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Town of Chesterfield to Hold Second Public Engagement Event for Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Chesterfield residents, businesses, and surrounding community representatives are invited to provide comments on the updated draft version of the Town of Chesterfield Hazard Mitigation Plan on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 6:30 pm at Davenport Town Offices, 422 Main Road. The plan is being updated by the Town with assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). All members of the public, representatives from surrounding communities and other interested parties are welcome to attend the event.

The meeting will follow up on the first public engagement event on November 5, 2015, when an overview of the hazard mitigation planning process and a discussion of existing mitigation initiatives addressing natural hazards in Chesterfield took place. This second meeting will present further progress made on the plan since then, including new proposed mitigation strategies and next steps. Municipal officials and PVPC staff will be available to answer questions and listen to comments on the draft plan. The draft plan is available on PVPC's website (www.pvpc.org) and the Town of Chesterfield's website.

This planning effort is being undertaken to help the Town of Chesterfield assess the risks faced from natural hazards, identify action steps that can be taken to prevent damage to property and loss of life, and prioritize funding for mitigation efforts. A mitigation action is any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards.

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