

**CRS Activity 510  
Annual Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan**

**Which Plan is this for (use separate templates for each credited Plan):**

- **Floodplain Management Plan (Hazard Mitigation Plan)**
- Repetitive Loss Area Analysis**
- Floodplain Species Plan**
- Substantial Damage Plan**

Name of Community: Town of Middletown, RI

Date this Annual Progress Report was prepared (not the date of adoption of the credited Plan):  
January 15, 2025

Name of Plan: Strategy for Reducing Risks From Hazards in Middletown, Rhode Island: A Multi-Hazard Mitigation Strategy, 2019 Update

Date of Adoption of Plan: November 18, 2019

5 Year CRS Expiration Date: January 23, 2025 (Note: Drafting of a new FEMA-funded regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is nearing completion.)

1. How can a copy of the credited Plan be obtained:

The plan is available online at: <https://middletownri.gov/229/Hazard-Mitigation-Plan> or by contacting the Middletown Planning Department at (401) 849-4027.

2. Describe how **this annual progress report** (not the credited Plan) was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public:

This progress report has been prepared by Middletown Planning Department staff. It is available to the public on the town website here: <https://middletownri.gov/229/Hazard-Mitigation-Plan> It was submitted to the Middletown Town Council through the Town Clerk for inclusion in its packet for a regular Town Council meeting. Its availability was also announced via a press release and postings on the Town's social media accounts.

3. Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:

Following is a listing of action items by hazard category from the Plan with implementation status noted:

**All Hazards**

- 1.A3 – Increase efforts to encourage the public to be added to RI Department of Health's registry of people with special needs and to sign up for Code Red alerts. - **Ongoing**
- 1.A4. Evaluate the possibility of expanding the number of emergency shelter beds available during an evacuation event. **Ongoing**
- 8.A4 – Assess Impact of the Privatization of Navy Housing - **Complete**

## **Severe Weather: nor'easters, winter storms, thunderstorms, high winds and tornadoes**

- 1.A1 – Study the necessity and feasibility of offering buses from low-income neighborhoods to evacuation shelters. If the decision is made to offer this service, then develop an implementation plan. **Under consideration**
- 1.A2– Prioritize communicating with individuals who rely on electronic health devices during power outages. **Ongoing**
- 2.A2 – Offer technical assistance on business continuity plans to local business community. **Under consideration in cooperation with Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce.**
- 7.A2 – Acquire Temporary Stop Signs for Use During a Power Outage **Complete**
- 8.A1 – Continue Town Tree-Trimming Program **Ongoing.**
- 8.A2 – Create a Public Tree Database for the Town’s Geographic Information System. **Complete**
- 8.A3 – Maintain Safe Roads during Snow and Ice Events **Ongoing.**
- 12.A1 – Properly Anchor and Secure Mobile Homes and Recreational Vehicles **Ongoing.**
- 14.A1 – Evaluate which shoreline properties are at significant erosion risk due to coastal surge and wave action during hurricanes, tropical storms, and other severe weather. **Ongoing**
- 14.A2 – Armor the shoreline at Dunlap Wheeler Park. **Under consideration.**

## **Hurricanes and Tropical Storms**

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- 1.A2 – Prioritize communicating with individuals who rely on electronic health devices during power outages **Ongoing.**
- 7.A1 – Install OptiCom Sensors on Traffic Signals – **Complete.**
- 7.A2 – Acquire Temporary Stop Signs for Use During a Power Outage **Complete**
- 8.A1 – Continue Town Tree-Trimming Program **Ongoing**
- 8.A2– Create a Public Tree Database for the Town’s Geographic Information System **Complete**
- 12.A1 – Properly Anchor and Secure Mobile Homes and Recreational Vehicles **Ongoing.**
- 14.A1 – Evaluate which shoreline properties are at significant erosion risk due to coastal surge and wave action during hurricanes, tropical storms, and other severe weather. **Ongoing**
- 14.A2 – Armor the shoreline at Dunlap Wheeler Park **Under consideration**
- 2.A2– Offer technical assistance on business continuity plans to local business community **Under consideration in cooperation with Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce.**

## **Flooding**

- 1.A1– Study the necessity and feasibility of offering buses from low-income neighborhoods to evacuation shelters. If the decision is made to offer this service, then develop an implementation plan **Under consideration**.
- 2.A1 – Develop incentives for property owners with properties in the flood zone to flood proof their structures **Under consideration**.
- 3.A1 – Increase culvert size, raise roadbeds, clear brooks, add guiderails, and make stormwater and drainage improvements to Town roads. **Ongoing, some complete**
- 5.A1 – Reduce Inflow and Infiltration at the Wave Avenue Pump Station **Complete**
- 5.A2 – Increase Capacity at Wave Avenue Pump Station – **Complete**
- 5.A3– Eliminate Illegal Sump Pump Connections to Sanitary Sewer System **Ongoing**.
- 6.A1 – Reduce Inflow and Infiltration at Paradise Avenue Pump Station **Ongoing**.
- 9.A1 – Continually Clear Debris from the Maidford River **Ongoing**.
- 9.A2 – Regulate Development in the Maidford River Watershed **Ongoing**.
- 10.A1 –Implement Debris Clearing of Bailey Brook **Ongoing**.
- 10.A2 – Limit Development in the Watershed of Bailey Brook **Under consideration**.
- 10.A3 – Complete Watershed Analysis and Update Flood Maps as Needed – **Under consideration**.
- 10.A4 – Extension of Buck Road to Serve as Evacuation Route **Complete**
- 13.A1 – Enforce Property Owners/Homeowners Associations to Maintain Drainage Features **Ongoing**

#### **Dam Failure**

- 11.A1 – Work with Dam Owners to Encourage Proper Maintenance **Ongoing**.

#### **Wildfire**

- 15.A1 – Identify any forested or heavy brush areas within the Town’s jurisdiction that could create a wildfire hazard including the U.S. Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge **Complete**.
- 15.A2– Monitor fire risk areas and implement outside burn restrictions during times of severe drought **Ongoing**.

#### **Drought**

- 15.A2– Monitor fire risk areas and implement outside burn restrictions during times of severe drought **Ongoing**

#### **Hazardous Materials**

- 1.A1 – Study the necessity and feasibility of offering buses from low-income neighborhoods to evacuation shelters. If the decision is made to offer this service, then develop an implementation plan **Under consideration**.
- 4.A1– Formalize input of emergency management staff in DPR application process for applications relating to hazardous materials in order to mitigate the impact of incidents **Ongoing**

4. Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:

Implementation of action items continues as resources permit.

5. What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations?

The Town with abutting Town of Portsmouth and City of Newport were awarded funding through a FEMA BRIC grant to complete a regional hazard mitigation plan. Drafting of the new plan nearing completion and the document will identify new recommendations and projects.