TOWN OF SURRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2026

DRAFT PLAN OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



What is the plan?

The Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies the natural hazards that affect Surry — flooding, storms, wildfire, drought and long power outages among them — the roads, buildings and systems exposed to them, and eighteen actions the town intends to take over the next five years to reduce future damage. Keeping an approved plan makes Surry eligible for federal mitigation grant funding.

COMMENT PERIOD

Tuesday, November 10 through Monday, November 30, 2026

SELECT BOARD MEETING — PUBLIC COMMENTS TAKEN

Monday, November 30, 2026 · 7:30 p.m. · Surry Town Hall, 1 Village Road

YOUR VIEW WANTED: SEVERE WINTER WEATHER RATING RAISED

The planning team raised severe winter weather from **low to medium risk** because of:

- **19 winter storm events since 2020**, more than any other hazard in Surry
- **The March 2023 storm**, when downed trees & lines on NH 12A blocked the road and cut off the fire station from parts of town
- **11 of 33** federal disaster declarations for Cheshire County since 1973 were winter storms
- **Residents ranked severe weather 3rd** among natural hazards in the 2026 survey; the State rates it high

On the other hand, winter storms in Surry are usually handled as routine work, and the most recent disaster declaration for severe winter weather in Cheshire County was in 2013. **Do you agree? Let us know.**

Read the draft

Online at **www.surry.nh.gov** and **www.swrpc.org**, or in print at the Surry Town Hall and the Surry Reed Free Library during their regular hours.

Send your comments by November 30

Use the online comment form — scan the code or go to **forms.cloud.microsoft/r/q6vETB8qVd**.

Or email Henry Underwood, Southwest Region Planning Commission, at hunderwood@swrpc.org (or Jason Contrady, Surry Emergency Management Director at emergencymgmt@surry.nh.gov), write to the Surry Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1 Village Road, Surry, NH 03431, or speak at the November 30 Select Board meeting. Questions: 603-357-0557 x 18.

Comment form

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