



MANCHESTER-NEXT PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

AUGUST 14, 2025

Town of Manchester Flood Resiliency Plan

Community Meeting #1



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AGENDA

- Meet the Team
- Community Meeting Goals
- Flood Resiliency Plan
- Timeline
- Community Engagement
- Community Input Opportunities



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MEET THE TEAM



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COMMUNITY MEETING GOALS

- Introduce the development of the Flood Resiliency Plan and explain its purpose, scope, and importance to the Town and local community.
- Outline the plan's timeline and what's next.
- Engage in discussion and receive input about flooding concerns from residents and stakeholders.
- Gather community and stakeholder input to inform the Plan.



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WHAT IS A FLOOD RESILIENCY PLAN?

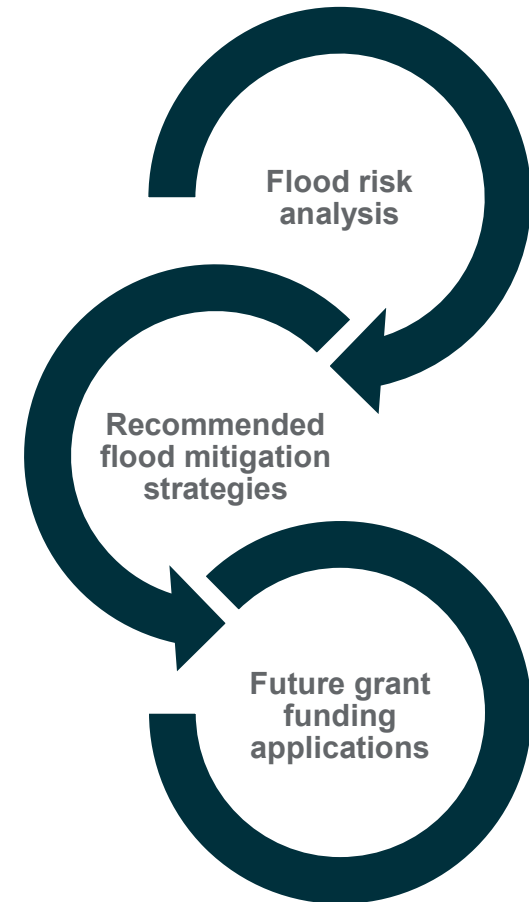
The **Flood Resiliency Plan** is a comprehensive, **data and community-driven initiative** that will guide the Town in development of effective strategies to **reduce flood risk** across Manchester and **protect** properties, infrastructure, and vital community assets.



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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FLOOD RESILIENCY PLAN?

- The Flood Resiliency Plan will serve as a **planning framework** to assist the Town in adapting to future extreme weather events.
- It will include a **flood risk analysis** across Manchester and identify the Town's most flood-prone locations.
- It will include **recommended flood mitigation strategies** developed for the Town's most vulnerable locations, informed by community input and technical analysis.
- Recommended project profiles will support **future grant funding applications**, helping the Town secure resources needed to implement flood resiliency efforts.



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WHY IS A FLOOD RESILIENCY PLAN NEEDED NOW?

- The Town of Manchester, like many urban areas, is experiencing **increasing challenges** from localized flooding as existing **drainage systems are overwhelmed** by the volume of water entering the system during storm events.
- These challenges are exacerbated by **aging infrastructure, increased development and the escalating impacts of climate change**, which include more frequent and intense storm events.



*Tropical Storm Henri causes flooding on East Center Street.
Source: NBC Connecticut*



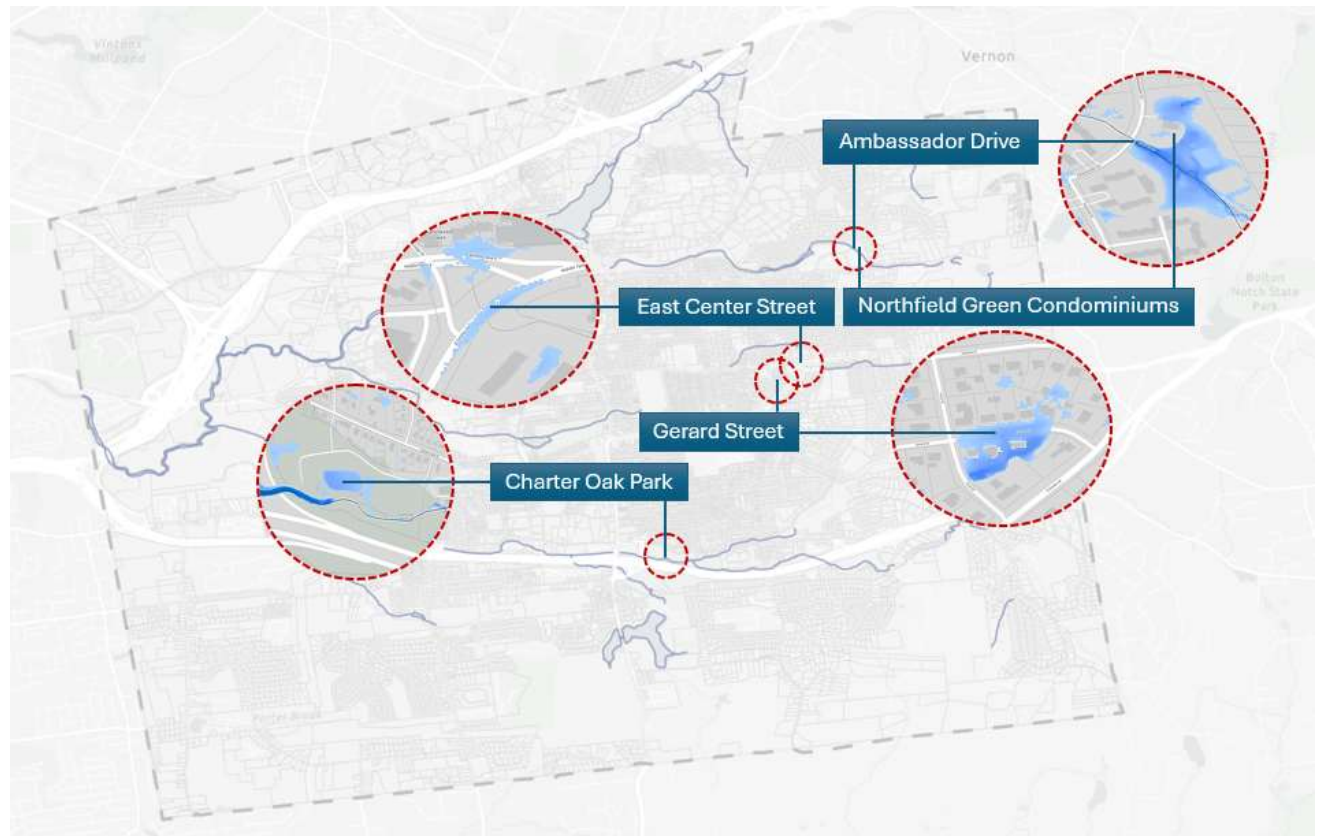
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KNOWN HISTORICAL FLOODING LOCATIONS

- Initial research and coordination with the Town officials identified several locations that were significantly impacted by recent flood events.
- Additional information about locations with a history of flooding is needed!



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OPEN DISCUSSION

We want to hear from you!

- Have you experienced flooding near/at your home, school, or workplace?
- Did this flooding create dangerous conditions, delay or halt your activities, or was it merely a nuisance?
- Is this a recurring problem?
- Do you have any records of historical flooding issues that you would like to share?



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*Street flooding in Manchester during a storm on July 1, 2025
Source: www.ctinsider.com*



A collapsed portion of Ambassador Drive following Tropical Storm Henri. Source: Patch.com

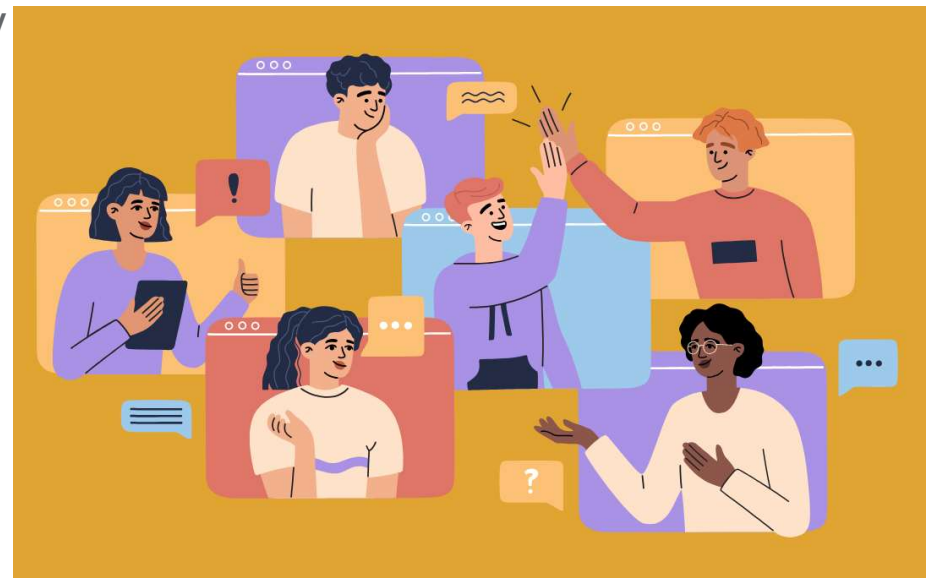
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Community Engagement** is vital in initiatives such as creating a Flood Resiliency Plan, as it ensures that the **voices and concerns of community** are heard and addressed.
- Engaging the community fosters **ownership and collaboration**, which are crucial for the plan's successful implementation.
- Invaluable **local knowledge and experiences** contribute to the development of more **effective and suitable solutions**.



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COMMUNITY INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

Community input is a key component of the Flood Resiliency Plan development

Opportunities for residents and stakeholders to provide input:

- **Three community meetings** in total. Dates for the future two community meetings to be determined.
- manchesterfloodplan@gmail.com can be used to provide input and feedback, ask questions, stay up to date on upcoming community meetings



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Flood Resiliency Plan

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday,
August 14
6:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87475312674>
Meeting ID: 874 7531 2674

The **Town of Manchester** invites you to a **community meeting** to discuss **flood concerns** and **potential solutions**. This plan focuses on reducing flood risk throughout Manchester.

Your input will help:

- **Identify areas** of historical flooding and important community assets
- **Determine risks** and **solutions**, to inform the final Plan

REGISTER TO ATTEND



<https://bit.ly/ManchesterMeeting>

Questions, comments, or interpretation requests? Email manchesterfloodplan@gmail.com
¿Tiene preguntas, comentarios o solicitudes de interpretación? Envíe un correo electrónico.

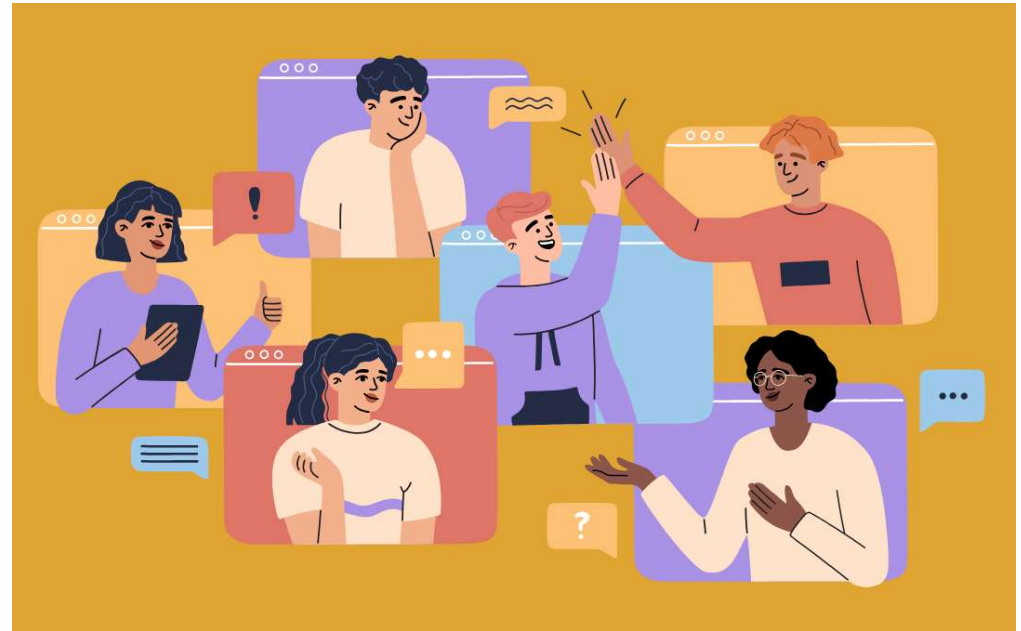
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We want to hear from you!

- Are there groups or stakeholders you think we should be reaching out to for their input, or include in our community outreach and notifications?
- Is there anything we didn't discuss that you'd like to add?



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NEXT STEPS

We want to hear from you!

We are interested in learning more about:

- Additional locations that experience flooding and the extent of the impacts
- Affected properties and infrastructure
- Pictures/videos of flooding



*Charter Oak Park flooding during Tropical Storm Henri.
Source: Patch.com*



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THANK YOU!

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