

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain. Funding would be provided through Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Whitingham to acquire and demolish a residential property located at 568 VT Route 112 in Jacksonville, VT.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (SFHA), otherwise known as the 1% annual chance floodplain. Construction associated with a demolition in the floodplain would be negligible and temporary. In the long-term, the values of the floodplain would be restored, and natural flood storage capacity at the site would improve. Restoring the natural floodplain would increase flood storage, improve water quality, and create wildlife habitat. A map of the area of available upon request.

The project must in be in a floodplain because the work associated with the demolition is functionally dependent upon its location in the SFHA; the structure is located in a flood-vulnerable location. There are no practicable alternatives to the proposed action occurring in or near a floodplain. The floodplain is the only practicable location for demolition of this flood-prone structure to occur. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain administrator.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

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