

9.36 TOWN OF VAN BUREN

This section presents the jurisdictional annex for the Town of Van Buren.

A.) HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN POINT OF CONTACT

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B.) TOWN PROFILE

Population

12,426 (estimated 2007 U.S. Census)

Location

The Town of Van Buren is located in northwestern Onondaga County, situated northwest of the City of Syracuse. It is bordered by the Town of Lysander to the north and west, Towns of Camillus and Elbridge to the south, and the Town of Geddes to the east. A portion of the Village of Baldwinsville is located in the north-central portion of the Town of Van Buren. The west town line is located along Cayuga County. The Seneca River flows to the east and forms the western, northern and northeastern corporate limits of the Town of Van Buren. Dead Creek flows north through the central portion of the town. Crooked Brook originates in the town and flows north and east through the Village of Baldwinsville.

The New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) crosses the south part of the town. Interstate 690 is a major highway intersecting the Thruway in the eastern part of Van Buren. New York State Route 31 is a north-south highway in the middle of Van Buren, and New York State Route 173 is an east-west highway in the south part of the town. New York State Route 48 follows the course of the Seneca River in the eastern part of Van Buren.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 36.1 square miles (93.6 km²), with 35.6 square miles (92.1 km²) of it land and 0.6 square miles (1.4 km²) of it (1.52-percent) water.

Climate

Onondaga County generally experiences seasonable weather patterns characteristic of the northeastern U.S. Cyclonic systems and cold air masses affect the County's weather, making winters cold with snow. During the summer and parts of spring and autumn, temperatures rise during the daytime and fall rapidly after sunset. Summer temperatures typically range from about 76°F to 81°F (Fahrenheit). Winter high temperatures are usually in the middle to upper 30°F, with minimum temperatures of 14°F expected. Overall, the average high temperature for the County is approximately 57°F and the average low temperature is approximately 37°F. Snow accumulates to an average depth of 121 inches each year.

Brief History

The Town of Van Buren was part of the Central New York Military Tract of 1789 used to pay off soldiers. Most of the soldiers chose to sell their allotments for cash so that the town was briefly in the hands of land speculators until the actual residents purchased lots. Settlement began around 1791.

Originally part of Camillus, the Town of Van Buren became a separate entity in March 1829. It was named in honor of President Martin Van Buren who was a former governor of New York State.

Governing Body Format

The Town of VanBuren is governed by a supervisor and six councilors.

Growth/Development Trends

According to the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency, as of 2009, the Town of Van Buren will be either in the process of completing or will be in the process of planning to build one residential subdivision, Sun Meadows with 8 lots. The location is provided in the hazard area map at the end of this annex.

C.) NATURAL HAZARD EVENT HISTORY SPECIFIC TO THE TOWN

Type of Event	FEMA Disaster # (if applicable)	Date	Preliminary Damage Assessment
Snowstorm / Extreme Cold	Not applicable	February, 1961	\$80,000 (countywide)
Flood	Not applicable	July, 1970	\$250,000 (countywide)
Snowstorm	Not applicable	March, 1971	\$806,000 (countywide)
Snowstorm / Extreme cold	Not applicable	February, 1972	\$803,000 (countywide)
Flood (Tropical Storm Agnes)	DR-338	June, 1972	\$1,600,000 (countywide)
Flood	Not applicable	March, 1973	\$200,000 (countywide)
Snowstorm	Not applicable	December, 1973	\$83,000 (countywide)
Severe Storms and Flooding	DR-447	July, 1974	\$7,200,000 (countywide)
Severe Storms, Heavy Rain, Landslides, Flooding	DR-487	September, 1975	\$6,300,000 (countywide)
Flood	Not applicable	April, 1976	\$313,000 (countywide)
Blizzard	Not applicable	January, 1977	\$2,100,000 (countywide)
Flood	Not applicable	October, 1981	\$833,000 (countywide)
Tornado (F3)	Not applicable	May, 1983	\$2,500,000 (countywide)
Snowstorm	Not applicable	February, 1984	\$156,000 (countywide)
Tornado (F1)	Not applicable	July, 1986	\$250,000 (countywide)
Blizzard and Extreme Cold	EM-3107	March, 1993	\$455,000 (countywide)
Snowstorm	Not applicable	April, 1993	\$100,000 (countywide); homes flooded along Seneca River
Thunderstorm / Winds	Not applicable	August, 1993	\$600,000 (countywide)

Type of Event	FEMA Disaster # (if applicable)	Date	Preliminary Damage Assessment
Severe Storm and Flooding	DR-1095	January, 1996	\$7,600,000 (countywide)
Flood	Not applicable	November, 1996	\$100,000 (countywide)
Thunderstorm / Winds / Tornado	Not applicable	May, 1998	\$200,000 (countywide)
Thunderstorm / Winds	Not applicable	August, 1998	\$200,000 (countywide); Barn roof blown off and surrounding buildings damaged
Severe Storm	DR-1244	September, 1998	\$90,000,000, 3 fatalities, 7 injuries (countywide)
Thunderstorm / Winds	Not applicable	July, 1999	\$750,000 (countywide)
Severe Storms	DR-1335	May/September, 2000	Not available
Snowstorms	Not applicable	December, 2002 / January, 2003	\$353,000 (countywide)
Flood	Not applicable	June, 2002	\$2,000,000 (countywide)
Snowstorm (President's Day Storm)	Not applicable	February, 2003	\$153,000 (countywide)
Ice Storm	DR-1467	April, 2003	\$2,900,000 (countywide)
Severe Storms and Flooding	DR-1564	August / September 2004	\$2,000,000 (countywide)
Severe Storm and Flooding	Not applicable	April, 2005	\$100,000 (countywide)
Flood	Not applicable	July, 2005	\$500,000 (countywide)
Severe Storms and Flooding	Not applicable	June/July, 2006	\$29,000 (countywide); road closures
Lake Effect Snowstorm / Extreme Cold	Not applicable	February, 2007	\$3,000,000 (countywide)

Number of FEMA Identified Repetitive Flood Loss Properties: 0

Number of FEMA Identified Severe Repetitive Flood Loss Properties: 0

Source: FEMA Region II, 2009

Note: Repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss data as of February 2009.

D.) NATURAL HAZARD RISK/VULNERABILITY RISK RANKING

Rank #	Hazard type	Estimate of Potential Dollar Losses to Structures Vulnerable to the Hazard ^{a,c}	Probability of Occurrence	Risk Ranking Score (Probability x Impact)	Hazard Ranking ^b
3	Earthquake	\$8,493,128 ^{c,e,h}	Rare	16	Low
2	Flood	\$58,366,000 ^{c,e}	Frequent	18	Low
4	Ground Failure	Not available ^f	Rare	6	Low
1	Severe Storm	\$0 ^{c,d,g}	Frequent	48	High
1	Severe Winter Storm	\$39,747,950 ^{c,d}	Frequent	48	High

- a. Building damage ratio estimates based on FEMA 386-2 (August 2001)
- b. High = Total hazard priority risk ranking score of 40 and above
Medium = Total hazard priority risk ranking of 20 - 39
Low = Total hazard risk ranking below 20
- c. The valuation of general building stock and loss estimates determined in Onondaga County were based on the default general building stock database provided in HAZUS-MH MR3 (RSMMeans 2006).
- d. Severe storm and severe winter storm hazard 500-year MRP loss estimate is structural value only; does not include the value of contents. For severe winter storm, the loss estimate is 5% of total general building stock value.
- e. Loss estimates for both structure and contents (500-year MRP for the flood hazard and 2,500-year MRP for the earthquake hazard).
- f. Approximately 10% of the Town's general building stock is located within the landslide hazard area.
- g. Potential losses for severe storm are underestimated by HAZUS.
- h. Earthquake estimated losses are calculated and reported by Census Tract; therefore, estimate is for the Town of Van Buren and southern portion of the Village of Baldwinsville.

E.) CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT

This section identifies the following capabilities of the local jurisdiction:

- Legal and regulatory capability
- Administrative and technical capability
- Fiscal capability
- Community classification.

E.1) Legal and Regulatory Capability

Regulatory Tools (Codes, Ordinances., Plans)	Local Authority (Y or N)	Prohibitions (State or Federal) (Y or N)	Higher Jurisdictional Authority (Y or N)	State Mandated (Y or N)	Code Citation (Section, Paragraph, Page Number, date of adoption)
1) Building Code	Y	N	Y	Y	NYS Building Code; Chapter 115, Local Law #6 (1/18/06)
2) Zoning Ordinance	Y	N	N	N	Chapter 200
3) Subdivision Ordinance	Y	N	N	N	Chapter 175, Local Law #1 (1993)
4) NFIP Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance	Y	Y	Y	Y	Chapter 117, Local Law #3 (1997)
5) Growth Management	N	N	N	N	N/A
6) Floodplain Management / Basin Plan	Y	Y	Y	N	Chapter 117, Local Law #3 (1997)
7) Stormwater Management Plan/Ordinance	Y	N	N	Y	Chapter 200, Local Law #9 (2006)
8) Comprehensive Plan / Master Plan/ General Plan	Y	N	N	N	Comprehensive Plan (May 2002)
9) Capital Improvements Plan	N	N	N	N	N/A
10) Site Plan Review Requirements	Y	Y	Y	N	Chapter 200-79, Local Law #1 (1993)
11) Open Space Plan	N	N	N	N	N/A
12) Economic Development Plan	N	N	N	N	N/A
13) Emergency Response Plan	N	N	N	Y	Chapter 27 (2/94)
14) Post Disaster Recovery Plan	N	N	N	N	N/A
15) Post Disaster Recovery Ordinance	N	N	N	N	N/A
16) Real Estate Disclosure req.	N	N	Y	N	N/A
17) Other [Special Purpose Ordinances (i.e., critical or sensitive areas)]	N	N	N	N	N/A

E.2) Administrative and Technical Capability

Staff/ Personnel Resources	Available (Y or N)	Department/ Agency/Position
1) Planner(s) or Engineer(s) with knowledge of land development and land management practices	Y	Town Engineer, Code Enforcement; Planners under contract
2) Engineer(s) or Professional(s) trained in construction practices related to buildings and/or infrastructure	Y	Town Engineer, Code Enforcement
3) Planners or engineers with an understanding of natural hazards	Y	Town Engineer, Code Enforcement; Planners under contract
4) NFIP Floodplain Administrator	Y	David J. Pringle, Code Enforcement Officer
5) Surveyor(s)	N	
6) Personnel skilled or trained in "GIS" applications	N	
7) Scientist familiar with natural hazards in the Town of Van Buren.	N	
8) Emergency Manager	Y	Town Supervisor
9) Grant Writer(s)	N	
10) Staff with expertise or training in benefit/cost analysis	N	

E.3) Fiscal Capability

Financial Resources	Accessible or Eligible to use (Yes/No/Don't know)
1) Community development Block Grants (CDBG)	TBD
2) Capital Improvements Project Funding	No
3) Authority to Levy Taxes for specific purposes	Yes
4) User fees for water, sewer, gas or electric service	TBD
5) Impact Fees for homebuyers or developers of new development/homes	TBD
6) Incur debt through general obligation bonds	TBD
7) Incur debt through special tax bonds	TBD
8) Incur debt through private activity bonds	No
9) Withhold public expenditures in hazard-prone areas	No
10) State mitigation grant programs (e.g. NYSDEC, NYCDEP)	TBD
11) Other	No

E.4) Community Classifications

Program	Classification	Date Classified
Community Rating System (CRS)	NP	N/A
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS)	Class 5/5	9/07
Public Protection	---	---
Storm Ready	NP	N/A
Firewise	NP	N/A

N/A = Not applicable. NP = Not participating. - = Unavailable.

The classifications listed above relate to the community's effectiveness in providing services that may impact its vulnerability to the natural hazards identified. These classifications can be viewed as a gauge of the community's capabilities in all phases of emergency management (preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation) and are used as an underwriting parameter for determining the costs of various forms of insurance. The CRS class applies to flood insurance while the BCEGS and Public Protection classifications apply to standard property insurance. CRS classifications range on a scale of 1 to 10 with class one (1) being the best possible classification, and class 10 representing no classification benefit. Firewise classifications include a higher classification when the subject property is located beyond 1000 feet of a creditable fire hydrant and is within 5 road miles of a recognized Fire Station.

Criteria for classification credits are outlined in the following documents:

- The Community Rating System Coordinators Manual
- The Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule
- The ISO Mitigation online ISO's Public Protection website at <http://www.isomitigation.com/ppc/0000/ppc0001.html>
- The National Weather Service Storm Ready website at <http://www.weather.gov/stormready/howto.htm>
- The National Firewise Communities website at <http://firewise.org/>

F.) PROPOSED HAZARD MITIGATION INITIATIVES

Initiative #	Mitigation Initiative	Applies to New and/or Existing Structures*	Hazard(s) Mitigated	Goals / Objectives Met	Lead Agency	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Time-line
TVB-1a	Where appropriate, support retrofitting of structures located in hazard-prone areas to protect structures from future damage, with repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties as priority. Identify facilities that are viable candidates for retrofitting based on cost-effectiveness versus relocation. Where retrofitting is determined to be a viable option, consider implementation of that action based on available funding.	Existing	Flood, Severe Storm	1-1, 1-2, 1-6; 2-5, 2-6; 3-2, 3-5, 6-1	Municipality (likely through NFIP Floodplain Administrator)	High	FEMA Mitigation Grant Programs and local match	Long-term
TVB-1b	Where appropriate, support purchase, or relocation of structures located in hazard-prone areas to protect structures from future damage, with repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties as priority. Identify facilities that are viable candidates for relocation based on cost-effectiveness versus retrofitting. Where relocation is determined to be a viable option, consider implementation of that action based on available funding.	Existing	Flood, Severe Storm	1-1, 1-2, 1-6; 2-5, 2-6; 3-2, 3-5; 6-1	Municipality (likely through NFIP Floodplain Administrator)	High	FEMA Mitigation Grant Programs and local match	Long-term
TVB-2	<p>Conduct and facilitate community and public education and outreach for residents and businesses to include, but not be limited to, the following to promote and effect natural hazard risk reduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide and maintain links to the Onondaga County HMP website, and regularly post notices on the municipal homepage referencing the Onondaga County HMP webpages. Prepare and distribute informational letters to flood vulnerable property owners and neighborhood associations, explaining the availability of mitigation grant funding to mitigate their properties, and instructing them on how they can learn more and implement mitigation. Use the village email notification systems and newsletters to better educate the public on flood insurance, the availability of mitigation grant 							

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	<p>funding, and personal natural hazard risk reduction measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with neighborhood associations, civic and business groups to disseminate information on flood insurance and the availability of mitigation grant funding. <p>Municipal outreach activities to be supported by the County, as identified at County initiative OC-0.</p>							
	See above.	N/A	All Hazards	All Goals	Municipal officials and floodplain administrators supported by the County (through SOCPA and EM)	Low	County and Municipal Budgets; grant eligible for a defined outreach program	Short
TVB-3	Continue to support the implementation, monitoring, maintenance, and updating of this Plan, as defined in Section 7.0	New & Existing	All Hazards	All Goals and Objectives	Municipality (through mitigation planning point of contacts)	Low	Local Budget, possibly FEMA Mitigation Grant Funding for 5-year update	Ongoing
TVB-4	Maintain compliance with and good-standing in the NFIP including adoption and enforcement of floodplain management requirements (e.g. regulating all new and substantially improved construction in Special Hazard Flood Areas), floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach to the community. Further meet and/or exceed the minimum NFIP standards and criteria through the following NFIP-related continued compliance actions identified as Initiatives TVB-1a, 1b, 2, and 8 through 12.	New & Existing	Flood	2-4; 3-5, 3-6	Municipality (likely through NFIP Floodplain Administrator)	Low	Local Budget	Ongoing

Initiative #	Mitigation Initiative	Applies to New and/or Existing Structures*	Hazard(s) Mitigated	Goals / Objectives Met	Lead Agency	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Time-line
TVB-5	Continue to develop, enhance, and implement existing emergency plans.	New & Existing	All Hazards	1-4; 5-5; Goal 6 – All Objectives	Municipal Emergency Manager with support from County OEM and SEMO	Low - Medium	Local Budget	Ongoing
TVB-6	Create/enhance/ maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities.	New & Existing	All Hazards	3-3; 5-2, 5-3, 5-5, 5-6; 6-5, 6-6	Local Emergency Management, DPW and Roads	Low - Medium	Local Budget	Ongoing
TVB-7	Support County-wide initiatives identified in Section 9.1 of the County Annex.	New & Existing	All Hazards	All Goals and Objectives	Local departments (as applicable for specific initiative)	Low - Medium	Local Budget	Ongoing
TVB-8	Support/Participate in the Stream Team program offered by the Onondaga County SWCD, to assist in the removal of debris, log jams, etc. in flood vulnerable stream sections.	N/A	Flood, Severe Storms	1-3, 1-7; 2-3; 4-1,4-4; 5-1, 5-2, 5-3	County, OCSWCD (Mark Burger)	Medium	Local Budget	Short-term
TVB-9	Work with flood vulnerable property owners along the Seneca River to mitigate their properties (over 134 properties). This effort shall include efforts to raise occupied principle structures above the BFE; and to remove, relocate or flood-proof accessory structures.	Existing	Flood, Severe Storms	1-1, 1-2, 1-6; 2-5, 2-6; 3-2, 3-5; 6-1	Municipality (likely through NFIP Floodplain Administrator)	High	FEMA Mitigation Grant Programs and local match	Long-term
TVB-10	Upper Seneca Knolls Development, between Baker Blvd., Jones Rd., Leopold Blvd. and O'Brien Road: Reroute an existing drainage way in to a detention pond. The detention pond would delay the peak flow from this drainage system to allow other systems to clear downstream, thus reducing the risk of flooding at road	Existing	Flood, Severe Storms	1-1, 1-2, 1-3; 3-2, 3-7; 4-1, 4-3	Municipality (Engineering with support from Highway Dep't.)	Low	Municipal budget	Short

Initiative #	Mitigation Initiative	Applies to New and/or Existing Structures*	Hazard(s) Mitigated	Goals / Objectives Met	Lead Agency	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Time-line
	crossings and downstream neighborhoods.							
TVB-11	Determine if a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC) is needed, and schedule if needed.	NA	Flood, Severe Storms	All Goals	NFIP Floodplain Administrator, with support from NYSDEC, SOEM, FEMA	Low	Municipal Budget	Short (year 1)
TVB-12	Within the first year of plan implementation, identify order of magnitude costs for structural and infrastructure mitigation projects identified in this municipal annex, and identify the mitigation benefits associated with each of these initiatives. An updated project prioritization for projects shall be provided as part of the 1st year annual review and update.							
	See description above	N/A	All Hazards	All Goals	Local project leads	M	Existing Budgets	Short (year 1)
TVB-13	Participate in regional, county and/or state level projects and programs to develop improved structure and facility inventories and hazard datasets to support enhanced risk assessment efforts. Such programs may include developing a detailed inventory of critical facilities based upon FEMA's Comprehensive Data Management System (CDMS) which could be used for various planning and emergency management purposes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the performance of enhanced risk and vulnerability assessments for hazards including flooding, earthquake, wind, and land failure. Support state, county and local planning efforts including mitigation (including updates to the State HMP), comprehensive emergency management, debris management, and land use. Improved structural and facility inventories could incorporate flood, wind and seismic-specific parameters (e.g. first floor elevations, roof types, structure types) based on FEMA-154 "Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards" methodologies, or "Rapid Observation of Vulnerability and Estimation of Risk - ROVER. It is recognized that these programs will likely need to be initiated and supported at the Regional and/or State level, and will likely require training, tools and funding provided at the regional, state and/or federal level.							
	See above.	Existing	All Hazards	1-2, 1-4, 1-6; 2-3; 3-2; 5-2, 5-3; 6-2, 6-3, 6-5	Local building code official and/or engineer working with OC EM	M-H	Regional funding; Mitigation grant programs (PDM or HMGP) with local match	Long

Notes: DOF = Depending on Funding. FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency. Long = 5 years or greater. N/A = Not applicable. Short = 1 to 5 years. TBD = To be determined

*Does this mitigation initiative reduce the effects of hazards on new and/or existing buildings and/or infrastructure?



G.) ANALYSIS OF MITIGATION ACTIONS

This table summarizes the participant's mitigation actions by hazard of concern and the six mitigation types to illustrate that the Town has selected a comprehensive range of actions/projects.

Hazard of Concern	Mitigation Type					
	1. Prevention	2. Property Protection	3. Public Education and Awareness	4. Natural Resource Protection	5. Emergency Services	6. Structural Projects
Earthquake	TVB-3, TVB-7	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12	TVB-2, TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12	TVB-3, TVB-5, TVB-6, TVB-7, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12
Flooding (riverine, flash, coastal and urban flooding)	TVB-3, TVB-4, TVB-7, TVB-8, TVB-11	TVB-1a and b, TVB-3, TVB-4, TVB-7, TVB-9, TVB-10, TVB-12	TVB-1a and b, TVB-2, TVB-3, TVB-4, TVB-7, TVB-9, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-8, TVB-10, TVB-12	TVB-3, TVB-5, TVB-6, TVB-7, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-10, TVB-12
Ground Failure	TVB-3, TVB-7	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12	TVB-2, TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12	TVB-3, TVB-5, TVB-6, TVB-7, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12
Severe Storms (windstorms, thunderstorms, hail, lightning and tornados)	TVB-3, TVB-4, TVB-7, TVB-8, TVB-11	TVB-1a and b, TVB-3, TVB-4, TVB-7, TVB-9, TVB-10, TVB-12	TVB-1a and b, TVB-2, TVB-3, TVB-4, TVB-7, TVB-9, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-8, TVB-10, TVB-12	TVB-3, TVB-5, TVB-6, TVB-7, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-10, TVB-12
Severe Winter Storm (heavy snow, blizzards, ice storms)	TVB-3, TVB-7	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12	TVB-2, TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12	TVB-3, TVB-5, TVB-6, TVB-7, TVB-13	TVB-3, TVB-7, TVB-12

Notes:

- 1. Prevention:** Government, administrative or regulatory actions or processes that influence the way land and buildings are developed and built. These actions also include public activities to reduce hazard losses. Examples include planning and zoning, floodplain local laws, capital improvement programs, open space preservation, and storm water management regulations.
- 2. Property Protection:** 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.
- 3. Public Education and Awareness:** 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 school-age and adult education programs.
- 4. Natural Resource Protection:** Actions that minimize hazard loss and also 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.
- 5. Emergency Services:** 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.

- 6. Structural Projects:** 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.

H.) PRIORITIZATION OF MITIGATION INITIATIVES

Initiative #	# of Objectives met	Benefits	Costs	Do Benefits equal or exceed Costs? (Yes or No)	Is project Grant eligible? (Yes or No)	Can Project be funded under existing programs/budgets? (Yes or No)	Priority (High, Med., Low)
TVB-1a	8	H	H	Y	Y	N	M-H*
TVB-1b	8	H	H	Y	Y	N	M-H*
TVB-2	38	M	L	Y	Y (for defined outreach project)	Y	H
TVB-3	38	M	M	Y	N (Yes for 5 year update)	Y	H
TVB-4	3	H	L	Y	N	Y	H
TVB-5	8	M	L	Y	N	Y	H
TVB-6	7	M	L	Y	N	Y	H
TVB-7	38	M-H	L-M	Y	Dependant on specific initiative	Dependant on specific initiative	M-H (dependant)
TVB-8	8	H	L - H	Y	Y	Dependant on specific initiative	M
TVB-9	8	H	H	Y	Y	N	M-H*
TVB-10	7	M	L	Y	Y	Y	H
TVB-11	38	L	L	Y	N	Y	M
TVB-12	38	M	L-M	Y	N	Y	H
TVB-13	8	M-H	M-H	Y	Y	N	M

Notes: H = High. L = Low. M = Medium. N = No. N/A = Not applicable. Y = Yes.

* This initiative has a "Medium" priority based on the prioritization scheme used in this planning process (implementation dependent on grant funding), however it is recognized that addressing repetitive and severe repetitive loss properties is considered a high priority by FEMA and SEMO (as expressed in the State HMP), and thus shall be considered a "High" priority for all participants in this planning process.

Explanation of Priorities

- **High Priority** - A project that meets multiple objectives (i.e., multiple hazards), benefits exceeds cost, has funding secured or is an on-going project and project meets eligibility requirements for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) or Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Grant Program (PDM) programs. High priority projects can be completed in the short term (1 to 5 years).

- **Medium Priority** - A project that meets goals and objectives, benefits exceeds costs, funding has not been secured but project is grant eligible under, HMGP, PDM or other grant programs. Project can be completed in the short term, once funding is completed. Medium priority projects will become high priority projects once funding is secured.
- **Low Priority** - Any project that will mitigate the risk of a hazard, benefits do not exceed the costs or are difficult to quantify, funding has not been secured and project is not eligible for HMGP or PDM grant funding, and time line for completion is considered long term (1 to 10 years). Low priority projects may be eligible other sources of grant funding from other programs. A low priority project could become a high priority project once funding is secured as long as it could be completed in the short term.

Prioritization of initiatives was based on above definitions: Yes

Prioritization of initiatives was based on parameters other than stated above: Not applicable.

I.) FUTURE NEEDS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND RISK/VULNERABILITY

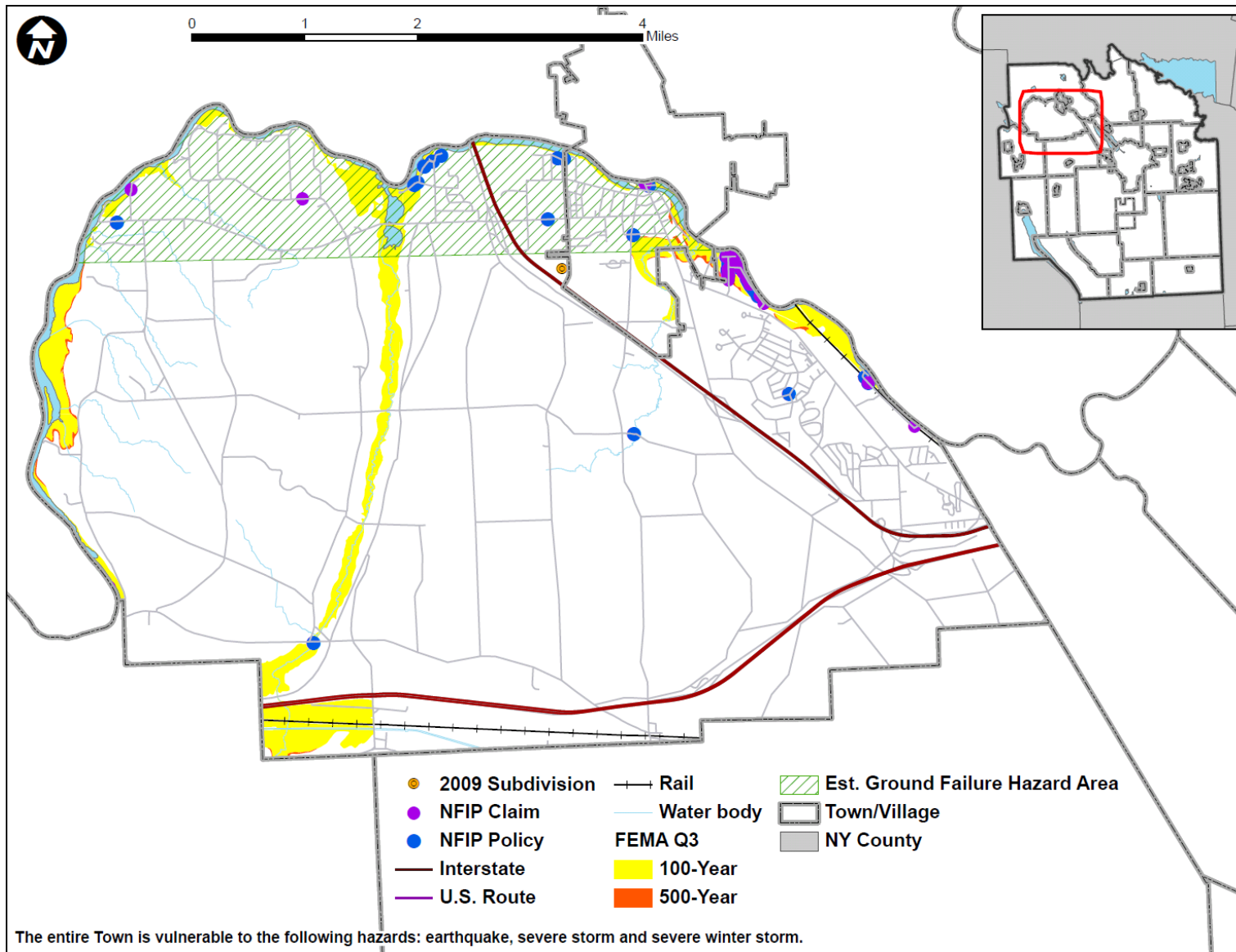
None at this time.

J.) HAZARD AREA EXTENT AND LOCATION

A hazard area extent and location map has been generated and is provided below for the Town of Van Buren to illustrate the probable areas impacted within the Town. This map is based on the best available data at the time of the preparation of this Plan, and is considered to be adequate for planning purposes. Maps have only been generated for those hazards that can be clearly identified using mapping techniques and technologies, and for which the Town of Van Buren has significant exposure. The County maps are provided in the hazard profiles within Section 5.4, Volume I of this Plan.

K.) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

No additional comments at this time.



Sources: FEMA Q3; FEMA Region II, 2008; HAZUS-MH MR3; NYSDPC, 2008

Notes: Est. = Estimated; NFIP = National Flood Insurance Program

The entire municipality is vulnerable to the following hazards: earthquake, severe storm, and severe winter storm.