

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations as set forth in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Public Assistance Program funding for an action located in a floodplain and wetland. Funding would be provided through the Department of Public Safety Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Richmond to repair and reinforce a section of Dugway Road and adjacent embankment.

The proposed action is located on Dugway Road in Richmond, Vermont 05477. The project is to restore and reinforce the washed out embankment and retaining wall by installing a reinforced concrete retaining wall (approximately 61 feet long by 6 feet wide by 8 feet high), restoring the pre-disaster slope, and armoring the embankment with stone fill. The roadway surface, base, sub-base, and guardrails will be repaired to pre-disaster condition. Underdrains will be installed beneath the road surface to facilitate passage of runoff. Equipment and materials will be temporarily staged/stored in a portion of the field to the east of the embankment.

The project is located within a regulatory floodway and wetland. The project is being constructed substantially within its pre-disaster footprint and will not diminish floodplain or wetland resources. Any potential impacts to the floodway or wetland will be mitigated by compliance with permit conditions issued by state and federal agencies. A map of the area is available upon request.

The project must be in a floodplain and wetland because it is functionally dependent on its location adjacent to Dugway Road. The no action alternative is not practicable as Dugway Road provides ingress/egress for nearby residents and provides emergency access. A less robust repair of the embankment was also considered and dismissed due to the increased financial burden of repetitive repairs over time.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain or wetland impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

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