Baltimore LHMP 2023-2028

Status of Capabilities

**Plans and Studies**

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| **Capability** | **Description** | **Improvement Opportunity** |
| **Town Plan** | Plan for coordinated town-wide planning for land use, municipal facilities, etc. Updated every 8 years. |  |
| **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan****(LHMP)** | Plan for town-wide mitigation planning for hazard events and impacts. Updated every 5 years. |  |
| **Stormwater Plan** | Plan for stormwater management that helps reduce pollution and contamination. |  |
| **Local Emergency Management****Plan (LEMP)** | Basic municipal procedures for emergency response. Updated annually. |  |
| **Forest Management Plan(s)** | Plan for forest management that considers forest blocks and habitat connectivity. |  |
| **Invasive Species Management****Plan** | Plan for invasive species management. |  |
| **Capital Improvement Plan** | Municipal plan to coordinate financing of capital improvements over a 5-year period.  |  |
| **Culvert Inventory (VT Culverts)** | Statewide program to collect and report culvert locations and conditions. |  |

**Administrative Capacity and Capability**

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| **Capability** | **Description** | **Improvement Opportunity** |
| **Emergency Management****Director** | An appointed individual in each town or city who has direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and coordination of the local organization for emergency management. |  |
| **Planning Commission** | Town Commission responsible for the development and updating of the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaws, and Subdivision Regulations. |  |
| **Zoning Administrator** | Town administrative officer responsible for administering the Zoning and Subdivision regulations, to include Flood Hazard Area regulations.  |  |
| **Tree Warden** | A tree warden is the appointed individual in each Vermont community responsible for making determinations about the care and stewardship of shade trees in public ways and places. |  |
| **Selectboard** | Town governing body that has general supervision and control over the affairs of the Town. |  |
| **Mutual Aid Agreements** | Agreement for regional coordinated emergency services and state assistance if requested.  |  |
| **VEM Training** | Training opportunities are provided via in-person and online courses administered through the Learning Management System (LMS). |  |
| **Highway Department** | Town Department responsible for maintaining Town roads and right of ways in accordance with VT’s best management standards. |  |
| **Town Clerk/ Treasurer** | Town Official responsible for recording and filing of all Town documents |  |
| **Town Planner** | Town staff responsible for developing land use plans and programs.  |  |

**Financial Resources**

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| **Capability** | **Description** | **Improvement Opportunity** |
| **Town Budget** | Fiscal spending plan that operates on a calendar year of July 1 through June 30. |  |
| **Municipal Bonds** | A bond or note or evidence of debt constituting a general obligation of the municipality. |  |
| **Taxing Authority** | The Town; any governmental authority responsible for the administration of local taxes. |  |

**Outreach and Education**

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| **Capability** | **Description** | **Improvement Opportunity** |
| **Town Newsletter** | Routinely distributed newsletter containing information and resources for residents. |  |
| **Town Website** | Official Town website for community information. |  |
| **Town Facebook Page** | Official Town Facebook page for community information. |  |
| **Water Bill** | Municipal bill sent to individual residences on a monthly/quarterly/? basis. |  |

**Zoning and Regulations**

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| **Capability** | **Description** | **Improvement Opportunity** |
| **National Flood Insurance****Program (NFIP)** | Provides ability for residents to acquire flood insurance; Town enrolled since 1985. |  |
| **SFHA bylaws** | Regulates development in FEMA flood hazard areas. |  |
| **Zoning** | Regulates development. |  |
| **Road Standards** | Design and construction standards for roads and drainage systems. |  |
| **NFIP CRS** | A voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP. |  |
| **Wetland Protections** | Regulates development in wetland areas. |  |
| **River Corridor bylaws** | Regulates development in River Corridors. |  |
| **Green infrastructure bylaws** | Regulates development. |  |
| **Building Codes** | Regulates building development. |  |