



Flood Hazard Management Program
Update for the WRC
January 12, 2023

New staff: Nadia Madden

- ▶ Increased grant funding
- ▶ Nadia's experience
 - ▶ Formerly Conservation Agent for Lunenburg, Shirley
 - ▶ Two Masters degrees! UC Berkley & UNH, water resources/energy
 - ▶ Undergrad MIT: Physics of ocean & atmosphere
 - ▶ Water resources, GIS and local municipal expertise
 - ▶ Work with regional & national watershed alliances and other relevant groups

Yay!!!

Status of NFIP

- ▶ Reauthorized through 9-30-23
- ▶ Reform considerations
 - ▶ Measures to eliminate debt & reduction of borrowing authority
 - ▶ Increased appropriations for mapping/ future conditions
 - ▶ Mandatory flood risk disclosure across the nation
 - ▶ Means-tested assistance program (affordability)
 - ▶ Increased benefit for code compliance (ICC)
 - ▶ Increase maximum coverage options

FHMP supported state work

- ▶ Strong support for higher standards in the 10th Edition Building Code
- ▶ Heavy involvement in update to State Hazard Mitigation & Climate Adaptation Plan 2023 (MEMA & EEA)
- ▶ Continued provision of comments for MEPA proposals
- ▶ Continued involvement in MEMA grants, especially floodplain development
- ▶ Co-lead the MA Silver Jackets Team efforts
- ▶ Continued support/ expert witness for Building Code Appeals Board

Upcoming new projects

- ▶ State agency BRIC grant to develop local higher standards guidance (FHMP, HED, BBRS, EEA)
- ▶ Umass Amherst proposal “Mapping Social Vulnerability and Flood Risk: Dynamic intersections of people and floods”
- ▶ Reviewing FEMA P-758 Substantial Improvement/Damage Desk Reference
- ▶ Developing training for local officials on required NFIP documentation for permit files
- ▶ Possible USACE project to develop statewide floodplain management plan

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