor restoration, watershed management, forest and vegetation management, and wetland restoration and preservation.
- Structural Flood Control Projects (SP)*—Actions that involve the construction of structures to reduce the impact of a hazard. Such structures include dams, setback levees, floodwalls, retaining walls, and safe rooms.
- Emergency Services (ES)*—Actions that protect people and property during and immediately following a disaster or hazard event. Services include warning systems, emergency response services, and the protection of essential facilities



Table 11-19. Summary of Prioritization of Actions

Project Number	Project Name	Scores for Evaluation Criteria														High / Medium / Low	
		Life Safety	Property Protection	Cost-Effectiveness	Political	Legal	Fiscal	Environmental	Social Vulnerability	Administrative	Hazards of Concern	Climate Change	Timeline	Community Lifelines	Other Local Objectives		Total
2025-RomulusT-01	Critical Facilities in the Floodplain	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	11	High
2025-RomulusT-02	Substantial Damage Management Plan	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	11	High
2025-RomulusT-03	Socially Vulnerable Populations Outreach	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	11	High

Note: Volume I, Section 16 (Mitigation Strategy) conveys guidance on prioritizing mitigation actions. Low (0-6), Medium (7-10), High (11-14).



Action 2025- RomulusT-01. Critical Facilities in the Floodplain

Lead Agency:	Planning Board	
Supporting Agencies:	Facility Managers	
Hazard(s) of Concern:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure <input type="checkbox"/> Drought <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Temperature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Storm <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Storm
Description of the Problem:	<p>Critical facilities located in the floodplain are not only susceptible to flood damage but also create unnecessary complications for the municipality during an emergency event and post-disaster recovery. The following critical facilities are located in the special flood hazard area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Building - Water Supply - Lakeshore Pump Station • Highway Bridge - 3313930 • Water Well - SE00858 	
Description of the Solution:	<p>The Town will conduct a feasibility assessment to determine what additional floodproofing measures are needed at the critical facilities to protect each to the 500-year flood level. Options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevation of facility • Floodproofing of facility • Mobile flood barriers • Bridge feasibility study • Replacement or retrofit of bridges <p>Once the most cost-effective option is identified, the Town will carry out the option.</p>	
Estimated Cost:	TBD based on floodproofing measure	
Potential Funding Sources:	FEMA HMGP and PDM, BRIC, USDA Community Facilities Grant Program, Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program, Town Budget	
Implementation Timeline:	Within 5 Years	
Goals Met:	1, 4, 5, 6	
Benefits:	Ensures continuity of operations of the critical facilities.	
Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:	Protection of critical facilities provides an opportunity for first responders and emergency managers to maintain critical services that socially vulnerable populations rely on.	
Impact on Future Development:	The risk of significant damage occurring to the structure will be reduced, which will allow critical operations to be maintained or only briefly interrupted in severe events. This provides continued support to both current and future development in the service area.	
Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:	This action will protect the dam and bridges which are critical facilities, maintaining the critical services that it provides.	
Impact on Capabilities:	This action improves continuity of operations during a flood event, allows for a more rapid return to pre-disaster capabilities after a flood event, and faster deployment of post disaster capabilities.	
Climate Change Considerations:	This action addresses anticipated increases in flooding frequency and severity through protection to the 500-year (0.2-percent annual chance) flood level.	
Mitigation Category	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Plans and Regulations (LPR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure and Infrastructure Project (SIP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Systems Protection (NSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Awareness Programs (EAP)
CRS Category	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventative Measures (PR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Protection (PP) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Information (PI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resource Protection (NR) <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Flood Control Projects (SP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services (ES)
Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
Alternatives	Action	Evaluation
	No action	Current problem continues
	Relocate facility	Relocation is expensive and results in loss or delay of critical services in the immediate area



Establish plans to enter into MOU with neighboring critical facilities to provide service during flood events

Reduction in response times and delay of critical services in the immediate area.



Action 2025- RomulusT-02. Substantial Damage Management Plan

Lead Agency:	Planning Board		
Supporting Agencies:	Seneca County Code Enforcement		
Hazard(s) of Concern:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure <input type="checkbox"/> Drought <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Temperature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Storm <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Storm	
Description of the Problem:	<p>Officials in NFIP-participating communities are responsible for regulating all development in SFHAs by issuing permits and enforcing local floodplain requirements, including Substantial Damage, for the repairs of damaged buildings. After any disaster event including dam failure, earthquake, flood, landslide, severe storm, and severe storm, they must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine where the damage occurred within the community and if the damaged structures are in an SFHA. Determine what to use for "market value" and cost to repair; uniformly applying regulations will protect against liability and promote equitable administration. Determine if repairing plus improving the damaged structure equals or exceeds 50% of the structure's pre-damage value. Require permits for floodplain development. <p>The County issues the municipality's building permits. The municipality does not have a Substantial Damage Management Plan in place, nor do they have a formal process in place when conducting substantial damage determinations. The municipality is in need of a formal process and plan to provide a framework for conducting such inspections and determinations.</p>		
Description of the Solution:	<p>The municipality will work with the County to develop a Substantial Damage Management Plan, following the six-step planning process in 2021 Developing a Substantial Damage Management Plan (https://crsresources.org/files/500/developing_subst_damage_mgmt_plan.pdf). This plan will outline responsibilities for Substantial Damage determinations, determining market value, and permit approval processes following a disaster event.</p>		
Estimated Cost:	Staff Time		
Potential Funding Sources:	Town Budget, County Budget		
Implementation Timeline:	Within 5 years to develop the plan; ongoing to maintain and update the plan		
Goals Met:	1, 3, 4, 5		
Benefits:	This plan will provide a process in making Substantial Damage Determinations and allow the municipality to make these determinations and meet NFIP requirements more quickly.		
Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:	Substantially damaged structures are required to be rebuilt to be compliance with current codes. Socially vulnerable populations may not have the financial means to make these improvements. This action may allow for the identification of potential resources to address substantial damages to structures owned by socially vulnerable populations.		
Impact on Future Development:	A Substantial Damage Management Plan would include all existing, current, and future development in the municipality.		
Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:	A Substantial Damage Management Plan would include all critical facilities and lifelines in the municipality.		
Impact on Capabilities:	This action improves disaster recovery capabilities.		
Climate Change Considerations:	Climate change is likely to increase the intensity and frequency of many climate related disaster events. This action provides additional planning for disaster recovery.		
Mitigation Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Plans and Regulations (LPR) <input type="checkbox"/> Structure and Infrastructure Project (SIP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Systems Protection (NSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Awareness Programs (EAP)	
CRS Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preventative Measures (PR) <input type="checkbox"/> Property Protection (PP) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Information (PI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resource Protection (NR) <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Flood Control Projects (SP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services (ES)	
Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Alternatives	Action		Evaluation
	No action		Current problem continues



	Rely on state or federal resources following disaster events	Resources may not be available during major widespread events
	Establish MOUs with outside agencies to conduct Substantial Damage Determinations	A plan outlining responsibility is still necessary to prevent missing important requirements



Action 2025- RomulusT-03. Socially Vulnerable Populations Outreach

Lead Agency:	Planning Board	
Supporting Agencies:	Seneca County Emergency Management	
Hazard(s) of Concern:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drought <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthquake <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extreme Temperature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landslide <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Storm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Storm
Description of the Problem:	<p>The Town does not have any organizations that conduct outreach to socially vulnerable populations and underserved populations relating to the identified hazards of concern. Identifying, communicating, and educating vulnerable populations can increase the resiliency of the Town through the reduction of long-risk risks associated with each hazard of concern. Furthermore, emergency responders will be able to prioritize assistance, when feasible, in an emergency to help those who need it most.</p>	
Description of the Solution:	<p>Create outreach materials, or utilize those from Seneca County, on hazard risks and methods of mitigation measures for socially vulnerable populations, including dam failure, drought, earthquake, extreme temperature, flood, landslide, severe storm, and severe winter storm. Methods of distribution may include Town events, the Town newsletters, social media, the Town website, and having the materials on display for the public at Town libraries and offices. Consider hiring staff to work directly with socially vulnerable populations. Outreach materials will be specified with education and information for each individual hazard of concern, with measures identified which can assist in reducing long-term risk to the identified hazards of concern.</p>	
Estimated Cost:	Staff Time	
Potential Funding Sources:	Town Budget, HMGP	
Implementation Timeline:	Within 3 Years, ongoing after established	
Goals Met:	1, 3, 4, 6	
Benefits:	<p>This action will ensure there is an individual working to identify and work with the socially vulnerable populations in the Town. Furthermore, this action will create opportunities to educate and inform populations on hazard risks.</p>	
Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:	<p>Socially vulnerable populations in the Town will become educated on hazards and risks. The Town will identify an individual to identify and work with these populations to ensure the most up-to-date information is being shared.</p>	
Impact on Future Development:	N/A	
Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:	<p>Educating populations on hazard risk and how to mitigate the risks can decrease the demand for utilities and emergency services including health and medical, law enforcement, and search and rescue.</p>	
Impact on Capabilities:	<p>This action would build upon the Town's public education and outreach program.</p>	
Climate Change Considerations:	<p>Climate change is likely to increase the intensity and frequency of many climate-related disaster events. This action will inform residents and business owners of how to reduce risk from hazards and how climate change may exacerbate those risks.</p>	
Mitigation Category	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Plans and Regulations (LPR) <input type="checkbox"/> Structure and Infrastructure Project (SIP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Systems Protection (NSP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education and Awareness Programs (EAP)
CRS Category	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventative Measures (PR) <input type="checkbox"/> Property Protection (PP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Information (PI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resource Protection (NR) <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Flood Control Projects (SP) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services (ES)
Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium
		<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Alternatives	Action	Evaluation
	No action	Current problem continues
	Rely on state or federal resources	Resources may be generalized and not specific to the risks in the Town
	Use only a few methods for distribution	Using only a few methods of distribution may hinder socially vulnerable populations from receiving guidance