

# *Township of Little Falls*

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## **2020 PASSAIC COUNTY HMP Township of Little Falls, New Jersey**

### **CRS Activity 510 PROGRESS REPORT, October 15, 2023-October 15, 2024**

#### **CRS Reporting Period**

The reporting period for this progress report supports the CRS Annual Recertification period of *October 15, 2023* through *October 15, 2024*.

The 2024 CRS Activity 510 progress report will be provided to the governing body as an informational email. The CRS progress report will be posted on the Township's Flood Information webpage at:

<https://www.lfnj.com/flood-management>

#### **Community Information**

Township of Little Falls, New Jersey  
NFIP number: 340401

#### **CRS Coordinator:**

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#### **Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2020 Update**

The adopted *Passaic County and All Municipalities Hazard Mitigation Plan* is available online at:

<https://www.passaiccountynj.org/home/showpublisheddocument/2250/637672038994270000>

#### **Background**

The Township of Little Falls and participating local cities and districts developed a hazard mitigation plan to reduce risk from all hazards by identifying resources, information, and strategies for risk reduction. The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal disaster grant assistance. To prepare the plan, the participating planning partners organized resources, assessed risks from natural hazards, developed planning goals and objectives, reviewed mitigation alternatives, and developed an action plan to address probable impacts from natural hazards. By completing this process, these jurisdictions maintained compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act, achieving eligibility for mitigation grant funding opportunities afforded under the Robert T. Stafford Act.

## Planning Committee

For the reporting period, the committee membership is listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1 COMMITTEE		
Name	Title	Jurisdiction/Agency
James DiMaria	Construction Official	Little Falls, Township of
John Moncato	OEM Coordinator	Little Falls, Township of

## Summary Overview of the Plan's Progress

The performance period for the 2020 Passaic County HMP became effective on 01-01-2021, with the final approval of the plan by FEMA. The initial performance period for this plan will be 5 years, with an anticipated update to the plan to occur before 01-01-2025. As of this reporting period, the performance period for this plan is considered to be 21% complete. The 2020 Passaic County HMP has targeted 14 hazard mitigation actions to be pursued during the 5-year performance period. As of the reporting period, the following overall progress can be reported:

- 3 out of 14 initiatives (21%) reported progress toward completion.
- 5 out of 14 initiatives (36%) reported no action taken.
- 3 out of 14 initiatives (21%) were completed.
- 2 out of 14 initiatives (14%) indicated work is conducted as an ongoing capability.
- 1 initiatives were removed due to elimination of a program.

## Recommendations for Changes or Enhancements

Table 2, Action Plan Matrix was reviewed for the CRS reporting period, October 15, 2023-October 15, 2024, and all statuses remain updated. Based on the review of this report by the Planning Committee, there are no changes or enhancements related to the flood action items for the Township of Little Falls within this reporting period.

The Passaic County Hazard Mitigation Plan update is in the process of its 5-year update with a target completion date in 2025. Updates on the plan's progress can be found at <https://www.passaiccountynjhmp.com/about/>.

## Review of the Action Plan

Table 2 reviews the action plan, reporting the status of each initiative.

**TABLE 2  
ACTION PLAN MATRIX**

Action Taken?	Timeline	Priority Changed?	Comment (Describe progress or changed priority)	Status
<b>Little Falls, Township of</b>				
2020-Little Falls-01 - Conduct outreach to flood-prone property owners, including RL/SRL property owners and provide information on mitigation alternatives. After preferred mitigation measures are identified, collect required property-owner information and develop a FEMA grant application and BCA to obtain funding to implement acquisition/purchase/moving/elevating residential homes that experience frequent flooding (high risk areas).				
Yes	Long Term (5+yrs.)	No	Still awaiting BRIC information	No Progress
2020-Little Falls-02 - Remove shoals within river to prevent erosion				
Yes	Ongoing	No	Continuous maintenance being done to remove Shoals from river.	Ongoing Capability
2020-Little Falls-03 - The Township will upgrade and strengthen the embankment wall located along Cedar Grove Road, following a feasibility assessment of the best design for the site.				
No	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	NRCS Denied Application	Discontinued
2020-Little Falls-04 - The Town Engineer will research what size generator is necessary to supply backup power the Town Hall. The Town will then purchase and install a generator and necessary electrical components at the Town Hall.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Still awaiting funding	No Progress
2020-Little Falls-05 - Obtain needed equipment for Police Department. Specifically identified a trailer containing detour signs and other traffic diversion equipment.				
No	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Equipment Secured	Completed
2020-Little Falls-06 - Improve understanding of natural hazards and hazard areas (compiling and archiving flood loss information, record high-water marks after major events, install high-water mark monuments to promote flood awareness)				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Data still being collected, no progress on high water marks	No Progress

2020-Little Falls-07 - Develop a Debris Management Plan				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	The Township has been effective in clearing debris after major flood events	Ongoing Capability
2020-Little Falls-08 - The Township will update the ordinance to include cumulative substantial damages and 2 feet of freeboard.				
No	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Ordinance Updated	Completed
2020-Little Falls-09 - The Township will provide cameras on the Franciso Bridge, E. Man Street, and Route 46 East and West Bridge and connect the live footage to the Police headquarters and the Township website. This will be a collaborative effort with the Borough of Woodland Park.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Cameras will be installed as part of road improvement project within the next year	In Progress
<p>2020-Little Falls-10 - The USACE will construct a double box diversion culvert, or tunnel structure to be built under roadways to divert floodwater from the Peckman River into the Passaic River. Proposed project aspects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 1,500-foot-long, 40-foot diameter double box diversion culvert would be constructed between the Peckman and Passaic rivers to divert floodwater from the Peckman into the Passaic River.</li> <li>• Approximately 2,170 linear feet of levees and/or floodwalls.</li> <li>• An additional 1,207 linear feet of levees and/or floodwalls would be constructed in the vicinity of Little Falls High School, between the track and baseball fields.</li> <li>• As many as 16 structures would be elevated so their main floor elevations would be to a final height of one foot above the base flood elevation.</li> <li>• As many as 38 structures to be wet floodproofed and four structures to be dry floodproofed.</li> </ul>				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Grant Awarded now in design phase	In Progress
2020-Little Falls-11 - The Township will upgrade the Fairfield Pump Station from a 10,000 GPM to a 25,000 GPM and elevate the facility.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Funding being re allocated to take care of another facility	No Progress
2020-Little Falls-12 - The FPA will contact the facility manager and discuss options for mitigating the facility.				
Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No	Operation to be relocated as per local source	In Progress
2020-Little Falls-13 - Start a mitigation fund in the town to support mitigation initiatives (including the 25% local share of federal grants).				

Yes	Short Term (<5yrs.)	No		No Progress
2022-Little Falls - 014 - DPW subject to flooding within the flood fringe				
No	Other, please specify	No	Secured portable flood barriers to protect DPW yard	Completed