

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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Dear Gentlemen:

At its Regular Meeting held on August 23, 2023 the Ledyard Town Council adopted the attached "Resolution Adopting The Hazard Mitigation And Climate Adaptation Plan Update, 2023-2028".

On behalf of the Town of Ledyard, we would like to express our appreciation for your leadership, knowledge, expertise and guidance in working to develop the most recent "5-Year Hazard Mitigation Planning effort" for the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Government Member Towns, which was approved by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in July of this year.

Ledyard has relied on the *Hazard Mitigation And Climate Adaptation Plan* in the past as a guide to identify potential flood areas and other areas for improvement such as the replacement of the Lantern Hill Road Bridge over the Whitford Brook and the culverts and has sought and received grant funding to help support these important projects.

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and their consultants have been of significant value to our community. Thank you,

Fred B. Allyn, III

Mayor

Sincerely

Kevin J. Dombrowski

Chairman

Res: #006-2023/AUG 23

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE HAZARD MITIGATION AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN UPDATE, 2023-2028 CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION TOWN OF LEDYARD - TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town of Ledyard has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g. flooding, extreme heat, droughts, severe storms such as thunderstorms and winter storms, dam failures, wildfires, and earthquakes) resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Ledyard Town Council approved the previous versions of the Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2005, 2012, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, of whom the Town of Ledyard is a member, has determined that climate change is affecting the frequency and severity of some hazards and therefore elected to expand the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to become a Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, committee meetings were held and public input was sought in 2022 regarding the development and review of the Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation and climate adaptation strategies and Plan maintenance procedures for the Town of Ledyard; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of Ledyard, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards while adapting to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments has developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan Update under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Ledyard eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Ledyard;
- 2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
- 3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this Resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this Resolution.
- 4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Town Council.

Adopted by the Town Council of Ledyard, Connecticut or Fred Allyn, III, Mayor	n: August 23, 2023 Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman ***********************************
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed Ledyard this 24 day of August, 2023. (Seal)	his/her signature and the corporate seal of the Town of Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk