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### Woodstock Awarded Grant to Advance Flood Mitigation Planning

The Town of Woodstock is excited to announce that the community has been awarded a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). This planning grant will be used to advance flood mitigation efforts at the Riverside Mobile Home Park, one of Woodstock's most flood-prone neighborhoods. The award was made through the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) using federal funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in response to the July 2023 floods.

Sustainable Woodstock, a nonprofit organization focused on climate adaptation and mitigation work across the Upper Valley, applied for the CDBG-DR grant on behalf of the town. Kyle Katz, Regional Planner at Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC), provided application assistance and support. The application was the culmination of a year's work carried out by a group including Sustainable Woodstock, TRORC, the HUB, Regional Care Coordinator Carla Kamel, and the Vermont Department of Conservation's Watershed Planner for our region. Their preliminary research and community engagement efforts were central to securing this award. The work of this grant will be led by Sustainable Woodstock, with the support of these partners. The municipality is proud to partner with Sustainable Woodstock to move this critical work forward.

"This project reflects Woodstock's commitment to protecting our residents and planning responsibly for a changing climate," said Municipal Manager Eric Duffy. "Riverside is an important part of our community, and every household deserves to feel supported as we navigate long-term flood recovery and beyond."

The CDBG-DR program supports communities recovering from major disasters with funding for infrastructure resilience and housing stability. Woodstock's award is part of the state's distribution of \$67,845,000 in these federal disaster recovery funds. Woodstock's grant will fund an engineering study to evaluate strategies that could lower flood heights at the Riverside Mobile Home Park, including floodplain restoration. The grant will also fund a real estate/civil engineering study, which will identify potential relocation sites for the homes most at-risk. The grant only funds planning, and not the implementation of any strategies from these studies.



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“This grant allows us the opportunity to explore what solutions are truly possible at Riverside,” said Jenevra Wetmore, Executive Director of Sustainable Woodstock. “A large part of the park lies within a FEMA flood hazard zone and has experienced flooding twice in recent years. This puts residents at continued risk. We owe it to our community to find effective solutions and help keep everyone safe.”

As this planning process moves forward, Sustainable Woodstock will continue to collaborate with Riverside residents and regional and state partners, with the support of the municipality. For more information on Vermont’s CDBG-DR program, visit the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development’s disaster recovery page.

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