

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Emergency Operations Center grant funding for an action located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Funding would be provided to Stowe Electric in Stowe, VT.

The proposed action includes converting an existing residential building into office space and updating the building to existing codes and standards. The Stowe Electric Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be constructed on the second floor of the building.

The project must be in the floodplain to service the Stowe Electric property. The 'No Action' option and alternate location were considered and were not found to be the most practicable alternatives particularly as the entire Stowe Electric property is located within the floodplain and the EOC needs to be located in close proximity to the office. The new EOC will allow for continuity of operations during emergencies. The EOC will be located on the second floor of the building, elevated outside of the floodplain. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, including with the local floodplain administrator.

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

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