

Attachment A: Cover Sheet

MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM FY 22 ROUND 2

PLANNING GRANT

RFR ENV 22 MVP 03

Applicant: Town of Holland

Address: 27 Sturbridge Rd
Holland, MA 01521

Local Project Manager and Point of Contact:

Name: Bryan C. Haughey

Department/Committee/Municipal Role: Chief of Police/ Emergency Management Director

Email: bhaughey@hollandma.org

Phone: (413) 245-0117 ext: 330

Attachment B: Application

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1. A signed letter of support from the chair of the board of selectmen, mayor, a town administrator, or similar city or town official showing commitment to the project and a willingness to lead on this issue. The letter should also state that municipal leadership will participate in the workshop process.

Signed letter of support from the Town Administrator on behalf of the Board of Selectmen:

Attached

2. A short statement of the municipality's commitment to taking on this grant and planning for the impacts of climate change, including their plans for assigning a local project manager and developing a core team to support the project, outlined in the Community Resilience Building guide. Please also outline the municipality's commitment to providing sufficient staff time match to complete the project and how that will be accomplished within current resources.

Statement of municipal commitment:

On October 19, 2021, the Town of Holland Board of Selectmen voted to accept and approve an Environmental Hazard Mitigation Project proposal that was submitted to them by the Office of Emergency Management. The purpose of this proposal is to plan for the impacts of climate change by establishing a multi-phase project consisting of an environmental hazard vulnerability assessment followed by implementing mitigation strategies and physical protective measures that will protect the health and safety of persons and property. I have attached the preliminary project proposal for your review.

Included in this proposal are specific plans to define the scope of the project and to establish a project management team. Plans include identifying resources and assignments to provide team members with clear responsibilities and direction in a controlled manner to ensure that best practices are followed and the quality of output is paramount for purposes of attaining maximum efficiency. It is of vital importance to preserve a consistent and reliable management structure to enhance communication between the diverse disciplines within the project team and to demonstrate a clear and concise reporting procedure.

After the concept of the project has been attained and agreed upon the planning phase of development will begin by establishing a team of individuals who have the ability to identify and develop a cost analysis, funding sources, and a realistic timetable for project completion. Planning and project development may include community members and consultants who are comprised of outside service providers, such as engineering firms, architectural firms, and law

firms. Additionally, consultants may include municipal personnel who provide advice, recommendations, or other input.

All of these individuals will become a part of the overall core team that will establish and manage the project until completion by utilizing the “Community Resilience Building” framework to identify top hazards, current challenges, and strengths, and then develop and prioritize actions to improve the community’s resilience to natural and climate-related hazards today, and in the future. Planning and development will involve aspects to engage citizens and other members of the community to participate in the planning of the project and may include activities such as public meetings and workshops that expand beyond simply providing notice that a project will be taking place.

Project management guidelines recommend that members of the planning and development team maintain the capability to work in a collaborative manner with other members of the project team and maintain the capacity to prioritize and be flexible so they can adapt and refine goals as needed. Guidelines outline the importance of considering risk factors and quality control to include implementing cost tracking systems, status reports, progress reports, and performance evaluations and provide recommendations to establish a system of calculating and reviewing project development updates to ensure that schedules are monitored during all phases of the operation.

Guidelines also provide comprehensive standards in the areas of establishing funding sources, procuring supplies and services, permitting, and regulatory compliance. This includes a commitment by the municipality to supply the appropriate personnel for the purpose of participating in and completing the project at no additional cost.

3. The name and qualifications (please include resume and summary of experience) of an employee of the municipality, a committee member, or volunteer who can serve as the local project manager, assemble a core team to work on the project, and serve as the point of contact for the grant.

Name and qualifications of local project manager – (resume and summary of experience):

Bryan C. Haughey- Chief of Police/ Emergency Management Director

Career Highlights:

- **Part Time Reserve Intermittent Municipal Police Officer- April 2001 - October 2007**
- **Full Time Special State Police Campus Police Officer- April 2001 - October 2007**
- **Full Time Municipal Police Officer- October 2007 – Current**
- **Emergency Management Director- January 2018 – Current**

Resume:

Chief of Police since June 2011- Municipal Police Officer and administrator of the Holland Police Department

Responsibilities and summary of experience:

Supervise the daily operation of the Department and enact all regulations governing the Department, to include issuing and maintaining all directives, policies, rules, regulations, job descriptions and personnel orders. Establish specifications for the Department, to include specifications for vehicles, weapons, ammunition, uniforms and equipment. Maintain and supervise all Department certification requirements.

Control all Town owned property utilized by the Department. Prepare and submit an annual operating budget for the Department to the Select Board to be approved by the Town Meeting process. Supervise and control the Department operating budget [\$225,115.00-FY21], and supervise and control all expenditures, receipt of funds, and all property and evidence in the custody of the Department. Act as the Department Public Information Officer [PIO] and Records Custodian, submit written and oral reports to the Select Board when requested, and author annual reports.

Supervise and direct the recruitment and hiring process and supervise all Department personnel, consisting of full time and part time sworn Police Officers and civilian employees [15- FY21]. Maintain and supervise all personnel training, professional development and certification requirements.

Coordinate and supervise all operations conducted by the Department, to include operations during both emergency and non emergency situations and assign all personnel schedules, shifts and duties, and maintain discipline of all personnel. Supervise and direct the Animal Control Department to include all employees, funds and equipment.

Provide personnel with legal updates and guidance covering a wide range of subjects utilizing a self developed complex and organized written distribution system.

Emergency Management Director since January 2018- Administrator of the Town of Holland Office of Emergency Management pursuant to G.L c. 639 §13

Responsibilities and summary of experience:

Supervise the daily operation of the Department and establish and maintain an Emergency Management Director job description. Perform emergency management functions within the territorial limits of the Town and conduct such functions outside of the territorial limits as may be required.

Build readiness for coordinated operations in both peacetime and attack-caused emergencies, and establish and maintain written hazard mitigation planning [HMP] and Continuity of Operations Planning [COOP].

Serve under joint action arrangements and work with the other operating departments of the Town as well as non-governmental groups and the public in order to coordinate emergency

preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

Develop and maintain communication protocols with the Town Public Information Officer [PIO] as well as public safety officials, and act as principal advisor, aide and liaison to the Select Board during emergency situations to ensure coordination among the operating departments.

Serve as liaison for utility companies, regional shelters, LEPC, CERT, and establish and maintain shelter and evacuation protocols and assist in developing emergency plans which outline responsibilities under various emergency contingencies by coordinating with the departments and groups within the emergency response process.

Develop and maintain an Emergency Operating Center [EOC] Facility and ensure that the EOC is a protected site from which key local officials can control operations, and develop EOC staffing and internal procedures to ensure the facility operates effectively during an emergency by ensuring staff is properly trained to assist officials in the coordinated response.

Conduct tests and exercises to provide local officials with practice in directing coordinated operations under simulated emergency conditions and provide support for members of the Police, Fire and Highway Departments in preparation of, during and after natural disasters, emergency situations, civil disturbance and lawful assemblage.

Develop procedures and criteria for Federal assistance programs and assist department heads in applying communication procurements or emergency medical services. Establish and maintain systems to warn the public and key officials of peacetime attack or disasters and organize radiological monitoring and analysis system, including procurement of instruments, training and exercising of personnel.

Coordinate and lead emergency communications planning, secure necessary equipment and exercise emergency communications. Coordinate with doctors, hospitals and public and private sector medical personnel to develop emergency medical plans and capabilities as part of local emergency plans.

Develop and maintain a partnership with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency [MEMA] and the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA], and develop and maintain a comprehensive program pertaining to emergency management which mutually benefits the residents and the Town.

Develop and maintain planning in the areas of hazard mitigation, eCEMP, response, recovery, mutual aid and critical infrastructure, and prepare for and carry out emergency functions for the purpose of minimizing and repairing injury and damage which may result from disasters, civil disturbance, or natural causes.

Complete and maintain all requests relative to reporting as outlined by law and submit those reports in the manner which is prescribed by law. Research, complete, and maintain relevant grant opportunities which will benefit the Town and submit those reports in the manner which is prescribed.

Prepare annual budget and expense requests for the Department and author annual reports.

Training:

- **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee [MPTC]
Basic Training Course for Police Officers
Plymouth Police Academy- 52nd Municipal Police Offices Class [MPOC]
Successfully completed [21] weeks of intensive Municipal Police Officer training
November 15, 2010 – April 08, 2011**
- **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of State Police
Special State Police Officer Training Academy
New Braintree State Police Academy- 11th Special State Police Officers Class [SSPO]
Successfully completed [14] weeks of intensive SSPO Police Officer training
Graduation Date: September 28, 2001**
- **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council
Basic Training Course for Reserve Intermittent Police Officers
Boylston Police Academy- 11th Reserve Intermittent Class
Successfully completed intensive Reserve Police Officer training
Graduation Date: February 27, 2001**

Summary of experience:

Authored and presented several public Power Point and physical training seminars for the citizens of Holland and surrounding communities, to include:

- **Active Threat Response Training for Senior Citizens, based on ALICE Training Institute systems**
- **Active Threat Response Training for Municipal Employees, based on ALICE Training Institute systems**
- **Active Threat Response Training for School Employees, based on ALICE Training Institute systems**

Authored and presented several Power Point training seminars for Police Officers, to include:

- **Elder Abuse Laws**
- **Domestic Violence Laws**
- **Bullying laws**
- **Juvenile Arrest Procedures**
- **Responding to Persons Affected by Mental Health Issues**
- **Police Pursuit Policy**
- **Critical Incident Response**
- **Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs**

Administered or co-administered several grants for the Town of Holland, to include:

- \$2,700.00 FEMA Hazard Mitigation, awarded annually
- \$30,000.00 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant [JAG], awarded in 2014-2015
- \$32,104.68 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant [JAG], awarded in 2020
- \$10,000.00 Executive Office of Public Safety & Security [EOPSS], awarded in 2020
- \$7,162.00 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Grant, awarded in 2020
- \$37,760.00 MASSDOT Shared Winter Streets & Spaces, awarded on 12/29/2020

Authored several Town of Holland Bylaws which were approved and accepted by Town Meeting vote and the Office of the Attorney General, to include:

- Municipal Parking Regulations, November 20, 2013
- Control of Domestic Animals, November 20, 2013
- Hawkers, Peddlers and Vendors, May 26, 2015
- Recreational Use of Inland Waters, October 3, 2017

Authored and continue to maintain several Town of Holland Standard Operating Procedures [SOP] and manuals, to include:

- 28 page Police Officer Field Training Manual, December 30, 2011
- 16 page Interagency Critical Incident Action Plan [IAP] for the Holland Elementary School, December 20, 2012
- 79 page Police Job Description Manual and Department Organizational Chart, January 15, 2013
- Animal Control Officer Job Description and SOP, August 24, 2015
- Police Officer Reference Manual, March 6, 2015
- 21 page School Resource Officer MOU and SOP, November 22, 2019
- 34 page Emergency Action Plan [EAP] for all municipal employees, departments, boards and committees in accordance with G.L. c 149, § 6, accepted and adopted by the Town of Holland Select Board December 3, 2019
- Emergency Management Director Job Description and Department SOP
- 28 page Municipal Continuity of Operations Plan [COOP]

Researched, authored and presented several improvement project recommendations for the Town of Holland, to include:

- October 7, 2020, Critical Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment for the Town Hall and Elementary School
- November 30, 2020, 31 page Access and Infrastructure Improvement Project proposal, phase 1 approved and completed, approval for phase 2 funding pending
- September 13, 2021, 38 page Safe Route to Schools Signs and Lines Project proposal, approval for funding pending
- October 19 2021, 19 page Environmental Hazard Mitigation Project proposal, approval for funding pending

4. A summary statement of municipal support, including at least 3 letters of support indicating interest in participating in the planning process from relevant local boards, departments, commissions, businesses, organizations and other partners, including local, regional and

statewide agencies or groups focused on climate change adaptation, emergency preparedness, planning, natural resources, land conservation, etc. These partners are critical to the planning process and will ensure the city or town is able to develop a robust final report and build support for future work. More points will be given for applications that include letters of support from non-municipal organizations that reflect the diversity of the community such as youth organizations, community development corporations, cultural centers, and other community-based organizations.

Summary statement of municipal support:

As you will see in the **attached letters of support**, the Town of Holland is seeking financial and technical assistance in the areas of emergency preparedness and environmental hazard mitigation. Included in this is developing and maintaining comprehensive programs and plans to identify vulnerabilities and deficiencies in an effort to minimize the negative impact of natural events that affect our environment and infrastructure.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA), and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, (MEMA), defines hazard mitigation in part as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards such as flooding, storms, high winds, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, etc. Mitigation planning is a proactive process and emphasizes actions that can be taken before a natural disaster occurs.

Mitigation efforts undertaken by communities will help to minimize damages to buildings, infrastructure, water supplies, sewers, and natural, cultural, and historic resources. A mitigation plan is a demonstration of the commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards and create safer, more disaster-resilient communities.

Property damage, injury, and loss of life can be reduced or prevented by a mitigation program that addresses the unique geography, demography, economy, and land use of a community. Preparing and maintaining hazard mitigation plans is an important factor in reducing costly repairs of public resources and infrastructure and provides private property owners with additional protection. Additionally, mitigation planning will allow our community to focus on climate change adaption and the conservation of our environment.

5. A description of how the municipality will use the results of this process to inform ongoing or new planning efforts including local hazard mitigation plans (HMP), open space and recreation plans, master plans, etc., and how results from this process would be used to inform those plans.

Description of how the municipality will use results of process to inform planning efforts:

Before implementing physical measures we must first identify the natural hazards that may impact the community by conducting risk assessments to identify the critical facilities, roads, homes, businesses, public spaces, and other ecological areas that may be at risk of damage by natural causes and by the impacts of climate change.

We must also identify and assess the policies, programs, and regulations we are currently incorporating to ensure that we have the most efficient and effective protection methods in place to mitigate future hazards. This may involve addressing any deficiencies found in current strategies and establishing goals for updating, revising, or adopting new strategies.

Using these results, and in order to protect and foster the natural, scenic, and aesthetic qualities of our community, it is necessary that we focus on:

- **defending our forests and other ecological habitats from destruction,**
- **flood, erosion, and pollution control,**
- **enhancing watershed control systems,**
- **managing the growth of invasive vegetation and bacteria in our waterways, and**
- **preparing for the harmful impacts of climate change now and in the future.**

In addition, please fill out the answers to questions a-c below. If this is a regional proposal, please fill out the answers for each city/town. Municipalities with no current local hazard mitigation plan (HMP) or those with plans soon to expire are eligible for additional funding (on top of the base award) as part of this grant opportunity to complete or update a full draft of the HMP for Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) review in concert with the MVP tasks described above. A scope of work for incorporating the MVP tasks described in Section 1.B with those required to complete a full draft of an HMP will be provided during award contracting. The final deliverable, submitted to MEMA for review and to EEA for MVP designation, should be an integrated plan that meets the requirements of both programs. Municipalities with a current grant from FEMA for the development of an updated or new HMP are not eligible for this additional funding from MVP on top of the base award, but MVP funding can serve as non-federal cost share (match) to the federal grant if the municipality undertakes the two processes together.

- a. What is the Town/City's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) status? (Check and fill out all that apply) (To check the status see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/local-hazard-mitigation-planning> and scroll to the document titled 'Massachusetts FEMA-Approved Local and Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans').

Does not have an approved HMP

HMP approved 5/13/2016 and expired 5/13/2021 (HMPs are approved for a 5-year period)

HMP update underway, estimated draft completion _____
(MM/YYYY)

- b. Based on answers above, check one of the following:

- The Town/City has a current grant from FEMA to complete a new HMP or HMP update. The town would like to undertake the MVP process in tandem with the HMP update. MVP funding can serve as non-federal cost share (match) to the federal grant. The final deliverable will be an integrated plan that meets the FEMA HMP and MVP requirements.
- The Town/City does NOT have a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) **and is requesting additional funds to complete a NEW HMP in concert with the MVP process** to be presented to MEMA for review. The final deliverable will be an integrated plan that meets the FEMA HMP and MVP requirements. The Town/City does not have a current grant from FEMA to fund the development of the HMP.
- The Town/City has an **EXPIRED**/EXPIRING Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) **and is requesting additional funds to UPDATE this plan in concert with the MVP process**, to be presented to MEMA for review. The final deliverable will be an integrated plan that meets the FEMA HMP and MVP requirements. The Town/City does not have a current grant from FEMA to fund the development of the HMP update.
- The Town/City is not planning to develop or update an HMP in tandem with the MVP process.

c. Please list all additional funding applied to for HMP creation/updates including source; amount applied for; and whether the funding was awarded, declined, or is pending.

N/A

6. Please tell us about your need to address climate change. What are the expected climate change impacts in your community, and what do you think are the biggest risks? Has your community done any work to address climate change impacts in the past? Have you experienced significant loss or damage from extreme weather events, flooding, heat waves, drought, sea level rise, storm surge, or other climate change impacts?

Need to address climate change:

With the focal point of our community being the Hamilton Reservoir and with our vast amount of ponds, rivers, streams, trails, and other unique ecological systems we must take a proactive approach in prioritizing the preservation of our environment. The Town has abundant natural and cultural resources and was originally settled because of its fishing grounds, fertile floodplains, and heavily forested hills.

Being a community with these unique resources we constantly face challenges in preserving the integrity of our environment. The Town's distinctive characteristics include steep sloping topography that is especially susceptible to erosion due to the relationship between the grade of the slope and the potential for increased water runoff velocity. Not only does this denigrate our nature and hiking trails it also enhances the introduction of nutrients and bacteria into our waterways.

According to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, EEA, a lake's water quality reflects what is happening in its surrounding watershed. A watershed includes all the land, or drainage area, that drains into the body of water. Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution occurs when water flows throughout the watershed, picking up pollutants and depositing them into water resources. The combined effect of NPS pollutants such as phosphorus, sediment, and bacteria may result in degraded water quality and loss of recreational use and wildlife habitat.

Although the Town has attempted to address these issues by installing a culvert system, these methods have proven to be ineffective during times of excessive water runoff from severe weather events. Recently, in the summer of 2021, many roadways became flooded and significantly damaged during an episode of extreme rainfall within a short period of time which also exacerbated runoff into the Reservoir and other water bodies in the Town. This resulted in the rapid growth and bloom of algae and cyanobacteria in the Reservoir that lasted for several weeks and was most likely caused by the water runoff picking up bacteria and pollutants in the watershed.

Our overall goal is to adopt procedures that center on the protection, restoration, and management of our ecological systems to safeguard public health, provide clean air and water, increase natural hazard resilience, sequester toxic and carbon emissions, and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

7. Please indicate if your municipality contains [Environmental Justice \(EJ\) Populations](#), as defined and outlined in the [2021 EJ Policy](#), or Climate Vulnerable Populations. Climate vulnerable populations are those who have lower adaptive capacity or higher exposure and sensitivity to climate hazards like flooding or heat stress due to factors such as access to transportation, income level, disability, racial inequity, health status, or age. Please provide specific relevant demographic information related to the Environmental Justice Population (i.e., income, race, and English isolation) or Climate Vulnerable Population, a description of where the community is located geographically, and how you will work proactively to involve these groups in the planning process.

N/A

Strategies to enhance equitable engagement could include:

- Hiring a community liaison as part of your consultant team to assist with outreach to EJ Communities and Climate Vulnerable Populations¹
- Translating outreach materials into the top non-English languages spoken in your community²
- Providing professional grade interpretive services at MVP-related meetings³
- Providing childcare at meetings
- Providing transportation to meetings
- Providing stipends for meeting attendance for those representing EJ Populations and Climate Vulnerable Populations

Applicants will have the opportunity to request additional funding to pursue the above strategies (or others) as part of an Expanded Scope request in Question 8 below.

8. Municipalities may apply for Expanded Scope funding to expand the scope of the planning grant to include additional tasks such as:
- Follow-up workshops or public listening sessions
 - Further or more robust community outreach and education
 - Targeted vulnerability assessments of critical sectors to gather more data
 - Or additional steps that would build on the MVP planning process and further advance community resiliency building efforts.

Expanded Scope funding can also be used to address barriers to outreach to and participation of Environmental Justice Populations and Climate Vulnerable Populations through activities such as:

¹ The Community Liaison Model refers to a strategy of engagement whereby community-based organizations or individual representatives from EJ Populations and Climate Vulnerable Populations are brought on board as paid participating members of a project team. A Liaison's primary task is to manage public involvement and community engagement in a culturally competent and meaningful way. The objective of these partnerships is to promote equitable outcomes for climate resiliency projects.

² There is a statewide contract for foreign language interpretation and translation services that you may utilize: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/prf75/download>

³ Ibid.

- Hiring a community liaison as part of your consultant team to assist with outreach to EJ and Climate Vulnerable Populations⁴
- Translating outreach materials into the top non-English languages spoken in your community⁵
- Providing professional grade interpretive services at MVP-related meetings⁶
- Providing childcare at meetings
- Providing transportation to meetings
- Providing stipends for meeting attendance for those representing EJ Communities and Climate Vulnerable Populations

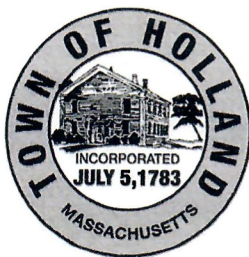
If your municipality or regional group of municipalities is requesting funding for an expanded scope, please outline, in detail, the work you intend to do to build on the MVP planning process and how it fits in with the overall MVP planning process as you understand it from your review of the Community Resilience Building Guide (<https://www.communityresiliencebuilding.org/>). **You must fill out the scope and budget template (Attachment D) as part of this request.** All expanded scope deliverables must be complete along with the standard MVP Planning deliverables by June 30, 2022. Grants through the MVP Action Grant program may also cover such activities once a community has completed the MVP Planning Grant process, so please only plan for what you can realistically accomplish during the year-long grant period.

N/A

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⁶ Ibid.



November 4, 2021

To: Kara Runsten, MVP Program Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

From: Stacy Stout, Town of Holland, Town Administrator
Select Board Office
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA 01521

Re: Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Runsten,

Holland is excited to submit our application for consideration for receipt of MVP Planning Grant funds. It is vital that we assess our vulnerabilities to climate change impacts, consider the challenges we face and engage and benefit members of our community. The financial and technical expertise and resources made available through this program will enable us to prepare for the impacts ahead. Our Select Board is dedicated to the importance of this project and committed to encouraging and supporting the efforts of the team.

As Town Administrator, I will be closely collaborating with our Project Manager, Chief Bryan Haughey, and share responsibility for providing leadership across our departments, boards, committees and community.

Thank you for consideration of our application. We are appreciative of this opportunity and our leadership team looks forward to participating in the community resilience building workshop process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacy Stout".

Stacy Stout
Holland Town Administrator



TOWN OF HOLLAND

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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October 27, 2021

Bryan C. Haughey
Chief of Police/Emergency Management Director
Town of Holland Police Department
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA 01521

Dear Chief Haughey:

At their October 26, 2021 meeting, the Holland Conservation Commission discussed the Environmental Hazard Mitigation Grant which you are applying for.

The Commission voted unanimously to support your endeavors in securing this grant and believes it will go a long way in making our community a safer place for all residents and first responders.

Please let us know if there is anything more we can do to assist in this program.

Sincerely,

Jessica Wales
Chair, Holland Conservation Commission



November 3, 2021

Kara Runsten, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Subj: Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant

Greetings,

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of support for the Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant application. I am the Highway Surveyor for the Town of Holland and I have been in my position uninterrupted since the year 2000. I am also a lifelong Holland resident.

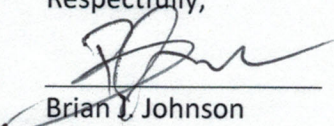
In my capacity as Highway Surveyor, I manage and supervise the operation of the Holland Highway Department. The Highway Department maintains all public ways in the Town and these operations are carried out by Highway Department personnel who I directly supervise, or by outsourced contractors hired by the Town. I am directly involved in both the planning and work phases of all Highway Department activity regardless of who performs the work.

The Highway Department is also responsible for the general maintenance of the Hamilton Reservoir Dam and is responsible for the control of water flow in the Reservoir by operation of the dam sluice gate.

Recently, in the summer of 2021, many roadways became flooded and significantly damaged during an episode of extreme rainfall within a short period of time which also exacerbated runoff into the Reservoir and other water bodies in the Town.

It is very important that we minimize damage to our infrastructure from natural causes and I am interested in participating in the planning process.

Respectfully,



Brian J. Johnson
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highwaydept@hollandma.org

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November 3, 2021

Kara Runsten, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Subject: Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Runsten:

I write on behalf of the Holland Finance Board in support of Holland being considered by EEA for an MVP Planning Grant. The grant would be crucial in enabling an assessment of our vulnerabilities and developing a cost-efficient strategy for improving our resilience to the growing impact of climate change on the environment. Dealing with the likely impacts of climate change might be the most critical challenge we are facing. The success of the MVP Planning project in Holland is very much dependent on development of a prioritized plan that can be integrated into the Town's finances. The Finance Board is very interested in becoming part of the project team in working to formulate an effective mitigation plan.

We look forward to working with EEA and Holland's emergency management team to assess our hazard vulnerability and to develop strategies to build Holland's resilience.

Sincerely,



Andrew J. Harhay, Chair
Holland Finance Board





October 26, 2021

Kara Runsten, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant Application

Dear Ms. Runsten:

The Last Green Valley Inc. (TLGV) strongly supports the Town of Holland's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Grant Application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

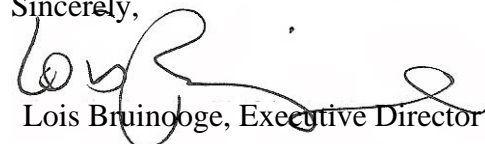
Holland is seeking to establish a multi-phase project consisting of an environmental hazard vulnerability assessment followed by implementing mitigation strategies and physical protective measures that will protect the health and safety of persons and property. Holland's overall goal is to adopt procedures that center on the protection, restoration, and management of the town's ecological systems to safeguard public health, provide clean air and water, increase natural hazard resilience, and sequester toxic and carbon emissions.

Holland is one of 35 towns within the federally designated Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (formerly known as the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor) that is also recognized as a Massachusetts Heritage Area pursuant to Chapter 272 of the Acts of 2010.

TLGV is the management entity for the Corridor, and this project is consistent with and supports many of the Visions and Strategies in its 10-year management plan including the following: promote sustainable development compatible with the region's natural and cultural resources; promote conservation and development techniques and policies that protect water quality and supply; protect forest resources and large blocks of unfragmented forest; promote scientifically-based green and renewable energy sources and energy conservation; encourage land use planning and design that will lower harmful emissions and prevent air quality degradation; promote scientifically-based green technologies and low-impact development techniques; facilitate informed decisions regarding alterations of the natural flow of water across the landscape; ensure adequate supplies of water; and reduce and eliminate point and non-point source pollution.

We look forward to working with the Town of Holland on this project and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director



Friends of HRA Inc.
27 Sturbridge Rd., Unit 17
Holland, MA01521
Tel. 413 668 6851
www.hamiltonreservoir.com

October 22, 2021

Bryan C. Haughey
Chief of Police/Emergency Management Director
Town of Holland Police Department
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA 01521

Dear Chief Haughey:

The FHRA has reviewed the information you sent regarding the Environmental Hazard Mitigation Grant which is being applied for.

The FHRA is in full agreement with the need for this and wishes to support your endeavors in securing this grant. We agree it will enhance the safety of our residents and their properties

We all greatly appreciate you spearheading this project and please let us know if there is anything more we can do to assist you.

Sincerely,

Bob Kamay

Robert Kamay, President
Friends of Hamilton Reservoir Assoc.

cc: FHRA Board Members