

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 Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current funding for an action located in a floodplain. Funding would be provided through the Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Johnson to acquire and demolish two (2) commercial structures.

The action is located on 131 Lower Main Street West in Johnson, Vermont. The project would demolish a commercial building containing a grocery store and post office. Work would involve the abatement of asbestos, if necessary, removal of impervious surfaces, disconnection of utilities and mulching and seeding of the project area. The parcel would be maintained as open green space in perpetuity.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area. Project construction may temporarily adversely affect the floodplain; however, the floodplain functions would be restored at the site in the long-term. Removing the structures would allow the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain to be restored. A map of the area of available upon request.

Alternatives considered and dismissed, include the dry floodproofing of the structure, and the "no action" alternative. Demolishing the structure is the most practical alternative as it is most cost effective while reducing flood risk to the property owner and restoring the natural floodplain value of the area. Grant conditions will require compliance with all federal, state and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain administrator.

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

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