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**FEMA Region 1 Approves City of Pittsfield Hazard Mitigation Plan**

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (Jan. 13, 2020) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 1 has approved the City of Pittsfield’s Hazard Mitigation Plan, as announced on Monday, Jan. 13.

“I am pleased to know that the City of Pittsfield received its formal approval from FEMA for this critical plan that will serve us well in the event of a disaster that may impact our area,” said Mayor Linda Tyer. “It provides us with the necessary tools to help keep our community safe.”

Project Coordinator Becky Manship of the Department of Community Development led the initiative and expressed appreciation for the project’s collaborative effort.

“This would not have been possible without the coordination and hard work of city staff, various community partners, and Jamie Caplan of Jamie Caplan Consulting, LLC,” said Manship. “This is an important document that will allow us to be better prepared and more resilient for the future.”

FEMA approval and city adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan allows the city to apply for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation grant funds.

The plan serves as an essential strategy for reducing current and future risks to natural hazards by identifying projects to minimize those risks. Projects include providing back-up power to all critical facilities, mitigating flood risk at Wahconah Park and implementing a floodplain education and awareness program.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan was drafted in conjunction with the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) project.

A copy of the plan is available here: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/yL7V5KFweQ>

For questions regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan, please contact Manship at [413-499-9371](tel:413-499-9371) or [rmanship@cityofpittsfield.org](mailto:rmanship@cityofpittsfield.org).

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