



## 25. TOWNSHIP OF WALPACK

This jurisdictional annex to the Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) provides information to assist public and private sectors in the Township of Walpack with reducing losses from future hazard events. This annex is not guidance of what to do when a disaster occurs; its focus is on actions that can be implemented prior to a disaster to reduce or eliminate damage to property and people. The annex presents a general overview of Walpack, describes who participated in the planning process, assesses Walpack's risk, vulnerability, and capabilities, and outlines a strategy for achieving a more resilient community.

### 25.1 HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING TEAM

The Township of Walpack identified primary and alternate HMP points of contact and developed this plan over the course of several months, with input from many Township departments. The Mayor represented the community on the Sussex County HMP Planning Partnership and supported the local planning process by securing input from persons with specific knowledge to enhance the plan. All departments were asked to contribute to the annex development through reviewing and contributing to the capability assessment, reporting on the status of previously identified actions, and participating in action identification and prioritization.

Table 25-1 summarizes Township officials who participated in the development of the annex and in what capacity. Additional documentation of the Township's planning activities through Planning Partnership meetings is included in Volume I.

Table 25-1. Hazard Mitigation Planning Team

Primary Point of Contact	Alternate Point of Contact
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Name/Title: Victor Maglio, Mayor Method of Participation: Reviewed and approved final draft of annex.	
Name/Title: Christine Von Oesen, Municipal Clerk Method of Participation: Reviewed and approved final draft of annex.	
Name/Title: Michael Vreeland, Township Engineer Method of Participation: Assisted in the completion of municipal worksheets. Reviewed and approved final draft of annex.	



## 25.2 COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Township of Walpack is located in western Sussex County and has a total area of 24.7 square miles. It is the oldest municipality in Sussex County. The following unincorporated communities are located within the Township: Walpack Center, Haney's Mill, Smith Ferry, Flatbrookville, and Donkeys Corners. The Township is bordered to the north by Sandyston Township, to the east by Stillwater and Hampton Townships, to the south by Warren County, and to the west by Pennsylvania. The Delaware River forms the western border of the Township. Other streams flow through the Township and include Flat Brook and its tributaries and Vancampens Brook and its tributaries. There are also several lakes and ponds that include Crater Lake, Lake Success, Long Pine Pond, and Hemlock Lake.

A majority of the land in the Township is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. The National Park Service also has jurisdiction over the Township's roadways. According to the U.S. Census, the 2020 population for Walpack was 7, a 56-percent decrease from the 2010 Census.

Research has shown that some populations are at greater risk from hazard events because of decreased resources or physical abilities. These populations can be more susceptible to hazard events based on a number of factors including their physical and financial ability to react or respond during a hazard, and the location and construction quality of their housing. Data from the 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Population Estimates indicates that 0-percent of the population is 5 years of age or younger, 0-percent is 65 years of age or older, 0-percent is non-English speaking, 0-percent is below the poverty threshold, and 0-percent is considered disabled.

Communities must deploy a support system that enables all populations to safely reach shelters or to quickly evacuate a hazard area.

## 25.3 JURISDICTIONAL CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT AND INTEGRATION

Walpack performed an inventory and analysis of existing capabilities, plans, programs, and policies that enhance its ability to implement mitigation strategies. Volume I describes the components included in the capability assessment and their significance for hazard mitigation planning. The jurisdictional assessment for this annex includes analyses of the following:

- Planning and regulatory capabilities
- Development and permitting capabilities
- Administrative and technical capabilities
- Fiscal capabilities
- Education and outreach capabilities
- Classification under various community mitigation programs
- Adaptive capacity to withstand hazard events

For a community to succeed in reducing long-term risk, hazard mitigation must be integrated into day-to-day local government operations. As part of the hazard mitigation analysis, planning and /policy documents were reviewed and each jurisdiction was surveyed to obtain a better understanding of their progress toward plan integration. Development of an updated mitigation strategy provided an opportunity for Walpack to identify opportunities for integrating mitigation concepts into ongoing Township procedures.



### 25.3.1 Planning and Regulatory Capability and Integration

Table 25-2 summarizes the planning and regulatory tools that are available to Walpack. All ordinance and code information in Walpack are stored as physical documents; these documents are not available online. For this reason, and due to ongoing construction work where these documents are stored, many code and ordinance numbers, names, and responsible individuals were not able to be identified.

Table 25-2. Planning and Regulatory Capability and Integration

	Jurisdiction has this? (Yes/No)	Citation and Date (code chapter or name of plan, date of enactment or plan adoption)	Authority (local, county, state, federal)	Responsible Person, Department or Agency
<b>CODES, ORDINANCES, &amp; REGULATIONS</b>				
<b>Building Code</b>	Yes	State Uniform Construction Code Act (N.J.S. 52:27D-119 et seq.)	State & Local	Construction Official
<p>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</p> <p>The State Uniform Construction Code, building subcode, is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set forth at length herein. The provisions shall be controlling in the construction, alteration, renovation, rehabilitation, maintenance, occupancy, and use of all buildings and structures therein contained within the corporate limits of the Township. The Construction Official is the chief administrator of the enforcing agency.</p>				
<b>Zoning/Land Use Code</b>	Yes	-	State & Local	-
<p>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</p> <p>The code enables where appropriate, flexibility of design and development of land in such a manner as to preserve its natural and scenic qualities, protect areas of meaningful ecological value, reduce flood hazards, facilitate the adequate and economical provision of streets and utilities, minimize negative environmental impacts, improve the aesthetic quality of new residential developments, encourage the conservation of energy, increase recreational opportunities, and otherwise promote the planned and environmentally desirable use of land.</p>				
<b>Subdivision Code</b>	Yes	-	County & Local	-
<p>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</p> <p>Land to be subdivided shall be of such character that it can be used safely for building or development purposes without danger to health or peril from fire, flood, or other menace, and without resulting in significant damage to the ecology of the area in which it is located. Land subject to fire, flood or other hazards shall not be subdivided nor developed for residential purposes, nor for such other uses as may increase danger to health, life, or property, or aggravate a flood hazard, but such land may be set aside for uses as shall not involve such danger nor produce unsatisfactory living conditions.</p>				
<b>Site Plan Code</b>	Yes	-	County & Local	-
<p>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</p> <p>Approval of a site plan is required for a) the development or redevelopment of any building, structure or lot or portion thereof for a new use; b) the expansion or relocation of any existing use; or c) any change of use of a building, structure or lot or portion thereof. The Planning Board sets forth appropriate conditions and safeguards which are in harmony with several identified purposes, including drainage. Per the ordinance, a proposed stormwater drainage system shall be adequate to prevent any increase in the rate of surface runoff or otherwise contribute to downstream flooding during a storm of any magnitude, up to and including a one-hundred-year frequency storm.</p>				
<b>Stormwater Management Code</b>	Yes	-	State & Local	-
<p>How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?</p> <p>The purpose of this article is to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls to protect and safeguard the general health, safety, and welfare of the public residing within this jurisdiction. An identified objective of this ordinance is to minimize increases in the volumes and rates of stormwater runoff from land development activities in order to reduce flooding and streambank erosion.</p>				



	Jurisdiction has this? (Yes/No)	Citation and Date (code chapter or name of plan, date of enactment or plan adoption)	Authority (local, county, state, federal)	Responsible Person, Department or Agency
<b>Post-Disaster Recovery/ Reconstruction Code</b>	No	-	-	-
How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?				
<b>Real Estate Disclosure Requirements</b>	Yes	Senate Bill 3110; P. L. 2023, c. 93, July 3, 2023	State	Sellers and Landlords of commercial or residential property

How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?

*For leases, the law amends the New Jersey Truth-in-Renting Act, N.J.S.A. 46:8-43 et seq., to require every landlord to notify in writing each of the landlord's tenants, prior to lease signing or renewal, whether the property is located in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Special Flood Hazard Area ("100-year floodplain") or Moderate Risk Flood Hazard Area ("500-year floodplain") and if the landlord has actual knowledge that the rental premises or any portion of the parking areas of the real property containing the rental premises has been subjected to flooding. The law does not apply to (1) landlords who lease commercial space or residential dwellings for less than one month, (2) residential dwellings in a premises containing not more than two units, (3) owner-occupied premises containing not more than three units, or (4) hotels, motels, or other guest houses serving transient or seasonal guests for a period of less than 120 days.*

*The model notice is to contain the heading "Flood Risk" and questions for the landlord to answer regarding the landlord's actual knowledge of past flooding of the property. The questions regarding the property being in a FEMA Special or Moderate Risk Flood Hazard Area shall not contain the option for "unknown." To determine how the questions are to be answered, FEMA's current flood insurance rate maps for the leased premises area must be consulted. The landlord will be required to answer whether the rental premises or any portions of the parking areas of the real property containing the rental premises ever experienced any flood damage, water seepage, or pooled water due to a natural flood event and, if so, the number of times that has occurred.*

*The notice to residential tenants must also indicate that flood insurance may be available to renters through FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program to cover their personal property and contents in the event of a flood and that standard renter's insurance does not typically cover flood damage.*

*For sales, the law also amends the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq., to require sellers of real property to disclose, on the property condition disclosure statement, whether the property is located in the FEMA Special or Moderate Risk Flood Hazard Area and any actual knowledge of the seller concerning flood risks of the property to the purchaser before the purchaser becomes obligated under any contract for the purchase of the property.*

*The disclosure statement must contain the heading "Flood Risk" and ask the seller the following questions:*

- Is any or all of the property in the Special Flood Hazard Area ("100-year floodplain") or a Moderate Risk Flood Hazard Area ("500-year floodplain") according to FEMA's current flood insurance rate maps?*
- Is the property subject to any requirement under federal law to obtain and maintain flood insurance on the property? Properties in the Special Flood Hazard Area with mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are required to obtain and maintain flood insurance.*
- Have you ever received assistance from, or are you aware of any previous owners receiving assistance from FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration, or any other federal disaster flood assistance for flood damage on the property? For properties that have received flood disaster assistance, the requirement to obtain flood insurance passes down to all future owners.*
- Is there flood insurance on the property? A standard homeowner's insurance policy typically does not cover flood damage.*
- Is there a FEMA elevation certificate available for the property? If so, it must be shared with the buyer. An elevation certificate is a FEMA form, completed by a licensed surveyor or engineer, that provides critical information about the flood risk of the property and is used by flood insurance providers to determine the appropriate insurance rating for the property.*
- Have you ever filed a claim for flood damage to the property with any insurance provider? If the claim was approved, what was the amount received?*



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- Has the property experienced any flood damage, water seepage, or pooled water due to a natural flood event, such as heavy rainfall, coastal storm surge, tidal inundation, or river overflow? If so, how many times?

Not all provisions of this law have become effective at the time of the writing of this plan.

<b>Growth Management</b>	No	-	-	-
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How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?

<b>Environmental Protection Ordinance(s)</b>	No	-	-	-
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<b>Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance</b>	Yes	Ordinance 2-24: Floodplain Management Regulations	State & Local	Township Engineer
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How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?

The purposes and objectives of these regulations are to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific flood hazard areas through the establishment of comprehensive regulations for management of flood hazards areas, designed to:

- Protect human life and health
- Prevent unnecessary disruption of commerce, access, and public service during times of flooding
- Manage the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels and shorelines
- Manage filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion potential
- Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will divert floodwater or increase flood hazards
- Contribute to improved construction techniques in the floodplain
- Minimize damage to public and private facilities and utilities
- Help and maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood hazard areas
- Ensure that property owners, occupants, and potential owners are aware of property located in flood hazard areas
- Minimize the need for future expenditure of public funds for flood control projects and response to and recovery from flood events
- Meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program for community participation set forth in Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 59.22.

<b>Wellhead Protection</b>	No	-	-	-
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How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?

<b>Emergency Management Ordinance</b>	No	-	-	-
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<b>Climate Change Ordinance</b>	No	-	-	-
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<b>Other</b>	No	-	-	-
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#### PLANNING DOCUMENTS

<b>General/Comprehensive Plan</b>	No	-	-	-
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How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?



	Jurisdiction has this? (Yes/No)	Citation and Date (code chapter or name of plan, date of enactment or plan adoption)	Authority (local, county, state, federal)	Responsible Person, Department or Agency
<b>Capital Improvement Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Disaster Debris Management Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Floodplain Management or Watershed Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Stormwater Management Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Open Space Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Urban Water Management Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Habitat Conservation Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Economic Development Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Shoreline Management Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Community Forest Management Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Transportation Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-





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<b>Agriculture Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Climate Action/ Resilience/Sustainability Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Tourism Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Business/ Downtown Development Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Other</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>RESPONSE/RECOVERY PLANNING</b>				
<b>Emergency Operations Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Continuity of Operations Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Substantial Damage Response Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Post-Disaster Recovery Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Public Health Plan</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-
<b>Other</b> How has or will this be integrated with the HMP and how does this reduce risk?	No	-	-	-



### 25.3.2 Development and Permitting Capability

Table 25-3 summarizes the capabilities of Walpack to oversee and track development.

Table 25-3. Development and Permitting Capability

	Yes/No	Comment
Do you issue development permits?	Yes	Township Engineer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you issue development permits, what department is responsible?</li> <li>If you do not issue development permits, what is your process for tracking new development?</li> </ul>		
Are permits tracked by hazard area? (For example, floodplain development permits.)	Yes	Floodplain
Do you have a buildable land inventory?	No	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you have a buildable land inventory, please describe</li> </ul>		
Describe the level of buildout in your jurisdiction.	N/A	Because the National Park Service owns the majority of land in the Township, opportunities for developing land are incredibly rare.

### 25.3.3 Administrative and Technical Capability

Table 25-4 summarizes potential staff and personnel resources available to Walpack and their current responsibilities that contribute to hazard mitigation.

Table 25-4. Administrative and Technical Capabilities

Resources	Available? (Yes/No)	Comment (available staff, responsibilities, support of hazard mitigation)
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY</b>		
Planning Board	No	-
Zoning Board of Adjustment	No	-
Planning Department	No	-
Mitigation Planning Committee	No	-
Environmental Board/Commission	No	-
Open Space Board/Committee	No	-
Economic Development Commission/Committee	No	-
Public Works/Highway Department	No	-
Construction/Building/Code Enforcement Department	Yes	The Construction Office is the enforcing agency of the Uniform Construction Codes.
Emergency Management/Public Safety Department	No	-





Resources	Available? (Yes/No)	Comment (available staff, responsibilities, support of hazard mitigation)
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (stormwater maintenance, tree trimming, etc.)	No	-
Mutual aid agreements	Yes	With surrounding communities and State Police: EMS – Blue Ridge for north end and Blairstown Rescue Squad for south end; participation in the County 911 system; firefighting services by shared agreement with Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department
Human Resources Manual - Do any job descriptions specifically include identifying or implementing mitigation projects or other efforts to reduce natural hazard risk?	No	-
Other	No	-
<b>TECHNICAL/STAFFING CAPABILITY</b>		
Planners or engineers with knowledge of land development and land management practices	Yes	Township Engineer and work with County engineering when necessary
Engineers or professionals trained in building or infrastructure construction practices	Yes	Township Construction Official in cooperation with the County
Planners or engineers with an understanding of natural hazards	Yes	Township Engineer
Staff with expertise or training in benefit/cost analysis	Yes	Township Engineer
Professionals trained in conducting damage assessments	Yes	Construction Official and Township Engineer
Personnel skilled or trained in GIS and/or Hazus applications	No	-
Staff that work with socially vulnerable populations or underserved communities	No	-
Environmental scientists familiar with natural hazards	No	-
Surveyors	No	-
Emergency manager	Yes	Emergency Operations Coordinator
Grant writers	No	-
<i>Consider the following:</i> Are data and maps from the HMP used to support documentation in grant applications?		
Resilience Officer	No	-
Other (this could include stormwater engineer, environmental specialist, etc.)	Yes	The NFIP Floodplain Administrator is the Township Engineer.



### 25.3.4 Fiscal Capability

Table 25-5 summarizes financial resources available to Walpack.

Table 25-5. Fiscal Capabilities

Financial Resources	Accessible or Eligible to Use? (Yes/No)
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG, CDBG-DR)	Yes
Capital improvement project funding	Yes
Authority to levy taxes for specific purposes	Unknown
User fees for water, sewer, gas, or electric service	No
Impact fees for homebuyers or developers of new development/homes	No
Stormwater utility fee	No
Incur debt through general obligation bonds	Yes
Incur debt through special tax bonds	No
Incur debt through private activity bonds	No
Withhold public expenditures in hazard-prone areas	No
Other federal or state funding programs	Yes
Open Space Acquisition funding programs	Yes
Other (for example, Clean Water Act 319 Grants [Nonpoint Source Pollution])	No

### 25.3.5 Education and Outreach Capability

Table 25-6 summarizes the education and outreach resources available to Walpack.

Table 25-6. Education and Outreach Capabilities

Outreach Resources	Available? (Yes/No)	Comment
Public information officer or communications office	Yes	Mayor and Clerk
Personnel skilled or trained in website development	Yes	Contracted Individual
Hazard mitigation information available on your website	Yes	Community Notifications
Social media for hazard mitigation education and outreach	No	-
Citizen boards or commissions that address issues related to hazard mitigation	No	-
Warning systems for hazard events	Yes	County 911 System
Natural disaster/safety programs in place for schools	No	-
Organizations that conduct outreach to socially vulnerable populations and underserved populations	No	-
Public outreach mechanisms / programs to inform citizens on natural hazards, risk, and ways to protect themselves during such events	No	-



### 25.3.6 Community Classifications

Table 25-7 summarizes classifications for community programs available to Walpack.

Table 25-7. Community Classifications

Program	Participating? (Yes/No)	Classification	Date Classified
Community Rating System (CRS)	No	-	-
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS)	No	-	-
Public Protection (ISO Fire Protection Classes 1 to 10)	No	-	-
National Weather Service StormReady Certification	No	-	-
Firewise Communities classification	No	-	-
New Jersey Sustainable Jersey Community	No	-	-
Other: Organizations with mitigation focus (advocacy group, non-government)	No	-	-

N/A = Not applicable

— = Unavailable

### 25.3.7 Adaptive Capacity

Adaptive capacity is defined as “the ability of systems, institutions, humans and other organisms to adjust to potential damage, to take advantage of opportunities, or respond to consequences” (IPCC 2022). Each jurisdiction has a unique combination of capabilities to adjust to, protect from, and withstand a future hazard event, future conditions, and changing risk. Table 25-8 summarizes the adaptive capacity for each identified hazard of concern and the Township’s capability to address related actions using the following classifications:

- Strong: Capacity exists and is in use.
- Moderate: Capacity might exist; but is not used or could use some improvement.
- Weak: Capacity does not exist or could use substantial improvement

Table 25-8. Adaptive Capacity

Hazard	Adaptive Capacity - Strong/Moderate/Weak
Dam Failure	Moderate
Disease Outbreak	Moderate
Drought	Moderate
Earthquake	Moderate
Flood	Moderate
Geological Hazards	Moderate
Hazardous Materials	Moderate
Hurricane	Moderate
Infestation	Moderate
Nor’easter	Moderate
Severe Weather	Moderate
Severe Winter Weather	Moderate



Hazard	Adaptive Capacity - Strong/Moderate/Weak
Wildfire	Moderate

## 25.4 NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

This section provides specific information on the management and regulation of the regulatory floodplain, including current and future compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The floodplain administrator listed in Table 25-1 is responsible for maintaining this information.

### 25.4.1 NFIP Statistics

Table 25-9 summarizes the NFIP policy and claim statistics for Walpack.

Table 25-9. Walpack NFIP Summary of Policy and Claim Statistics

# Policies	0
# Claims (Losses)	1
Total Loss Payments	\$7,076.41
# Repetitive Loss Properties (NFIP definition)	0
# Repetitive Loss Properties (FMA definition)	0
# Severe Repetitive Loss Properties	0

*NFIP Definition of Repetitive Loss: The NFIP defines a repetitive loss property as any insurable building for which two or more claims of more than \$1,000 were paid by the NFIP within any rolling 10-year period since 1978.*

*FMA Definition of Repetitive Loss: FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program defines a repetitive loss property as any insurable building that has incurred flood-related damage on two occasions, in which the cost of the repair, on average, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event.*

*Definition of Severe Repetitive Loss: A residential property covered under an NFIP flood insurance policy and: (a) That has at least four NFIP claim payments over \$5,000 each, and the cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeds \$20,000; or (b) For which at least two separate claims payments have been made with the cumulative amount of the building portion of such claims exceeding the market value of the building. At least two of the claims must have occurred within any 10-year period, more than 10 days apart.*

Source: FEMA Region II 2024

### 25.4.2 Flood Vulnerability Summary

Table 25-10 provides a summary of the NFIP program in Walpack.

Table 25-10. NFIP Summary

NFIP Topic	Comments
<b>Flood Vulnerability Summary</b>	
Describe areas prone to flooding in your jurisdiction.	Flooding in the Township occurs within the SFHA.
Do you maintain a list of properties that have been damaged by flooding?	No
Do you maintain a list of property owners interested in flood mitigation?	Yes – no property owners are currently interested



NFIP Topic	Comments
How many homeowners and/or business owners are interested in mitigation (elevation or acquisition)?	None
Are any RiskMAP projects currently underway in your jurisdiction? If so, state what projects are underway.	No
How do you make Substantial Damage determinations?	Unknown
How many Substantial Damage determinations were declared for recent flood events in your jurisdiction?	Unknown
How many properties have been mitigated (elevation or acquisition) in your jurisdiction? If there are mitigation properties, how were the projects funded?	None
Do your flood hazard maps adequately address the flood risk within your jurisdiction? If not, state why.	Yes
<b>NFIP Compliance</b>	
What local department is responsible for floodplain management?	Township Engineer
Are any certified floodplain managers on staff in your jurisdiction?	No
Do you have access to resources to determine possible future flooding conditions from climate change?	FEMA online resources
Does your floodplain management staff need any assistance or training to support its floodplain management program? If so, what type of assistance/training is needed?	Yes, additional training for a new floodplain administrator would be useful.
Provide an explanation of NFIP administration services you provide (e.g., permit review, GIS, education/outreach, inspections, engineering capability)	Permit review, engineering capability
How do you determine if proposed development on an existing structure would qualify as a substantial improvement?	If the value of the proposed development would increase the structure's value by at least 50 percent.
What are the barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community, if any?	Funding and personnel
Does your jurisdiction have any outstanding NFIP compliance violations that need to be addressed? If so, state the violations.	No
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC)?	July 31, 2006
What is the local law number or municipal code of your flood damage prevention ordinance?	Ordinance 2-24: Floodplain Management Regulations
What is the date that your flood damage prevention ordinance was last amended?	September 24, 2024
Does your floodplain management program meet or exceed minimum requirements? If exceeds, in what ways?	Meets, however the flood damage prevention ordinance requires update.
Are there other local ordinances, plans, or programs (e.g., site plan review) that support floodplain management and meeting the NFIP requirements? For instance, does the planning board or zoning board consider efforts to reduce flood risk when reviewing variances such as height restrictions?	The Township has subdivision and site plan ordinances.



NFIP Topic	Comments
Does your community plan to join the CRS program or is your community interested in improving your CRS classification?	No

## 25.5 GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

Understanding how past, current, and projected development patterns have or are likely to increase or decrease risk in hazard areas is a key component to appreciating a jurisdiction's overall risk to its hazards of concern. Recent and expected future development trends, including major residential/commercial development and major infrastructure development, are summarized in Table 25-11 through Table 25-13.

Table 25-11. Number of Building Permits for New Construction Issued Since the Previous HMP

	New Construction Permits Issued			
	Single Family	Multi-Family	Other (commercial, mixed-use, etc.)	Total
<b>2019</b>				
Total Permits	0	0	0	0
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0
<b>2020</b>				
Total Permits	0	0	0	0
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0
<b>2021</b>				
Total Permits	0	0	0	0
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0
<b>2022</b>				
Total Permits	0	0	0	0
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0
<b>2023</b>				
Total Permits	0	0	0	0
Permits within SFHA	0	0	0	0

SFHA = Special Flood Hazard Area (1% flood event)

Table 25-12. Recent Major Development and Infrastructure from 2019 to Present

Property or Development Name	Type of Development	# of Units / Structures	Location (address and/or block and lot)	Known Hazard Zones*	Description / Status of Development
There has not been any recent major development or infrastructure in the Township between 2019 and the present.					

\* Only location-specific hazard zones or vulnerabilities identified.





Table 25-13. Known or Anticipated Major Development and Infrastructure in the Next Five Years

Property or Development Name	Type of Development	# of Units / Structures	Location (address and/or block and lot)	Known Hazard Zones*	Description / Status of Development
There are no known or anticipated major development or infrastructure in the Township in the next five years.					

## 25.6 JURISDICTIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The hazard profiles in Volume I provide detailed information regarding each planning partner's vulnerability to the identified hazards, including summaries of Walpack's risk assessment results and data used to determine the hazard ranking. Key local risk assessment information is presented below.

### 25.6.1 Hazard Area

Hazard area maps provided below illustrate the probable hazard areas impacted within the Township are shown in

Figure 25-1 through Figure 25-3. These maps are based on the best available data at the time of the preparation of this plan and are adequate for planning purposes. Maps are provided only for hazards that can be identified clearly using mapping techniques and technologies and for which Walpack has significant exposure. The maps show the location of potential new development, where available.



Figure 25-1. Walpack Flood and Sinkhole Hazard Area Extent and Location Map

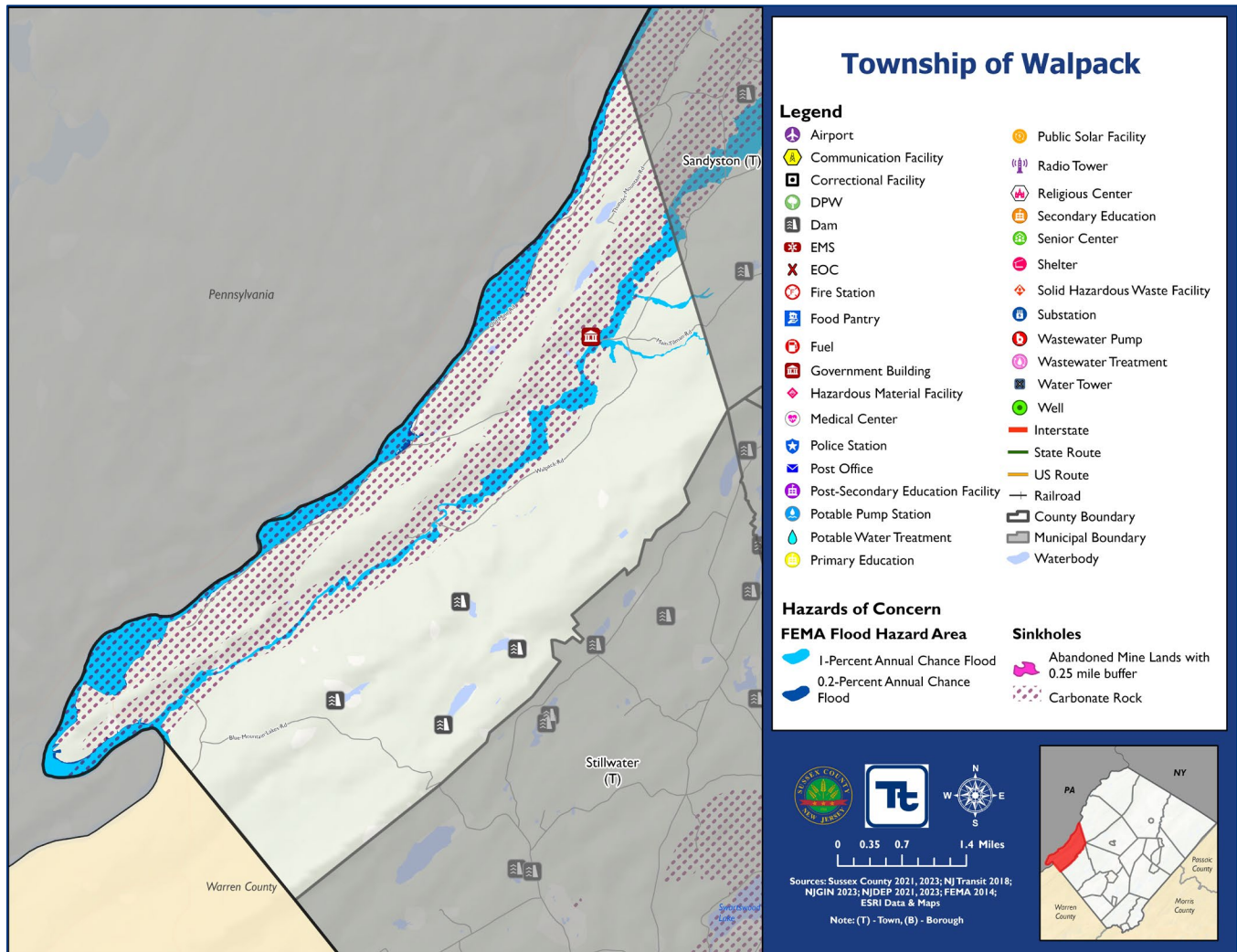


Figure 25-2. Walpack Hazardous Materials and Wildfire Hazard Area Extent and Location Map

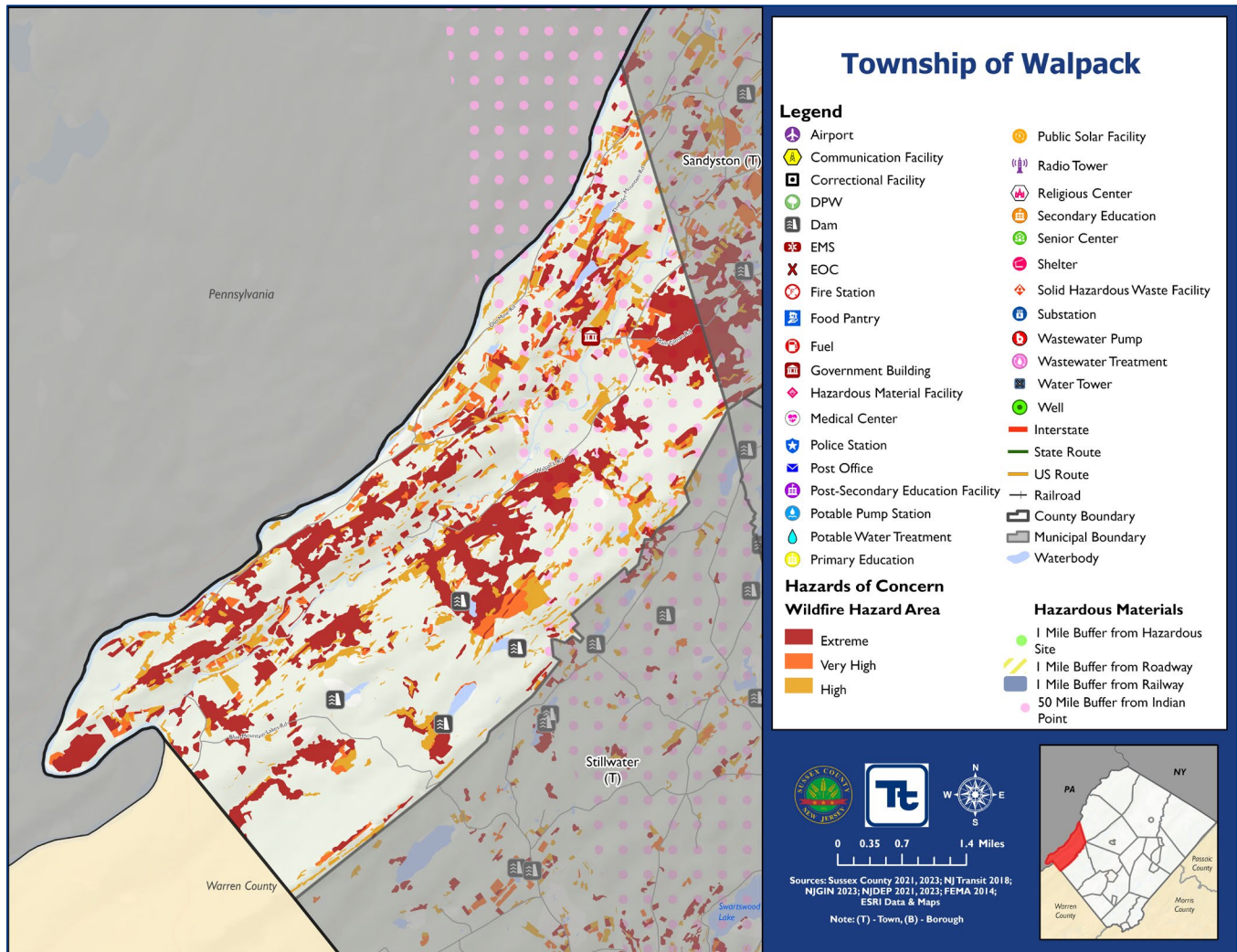
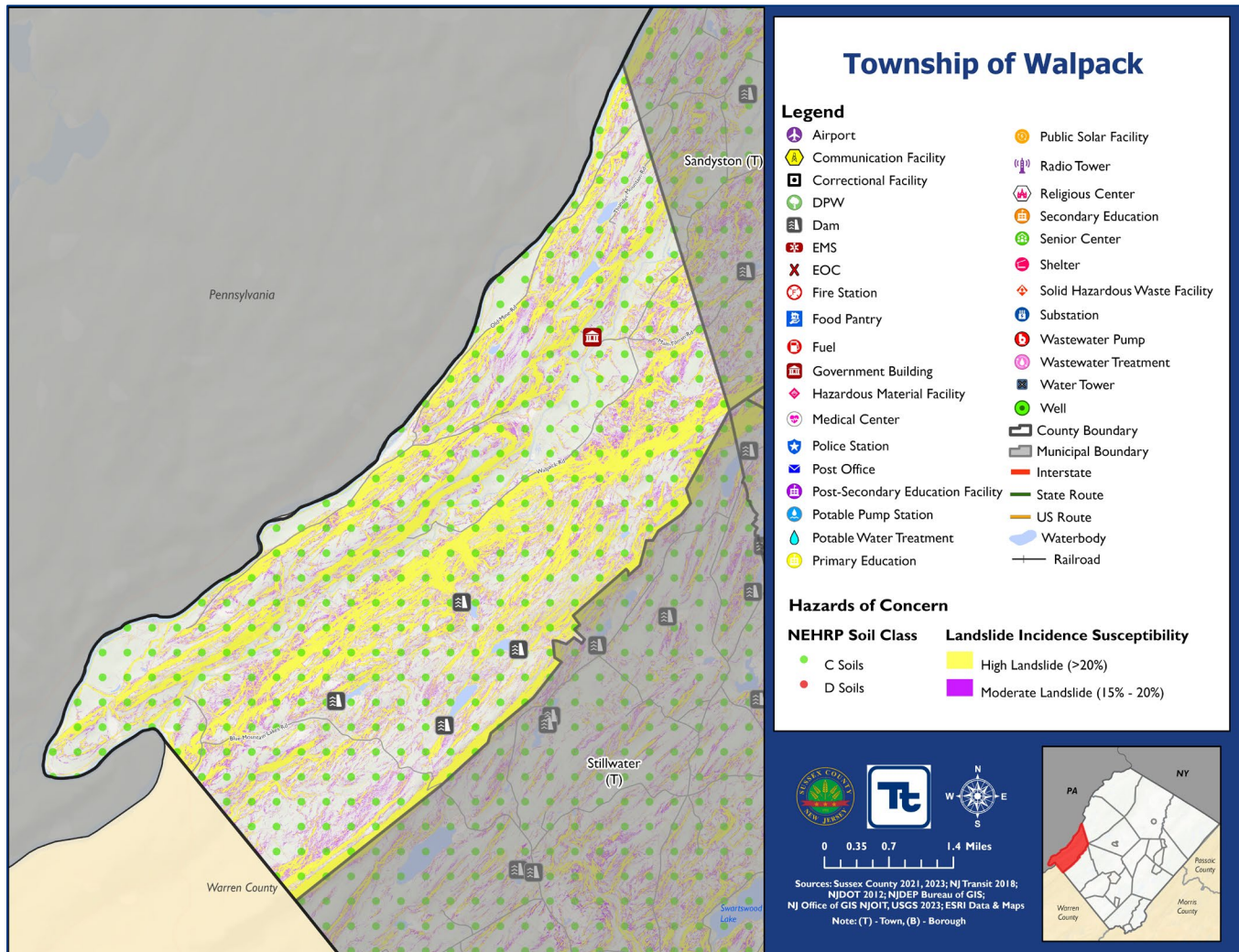






Figure 25-3. Walpack Landslide and NEHRP Soils Hazard Area Extent and Location Map





## 25.6.2 Hazard Event History

The history of natural and non-natural hazard events in Walpack is detailed in Volume I, where each hazard profile includes a chronology of historical events that have affected the County and its municipalities. Table 25-14 provides details on loss and damage in Walpack during hazard events since the last hazard mitigation plan update.

Table 25-14. Hazard Event History in Walpack

Dates of Event	Event Type (Disaster Declaration)	County Designated?	Summary of Event	Summary of Damage and Losses in Walpack
January 20, 2020 – May 11, 2023	Covid-19 Pandemic (EM-3451-NJ, DR-4488-NJ)	Yes	Sussex County accounted for 37,642 positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of New Jersey, and 425 of the reported deaths. A total of 277,542 vaccinations were delivered in the County to both residents and non-residents.	The Township implemented masking and social distancing mandates. Non-emergent personnel were permitted to work from home.
August 4, 2020	Tropical Storm Isaias (DR-4574-NJ)	Yes	Tropical Storm Isaias brought high winds and heavy rain to Sussex County; there were numerous reports of downed trees and power lines. Observations from surrounding areas suggest sustained tropical storm force winds likely occurred.	Downed trees and power lines.
January 31 – February 2, 2021	Severe Winter Storm (DR-4597-NJ)	Yes	Heavy precipitation developed producing areas of extreme snowfall rates of 2 to 4 inches per hour in northern New Jersey. Numerous reports of 24 to 32 inches were received from across the County.	Heavy snowfall and high snow accumulations impacted the Township. No damages or losses occurred to Township property.
September 1-3, 2021	Remnants of Hurricane Ida (EM-3573-NJ, DR-4614-NJ)	Yes	The remnants of Hurricane Ida produced heavy rainfall and flash floods. Widespread flash flooding occurred in Sussex County with numerous road closures.	Flash flooding resulted in road closures.

EM = Emergency Declaration (FEMA)

FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency

DR = Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA)

N/A = Not applicable

## 25.6.3 Hazard Ranking and Vulnerabilities

The hazard profiles in Volume I have detailed information regarding each planning partner's vulnerability to the identified hazards. The following presents key risk assessment results for Walpack .

### Hazard Ranking

The participating jurisdictions have differing degrees of vulnerability to the hazards of concern, so each jurisdiction ranked its own degree of risk to each hazard. The community-specific hazard ranking is based on problems and impacts identified by the risk assessment presented in Volume I. The ranking process involves an assessment of



the likelihood of occurrence for each hazard; the potential impacts of the hazard on people, property, and the economy; community capabilities to address the hazard; and changing future climate conditions. Walpack reviewed the County hazard ranking and individual results to assess the relative risk of the hazards of concern to the community. During the review of the hazard ranking, the Township indicated the hazard rankings were appropriate.

Table 25-15 shows Walpack's final hazard rankings for identified hazards of concern. Mitigation action development uses the ranking to target hazards with the highest risk.

Table 25-15. Hazard Ranking

Hazard	Rank
Dam Failure	Low
Disease Outbreak	Low
Drought	Low
Earthquake	Low
Flood	High
Geological Hazards	Medium
Hazardous Materials	Low
Hurricane	Medium
Infestation	Low
Nor'easter	High
Severe Weather	High
Severe Winter Weather	High
Wildfire	Medium

*Note: The scale is based on the hazard rankings established in Volume I, modified as appropriate based on review by the jurisdiction*

## Critical Facilities

Table 25-16 identifies critical facilities in the community located in the 1 percent and 0.2 percent annual chance floodplains.

Table 25-16. Critical Facilities Flood Vulnerability

Name	Type	Vulnerability		Addressed by Proposed Action	Already Protected to 0.2% Flood Level (describe protections)
		1% Annual Chance Event	0.2% Annual Chance Event		
The Township does not have any identified critical facilities located in the 1- or 0.2-percent annual chance floodplains.					

Source: NJGIN 2023; Sussex County 2021, 2023





## 25.6.4 Identified Issues

After review of Walpack's hazard event history, hazard rankings, hazard location, and current capabilities, Walpack identified the following vulnerabilities within the community:

- The Township lacks a Disaster Debris Management Plan to address post disaster cleanup. Without a plan in place, there are no identified resources in place to properly address debris and do not have identified locations for debris storage.
- The Township does not have a comprehensive/master plan written to assist in providing guidance for future land use in the jurisdiction. Incorporating hazard mitigation principles into the comprehensive plan can assist in the prevention of land development in hazard areas, such as floodplains and bordering forested areas.
- The Township does not have an adopted Emergency Operations Plan. Emergency Operation Plans outline incident responses, taking into account both natural and manmade hazards. It is crucial to include hazard mitigation principles into the Township's Emergency Operations Plan. Understanding and acknowledging those vulnerable to hazards and properly planning and storing any emergency action plans or procedures is pertinent to the safety and resilience of the Township.
- The Township does not have any organizations that conduct outreach to socially vulnerable populations and underserved populations. Identifying and educating these populations can increase resiliency in the Township and potentially reduce the number of emergency calls during hazardous events.
- The Township currently does not have a comprehensive education and outreach program. There is a need to educate residents and businesses about hazard mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery utilizing a variety of outreach methods.
- The Township does not have a formalized list of damaged properties or property owners which may be interested in flood mitigation measures, such as elevation or acquisition. Maintaining these lists can assist the Township in identifying and prioritizing properties to mitigate.
- The Township does not have any certified floodplain managers (CFM) on staff. The Township Engineer is new to the role of Floodplain Administrator. Becoming a CFM increases the depth of understanding when dealing with FEMA floodplains. The certifications ensures those that bare it understand the regulatory requirements and procedures needed to make floodplain management work effectively and efficiently at the community level.
- Backup power sources are necessary to maintain critical services for critical facilities. The Township Municipal Building requires a backup power source. High winds associated with hurricanes, nor'easters, severe weather, and severe winter weather are known to cause power outages, which would impact the continuity of operations at both critical facilities.
- The Township experiences isolated low-lying roadway flooding not directly associated with floodplain (mainly at Old Mine Road and National Park Service Route 615 near the Flat Brook Bridge). The roadways are under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Flooded roadways can impact evacuation routes, prevent emergency responders from reaching a location, and impede on necessary medical appointments or needs for vulnerable populations.
- Downed trees often result in power loss in the Township during storm events. The Park Service is responsible for clearing of downed trees. JCP&L has been trying to relocate lines out to the main road. Old powerlines run through woods that are hard to access. Power loss during hazard events can be detrimental during periods of extreme heat or cold. The loss of power can also impede a constituent's ability to call for emergency assistance.



- The municipality does not have a Substantial Damage Management Plan in place, nor do they have a formal process in place when conducting substantial damage determinations. The municipality is in need of a formal process and plan to provide a framework for conducting such inspections and determinations.

\* This issue was identified as a specific area of concern based on resident response to the Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Citizen survey.

## 25.7 MITIGATION STRATEGY AND PRIORITIZATION

This section discusses the status of mitigation actions from the previous HMP, describes proposed hazard mitigation actions, and prioritizes actions to address over the next five years.

### 25.7.1 Past Mitigation Action Status

Table 25-17 indicates progress on the Township's mitigation strategy identified in the 2021 HMP. Actions that are still recommended but not completed or that are in progress are carried forward and combined with new actions as part of the mitigation strategy for this plan update. Previous actions that are now ongoing programs and capabilities are indicated as such and are presented in the capability assessment earlier in this annex.

### 25.7.2 Additional Mitigation Efforts

Walpack did not identify any additional mitigation efforts completed since the last HMP.



Table 25-17. Status of Previous Mitigation Actions

Project Number	Project Name	Hazard(s) Addressed	Responsible Party	Brief Summary of the Original Problem and the Solution (Project)	Action Review 1. Status (In Progress, Ongoing Capability, No Progress, Complete) 2. Provide a narrative to describe progress or obstacles that have prevented implementation	Next Steps 1. Project to be included in the 2025 HMP or Discontinue 2. If including action in the 2025 HMP, revise/reword to be more specific (as appropriate). 3. If discontinue, explain why.
2020-Walpack-001	Municipal Building Backup Power	Severe Storm, Severe Winter Storm, Hurricane, Nor'easter	Engineer, Emergency Manager	<b>Problem:</b> Backup power sources are necessary to maintain critical services for critical facilities. The Township Municipal Building requires a backup power source.  <b>Solution:</b> The Engineer will research what size generator is needed to power the Township Municipal Building. The Township will then purchase and install the selected generator and necessary electrical components to supply backup power to the Municipal Building.	1. No Progress 2. The Township was not able to secure funding for this project	1. Include 2. Keep as is 3. Not applicable
2020-Walpack-002	Relocate Power Lines	Severe Storm, Severe Winter Storm, Hurricane, Nor'easter	JCP&L, Township Administration, National Park Service	<b>Problem:</b> Downed trees often result in power loss in the Township during storm events.  <b>Solution:</b> The Township will support JCP&L efforts to relocate power lines out of wooded areas to areas along roadways. This will reduce likelihood of falling trees resulting in power loss and increased	1. No Progress 2. The Township prioritized other projects due to funding and staffing constraints.	1. Include 2. Keep as is 3. Not applicable



Project Number	Project Name	Hazard(s) Addressed	Responsible Party	Brief Summary of the Original Problem and the Solution (Project)	Action Review 1. Status (In Progress, Ongoing Capability, No Progress, Complete) 2. Provide a narrative to describe progress or obstacles that have prevented implementation	Next Steps 1. Project to be included in the 2025 HMP or Discontinue 2. If including action in the 2025 HMP, revise/reword to be more specific (as appropriate). 3. If discontinue, explain why.
				capability for tree trimming.		
2020-Walpack-003	Low-lying Roadway Flooding	Severe Storm, Flood	National Park Service, Township Administration	<p><b>Problem:</b> The Township experiences isolated areas of roadway flooding not directly associated with flood plain (mainly at Old Mine Road and National Park Service Route 615 near the Flat Brook Bridge).</p> <p><b>Solution:</b> The Township will work with the National Park Service to identify flooding of low-lying roadways. An engineering study will be conducted to determine cost-effective mitigation actions. The National Park Service will then implement the identified actions when funding is available. The Township will partner on grant applications where feasible.</p>	1. No Progress 2. The Township prioritized other projects due to funding and staffing constraints.	1. Include 2. Keep as is 3. Not applicable
2020-Walpack-004	Update Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance	Flood	Administration	<p><b>Problem:</b> The Township's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is outdated and requires update.</p> <p><b>Solution:</b> The Township will update and adopt a</p>	1. No Progress 2. The Township prioritized other projects due to funding and staffing constraints.	1. Include 2. Keep as is 3. Not applicable



Project Number	Project Name	Hazard(s) Addressed	Responsible Party	Brief Summary of the Original Problem and the Solution (Project)	Action Review 1. Status (In Progress, Ongoing Capability, No Progress, Complete) 2. Provide a narrative to describe progress or obstacles that have prevented implementation	Next Steps 1. Project to be included in the 2025 HMP or Discontinue 2. If including action in the 2025 HMP, revise/reword to be more specific (as appropriate). 3. If discontinue, explain why.
				new Ordinance to meet current standards. The Ordinance will also change the floodplain administrator from the clerk to the engineer.		
2020-Walpack-005	Floodplain Administrator Training	Flood	Administration	<b>Problem:</b> The Township Engineer is new to the role of Floodplain Administrator.  <b>Solution:</b> The Engineer will attend training for floodplain administration offered by FEMA and NJ DEP.	1. No Progress 2. The Township prioritized other projects due to funding and staffing constraints.	1. Include 2. Keep as is 3. Not applicable



### 25.7.3 Proposed Hazard Mitigation Actions for the HMP Update

Walpack participated in the mitigation strategy workshop for this HMP to identify appropriate actions to include in a local hazard mitigation strategy. Its comprehensive consideration of all possible activities to address hazards of concern included review of the following FEMA documents:

- FEMA 551 “Selecting Appropriate Mitigation Measures for Floodprone Structures” (March 2007)
- FEMA “Mitigation Ideas—A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards” (January 2013).

The action worksheets included at the end of this annex list the mitigation actions that Walpack would like to pursue in the future to reduce the effects of hazards. The actions are dependent upon available funding (grants and local match availability) and may be modified or omitted at any time based on the occurrence of new hazard events and changes in Township priorities.

Table 25-18 indicates the range of proposed mitigation action categories. The four FEMA mitigation action categories and the six CRS mitigation action categories are listed in the table to further demonstrate the wide range of activities and mitigation measures selected.

Volume I identifies 14 evaluation criteria for prioritizing the mitigation actions. To assist with rating each mitigation action as high, medium, or low priority, a numeric rank is assigned (-1, 0, or 1) for each of the evaluation criteria. Table 25-19 provides a summary of the prioritization of all proposed mitigation actions for the HMP update.





Table 25-18. Analysis of Mitigation Actions by Hazard and Category

Hazard	Actions That Address the Hazard, by Action Category									
	FEMA				CRS					
	LPR	SIP	NSP	EAP	PR	PP	PI	NR	SP	ES
Dam Failure	X	X		X	X		X			X
Disease Outbreak	X	X		X	X		X			X
Drought	X	X		X	X		X			X
Earthquake	X	X		X	X		X			X
Flood	X	X		X	X		X		X	X
Geological Hazards	X	X		X	X		X			X
Hazardous Materials	X	X		X	X		X			X
Hurricane	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Infestation	X			X	X		X			X
Nor'easter	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Severe Weather	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Severe Winter Weather	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Wildfire	X	X		X	X		X			X

**Local Plans and Regulations (LPR)**—These actions include government authorities, policies or codes that influence the way land and buildings are being developed and built.

**Structure and Infrastructure Project (SIP)**—These actions involve modifying existing structures and infrastructure to protect them from a hazard or remove them from a hazard area. This could apply to public or private structures as well as critical facilities and infrastructure. This type of action also involves projects to construct structures to reduce the impact of hazards.

**Natural Systems Protection (NSP)**—These are actions that minimize damage and losses and preserve or restore the functions of natural systems.

**Education and Awareness Programs (EAP)**—These are actions to inform and educate citizens, elected officials, and property owners about hazards and potential ways to mitigate them. These actions may also include participation in national programs, such as StormReady and Firewise Communities

**Preventative Measures (PR)**—Government, administrative or regulatory actions, or processes that influence the way land and buildings are developed and built. Examples include planning and zoning, floodplain local laws, capital improvement programs, open space preservation, and storm water management regulations.

**Property Protection (PP)**—These actions include public activities to reduce hazard losses or actions that involve (1) modification of existing buildings or structures to protect them from a hazard or (2) removal of the structures from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, elevation, relocation, structural retrofits, storm shutters, and shatter-resistant glass.

**Public Information (PI)**—Actions to inform and educate citizens, elected officials, and property owners about hazards and potential ways to mitigate them. Such actions include outreach projects, real estate disclosure, hazard information centers, and educational programs for school-age children and adults.

**Natural Resource Protection (NR)**—Actions that minimize hazard loss and preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. These actions include sediment and erosion control, stream corridor restoration, watershed management, forest and vegetation management, and wetland restoration and preservation.

**Structural Flood Control Projects (SP)**—Actions that involve the construction of structures to reduce the impact of a hazard. Such structures include dams, setback levees, floodwalls, retaining walls, and safe rooms.

**Emergency Services (ES)**—Actions that protect people and property during and immediately following a disaster or hazard event. Services include warning systems, emergency response services, and the protection of essential facilities



Table 25-19. Summary of Prioritization of Actions

Project Number	Project Name	Scores for Evaluation Criteria															High / Medium / Low
		Life Safety	Property Protection	Cost-Effectiveness	Political	Legal	Fiscal	Environmental	Social Vulnerability	Administrative	Hazards of Concern	Climate Change	Timeline	Community Lifelines	Other Local Objectives	Total	
2025-WalpackTwp-01	Disaster Debris Management Plan	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	11	High
2025-WalpackTwp-02	Comprehensive Master Plan	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	11	High
2025-WalpackTwp-03	Emergency Operations Plan	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	12	High
2025-WalpackTwp-04	Socially Vulnerable Populations Outreach	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	High
2025-WalpackTwp-05	Public Education and Outreach	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	12	High
2025-WalpackTwp-06	Flood Mitigation Interest	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	13	High
2025-WalpackTwp-07	NFIP Training	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	12	High
2025-WalpackTwp-08	Generators at Critical Facilities	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	10	Medium
2025-WalpackTwp-09	Low-Lying Roadway Flooding	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	9	Medium
2025-WalpackTwp-10	Relocate Power Lines	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	10	Medium
2025-WalpackTwp-11	Substantial Damage Management Plan	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	11	High

Note: Volume I, Section 21 (Mitigation Strategy) conveys guidance on prioritizing mitigation actions. Low (0-6), Medium (7-10), High (11-14).



## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-01. Disaster Debris Management Plan

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Emergency Management																
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Public Works, Township Administration																
<b>Hazard(s) of Concern:</b>	<table><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Infestation</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Drought</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthquake</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials</td><td></td></tr></table>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane	<input type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak	<input type="checkbox"/> Infestation	<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthquake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildfire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials	
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<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	The Township currently does not have an adopted debris management plan. Without a plan in place, there are no identified resources in place to properly address debris and do not have identified locations for debris storage.																
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	The municipality will develop a disaster debris management plan. This plan will establish procedures and guidelines for managing disaster debris in a coordinated, environmentally responsible, and cost-effective manner. The plan will identify responsibilities for execution of the plan. The plan will align with permitted temporary collection areas.																
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Staff time																
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	Municipal budget																
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	Within 5 years																
<b>Goals Met:</b>	5																
<b>Benefits:</b>	The action will result in increased quicker and more efficient cleanup after disaster events.																
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	Not Applicable																
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	Not Applicable																
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	Not Applicable																
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	The action will result in increased post disaster capabilities.																
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	Climate change may result in an increase in the frequency and severity of weather-related disaster events. This action will increase the capabilities to respond to these events.																
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## Action 2025-WalpackTw-02. Comprehensive Master Plan

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Township Administration								
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Planning Contractor, Engineering								
<b>Hazard(s) of Concern:</b>	<div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drought <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthquake <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infestation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</div></div>								
<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	The Township does not have a comprehensive/master plan written to assist in providing guidance for future land use in the jurisdiction. Incorporating hazard mitigation principles into the comprehensive plan can assist in the prevention of land development in hazard areas, such as floodplains and bordering forested areas.								
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	The Township's Administration, along with planners, engineers, and subject matter experts, will work to develop a Comprehensive Master Plan with additional elements, as the Township sees fit. Additional elements may include conservation, preservation and open space, sustainability, historic preservation, economic development, and stormwater management.								
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Medium								
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	HMGP, NJDCA, Township Budget								
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	Within 5 years								
<b>Goals Met:</b>	1, 2, 4, 5								
<b>Benefits:</b>	A Comprehensive Master Plan is a coordinated approach to municipal planning that is designed to benefit residents as well as businesses and to ensure quality of life standards as the municipality continues to grow. The planning document is developed to guide the use of lands within the municipality in a manner which protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare.								
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	The inclusion of additional elements, such as open space, conservation, and sustainability can be beneficial to identifying how future conditions may impact socially vulnerable populations. In particular, the addition of hazard mitigation elements into the Comprehensive Master Plan can assist in evaluating how future land use decision will impact these populations.								
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	Comprehensive master plans seek to guide land use within a municipality, which will directly impact future development.								
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	The Comprehensive Master Plan establishes mechanisms for preserving environmental, historic, and cultural resources, and integrates the various components involving community life through community facilities, circulation/transportation, and utilities plans.								
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	The Township will have improved capabilities for future development and land use planning.								
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	Climate change is likely to increase the intensity and frequency of many climate related disaster events. Elements of a Comprehensive Master Plan may include conservation, preservation and open space, sustainability, historic preservation, and stormwater management – all which can contribute to mitigating impacts felt by climate change projections.								
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Action	Evaluation								
No Action	Current problem remains								
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	Write Comprehensive Master Plan with no elements	Comprehensive Master Plan will not be comprehensive and may miss critical pieces to address land use needs
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## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-03. Emergency Operations Plan

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Emergency Management		
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Township Administration, Sussex County		
<b>Hazard(s) of Concern:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drought <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthquake <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infestation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildfire	
<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	The Township does not have an adopted Emergency Operations Plan. Emergency Operation Plans outline incident responses, taking into account both natural and manmade hazards. It is crucial to include hazard mitigation principles into the Township's Emergency Operations Plan. Understanding and acknowledging those vulnerable to hazards and properly planning and storing any emergency action plans or procedures is pertinent to the safety and resilience of the Township.		
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	The Township will write and adopt an Emergency Operations Plan and integrate hazard mitigation principles during the process.		
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Staff time, Low		
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	Municipal Budget		
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	1 year		
<b>Goals Met:</b>	5, 6		
<b>Benefits:</b>	The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) details what the Township will do during a disaster (incident command implementation, command center location and activities, specific plans by department, etc.). Updating the EOP will permit the Township to integrate new plans, policies, capabilities, and hazard assessments.		
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	The section overview portion of the Emergency Operation Plan covers a discussion of a variety of topics, including population distribution and locations, including any concentrated populations of individuals with disabilities, others with access and functional needs, or individuals with limited English proficiency.		
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	The section overview portion of the Emergency Operation Plan covers a discussion of a variety of topics, including vulnerable critical facilities (e.g. nursing homes, schools, hospitals, infrastructure).		
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	This action will create a new planning capability of the Township and support emergency response capabilities.		
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	As impacts from climate change are increasingly felt, the contents in an Emergency Operations Plan, including in the basic plan and any annexes, may need to be updated.		
<b>Mitigation Category</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Plans and Regulations (LPR) <input type="checkbox"/> Structure and Infrastructure Project (SIP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Systems Protection (NSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Awareness Programs (EAP)	
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<b>Alternatives:</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>	
	No action	Current problem remains	
	Integrate hazard mitigation principles in only hazard appendices	The plan will miss integration opportunities in the basic plan and annexes	
	Have County write Emergency Operations Plan	County will not now full capabilities of Township	





## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-04. Socially Vulnerable Populations Outreach

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Emergency Management										
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Township Administration, Sussex County										
<b>Hazard(s) of Concern:</b>	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drought</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthquake</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infestation</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</div>										
<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	The Township does not have any organizations that conduct outreach to socially vulnerable populations and underserved populations. Identifying and educating these populations can increase resiliency in the Township and potentially reduce the number of emergency calls during hazardous events.										
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	Create outreach materials, or utilize those from Sussex County, on hazard risks for socially vulnerable populations. Methods of distribution may include Township events, the Township newsletters, social media, the Township website, and having the materials on display for the public at Township libraries and offices. Consider hiring staff to work directly with socially vulnerable populations.										
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Low										
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	Township Budget, HMGP										
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	Within 3 years										
<b>Goals Met:</b>	1, 2, 3, 7										
<b>Benefits:</b>	This action will ensure there is an individual working to identify and work with the socially vulnerable populations in the Township. Furthermore, this action will create opportunities to educate and inform populations on hazard risks.										
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	Socially vulnerable populations in the Township will become educated on hazards risks. The Township will identify an individual to identify and work with these populations to ensure the most up to date information is being shared.										
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	Not applicable										
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	Educating populations on hazard risk and how to mitigate the risks can decrease the demand on utilities and emergency services including health and medical, law enforcement, and search and rescue.										
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	This action would build upon the Township's already existing public education and outreach program.										
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	Climate change is likely to increase the intensity and frequency of many climate related disaster events. This action will inform residents and business owners of how to reduce risk from hazards and how climate change may exacerbate those risks.										
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## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-05. Public Education and Outreach

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Emergency Management										
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Township Administration, Sussex County										
<b>Hazard(s) of Concern:</b>	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drought <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthquake <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infestation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</div>										
<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	The Township currently does not have a comprehensive education and outreach program. There is a need to educate residents and businesses about hazard mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery utilizing a variety of outreach methods.										
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	Develop and enhance the public awareness program on hazards, prevention, and mitigation. Continue to work with Sussex County on their program that provides information to the municipalities.										
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Low										
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	Municipal Budget										
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	2 years										
<b>Goals Met:</b>	1, 2, 3, 7										
<b>Benefits:</b>	This action will improve the current public education and outreach program in the Township by including discussions on disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation to residents and business owners, which will contribute to the resiliency of the Township.										
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	Socially vulnerable populations will learn how to prepare for and mitigate the various hazards which may impact them in the Township.										
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	Not applicable										
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	Businesses, which may be considered critical facilities or lifelines, would be more informed on how to prepare for emergency events and mitigate the risks of potential hazards. With these businesses becoming more resilient, this action would contribute to their continuity of operations.										
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	This action would build upon the Township's already existing public education and outreach program.										
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	Climate change is likely to increase the intensity and frequency of many climate related disaster events. This action will inform residents and business owners of how to reduce risk from hazards and how climate change may exacerbate those risks.										
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## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-06. Flood Mitigation Interest

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Floodplain Administrator										
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Planning Board, Township Administration										
<b>Hazard(s) of Concern:</b>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Drought</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Infestation</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</div>										
<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	The Township does not have a formalized list of damaged properties or property owners which may be interested in flood mitigation measures, such as elevation or acquisition. Maintaining these lists can assist the Township in identifying and prioritizing properties to mitigate.										
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	The Floodplain Administration will develop a list for inventorying system, or properties damaged by flood events and property owners who are interested in flood mitigation measures, such as elevation or acquisition.										
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Staff time, Low										
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	Township Budget										
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	Within 2 years										
<b>Goals Met:</b>	1, 2, 5										
<b>Benefits:</b>	Keeping a list of damaged properties and property owners interested in flood mitigation efforts may lead to the elimination of flood damage to homes and residences, which creating an open space for the municipality and increasing flood storage.										
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	Collecting data regarding homeowners that reside within flood prone areas provides an opportunity to introduce location-specific opportunities for assistance. Removing homes from the floodplain immediately removes the risk to life and property.										
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	Increased outreach to homeowners within a flood prone area will limit construction in areas that are prone to hazard events. Homes may be acquired, which will remove those structures from the floodplain and prevent future development on those sites.										
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	Removing structures from the floodplain decreases the demand on utilities and emergency services including health and medical, law enforcement, and search and rescue.										
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	This action will create a new Township capability, while enhancing its current NFIP capabilities.										
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	A warmer atmosphere means storms have the potential to be more intense and occur more often, including increased periods of intense rain events. Areas experiencing flooding conditions may increase. Removing structures from the floodplain will reduce the response and recovery costs as a result of these events and decrease the loss of human life as a result of these events. Elevating structures will reduce the recovery costs as a result of these events.										
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## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-07. NFIP Training

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Floodplain Administrator																
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Engineering, Building Department, Township Administration																
<b>Hazard(s) of Concern:</b>	<table><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Infestation</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Drought</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials</td><td></td></tr></table>			<input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane	<input type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak	<input type="checkbox"/> Infestation	<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter	<input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather	<input type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials	
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<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	The Township does not have any certified floodplain managers (CFM) on staff. The Township Engineer is new to the role of Floodplain Administrator. Becoming a CFM increases the depth of understanding when dealing with FEMA floodplains. The certifications ensures those that bare it understand the regulatory requirements and procedures needed to make floodplain management work effectively and efficiently at the community level.																
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	Provide training and/or certification for Township staff with NFIP regulations and floodplain management ordinances. Encourage staff to become Certified Floodplain Managers via the Association of State Floodplain Manager's CFM Certification Program.																
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Low																
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	Township Budget																
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	Within 5 years																
<b>Goals Met:</b>	1, 2, 3, 5																
<b>Benefits:</b>	This action will increase the NFIP capabilities of the Township and assure the Township's NFIP program has enough staff to accomplish its goals and reach NFIP compliance.																
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	Officials that are up to date on flood risk are more likely to encourage development outside areas of high flood risk, which is where socially vulnerable populations have historically resided. Safer dwellings may be developed in a less vulnerable location.																
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	Officials that understand best practices in floodplain management will have the opportunity to influence future development and prevent unsafe building in flood hazard areas.																
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	The opportunity will exist for leaders and operators of utilities and other essential services to attend training and provide direction on ways the prepare for, plan for, and prevent interruptions in service as a result of a flood.																
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	This action will enhance the Township's current NFIP capabilities.																
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	Climate change is likely to increase the intensity and frequency of many climate related disaster events. This action will educate staff on NFIP regulations to assist with the flood hazard.																
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<b>Alternatives:</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>															
	No Action	Current problem remains															
	Hire outside contractors for floodplain administration	Costly															
	Establish shared service agreements for floodplain administration from neighboring municipalities	Neighboring municipalities are unlikely to have the staff capacity to take on this role															



## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-08. Generators at Critical Facilities

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Engineering		
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Public Works, Fire Department, Township Administration		
<b>Hazard(s) of Concern:</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disease Outbreak  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drought  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthquake  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Hazards  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane  <input type="checkbox"/> Infestation  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nor'easter  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Weather  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildfire </div> </div>		
<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	Backup power sources are necessary to maintain critical services for critical facilities. The Township Municipal Building requires a backup power source. High winds associated with hurricanes, nor'easters, severe weather, and severe winter weather are known to cause power outages, which would impact the continuity of operations at both critical facilities.		
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	<p>The Township Engineer will research what size generator is needed to power the Township Municipal Building. The Township will then purchase and install the selected generator and necessary electrical components to supply backup power to the Township Hall.</p> <p>Public Works will be responsible for maintenance of generators.</p>		
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Medium		
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	HMGP, BRIC, USDA Community Facilities Grant Program, Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program, Annual Budget		
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	Within 5 years		
<b>Goals Met:</b>	1, 2, 5, 6, 7		
<b>Benefits:</b>	This action protects public health and safety and ensures continued operation of a critical facility and its essential functions during a power outage.		
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	Protection of critical facilities provides an opportunity for first responders, utility workers, and emergency managers to stage and deploy resources to vulnerable and hazard prone areas.		
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	This action results in protection of a critical facility that could support future development.		
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	This action protects public health and safety and ensures continued operation of a critical facility and its essential functions during a power outage.		
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	This action ensures continuity of operations to maintain capabilities.		
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	Climate change is likely to increase severe weather events such as flooding, wind, and extreme temperatures that result in power failures. This action accounts for a likely increase in power failure events.		
<b>Mitigation Category</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Plans and Regulations (LPR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure and Infrastructure Project (SIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Systems Protection (NSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Awareness Programs (EAP)		
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<b>Priority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
<b>Alternatives:</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>	
	No Action	Current problem remains	
	Microgrid	Costly and difficult to implement.	
	Solar panels and battery backup	Solar power is unlikely to be able to provide battery power for extended power failure events.	



## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-09. Low-Lying Roadway Flooding

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<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Township Administration																
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<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	The Township experiences isolated low-lying roadway flooding not directly associated with floodplain (mainly at Old Mine Road and National Park Service Route 615 near the Flat Brook Bridge). The roadways are under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Flooded roadways can impact evacuation routes, prevent emergency responders from reaching a location, and impede on necessary medical appointments or needs for vulnerable populations.																
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	The Township will work with the National Park Service to identify flooding of low-lying roadways. An engineering study will be conducted to determine cost-effective mitigation actions. The National Park Service will then implement the identified actions when funding is available. The Township will partner on grant applications where feasible.																
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Dependent on chosen measure																
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	HMGP, BRIC, Township Budget, National Park Service																
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	4 years																
<b>Goals Met:</b>	2																
<b>Benefits:</b>	This action would reduce the flooding impacts felt by the Township from the Delaware River and Flat Brook.																
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	This action will assist socially vulnerable populations whose properties are impacted by flooding from the Delaware River and Flat Brook. Furthermore, this action will assist in keeping roadways clear of flood waters for the populations which may need to attend medical appointments or require medical attention from first responders.																
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	Future development in the impacted area will be less likely to be flooded.																
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	This action would assist in the reduction of roadway flooding from the Delaware River and Flat Brook, permitting first responders to traverse the roadways safely.																
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	Not applicable																
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	A warmer atmosphere means storms have the potential to be more intense and occur more often, including increased periods of intense rain events.																
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## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-10. Relocate Power Lines

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<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Township Administration, National Park Service																
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<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	Downed trees often result in power loss in the Township during storm events. The Park Service is responsible for clearing of downed trees. JCP&L has been trying to relocate lines out to the main road. Old powerlines run through woods that are hard to access. Power loss during hazard events can be detrimental during periods of extreme heat or cold. The loss of power can also impede a constituent's ability to call for emergency assistance.																
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	The Township will support JCP&L efforts to relocate power lines out of wooded areas to areas along roadways. This will reduce likelihood of falling trees resulting in power loss and increased capability for tree trimming.																
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Low																
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	HMGP, BRIC, National Park Service, JCP&L																
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	4 years																
<b>Goals Met:</b>	1, 2, 5, 7																
<b>Benefits:</b>	This action will result in the reduction of risk surrounding power outages by minimizing potential impacts from trees on utility lines.																
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	Some socially vulnerable population rely on power utilities for everyday care. If power outages are caused by a lack of tree maintenance, lives could potentially be at risk.																
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	This action assists in the protection of future development from impacts caused by tree collapses or branch falls as a result of severe weather, severe winter weather, hurricanes, and nor'easters.																
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	Utility lines provide power to residencies, private businesses, government entities, and various providers. Not maintaining trees, tree limbs, or tree branches may impact the availability of power during severe weather and severe winter weather events.																
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	Not applicable																
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	Climate change may result in an increase in the frequency and severity of weather-related disaster events, which may contribute to trees or tree limbs/branches falling or impacting utility lines and property.																
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## Action 2025-WalpackTwp-11. Substantial Damage Management Plan

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<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	Emergency Management, Building Department																
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<b>Description of the Problem:</b>	<p>Officials in NFIP-participating communities are responsible for regulating all development in SFHAs by issuing permits and enforcing local floodplain requirements, including Substantial Damage, for the repairs of damaged buildings. After any disaster event, they must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Determine where the damage occurred within the community and if the damaged structures are in an SFHA.</li><li>• Determine what to use for "market value" and cost to repair; uniformly applying regulations will protect against liability and promote equitable administration.</li><li>• Determine if repairing plus improving the damaged structure equals or exceeds 50% of the structure's pre-damage value.</li><li>• Require permits for floodplain development.</li></ul> <p>The municipality does not have a Substantial Damage Management Plan in place, nor do they have a formal process in place when conducting substantial damage determinations. The municipality is in need of a formal process and plan to provide a framework for conducting such inspections and determinations.</p>																
<b>Description of the Solution:</b>	<p>The municipality will develop a Substantial Damage Management Plan, following the six step planning process in 2021 Developing a Substantial Damage Management Plan (<a href="https://crsresources.org/files/500/developing_subst_damage_mgmt_plan.pdf">https://crsresources.org/files/500/developing_subst_damage_mgmt_plan.pdf</a>). This plan will outline responsibilities for Substantial Damage determinations, determining market value, and permit approval processes following a disaster event.</p>																
<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	Low																
<b>Potential Funding Sources:</b>	Municipal budget																
<b>Implementation Timeline:</b>	Within 5 years to develop the plan; ongoing to maintain and update the plan																
<b>Goals Met:</b>	2, 5																
<b>Benefits:</b>	This plan will provide a process in making Substantial Damage Determinations and allow the municipality to make these determinations and meet NFIP requirements more quickly.																
<b>Impact on Socially Vulnerable Populations:</b>	Substantially damaged structures are required to be rebuilt to be compliance with current codes. Socially vulnerable populations may not have the financial means to make these improvements. This action may allow for the identification of potential resources to address substantial damages to structures owned by socially vulnerable populations.																
<b>Impact on Future Development:</b>	A Substantial Damage Management Plan would include all existing, current, and future development in the municipality.																
<b>Impact on Critical Facilities/Lifelines:</b>	A Substantial Damage Management Plan would include all critical facilities and lifelines in the municipality.																
<b>Impact on Capabilities:</b>	This action improves disaster recovery capabilities.																
<b>Climate Change Considerations:</b>	Climate change is likely to increase the intensity and frequency of many climate related disaster events. This action provides additional planning for disaster recovery.																
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	No Action	Current problem remains
	Rely on state or federal resources following disaster events	Resources may not be available during major widespread events
	Establish MOUs with outside agencies to conduct Substantial Damage Determinations	A plan outlining responsibilities is still necessary to prevent missing important requirements

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