

Vermont Floods of 2023

One Year Lookback

In July of 2023, weeks of torrential rainfall and high winds led to unprecedented levels of flooding, catastrophic landslides, washouts and inundation across Vermont. The state received a federal disaster declaration for July 7 – July 21, 2023.

Immediate Impact and Response



Emergency Needs

- ▶ 214 swiftwater rescues
- ▶ Approximately 70 evacuations
- ▶ 18 shelters opened, hosting 239 Vermonters
- ▶ Over 100 serving the State Emergency Operations Center
- ▶ Over 400 FEMA personnel statewide



Initial State Infrastructure Impacts

- ▶ 64 State bridges closed
- ▶ 46 State roads (181.5 miles) closed
- ▶ 409 miles of rail closed
- ▶ 149 miles of rail trail closed
- ▶ 18 drinking water systems, serving 40,000 Vermonters, impacted
- ▶ 33 municipal wastewater systems damaged
- ▶ 3 wastewater facilities catastrophically damaged



Home, Business and Community Impacts

- ▶ 139 municipalities suffered damages
- ▶ 5,359 locations requested FEMA inspections
- ▶ 44 mobile homes condemned by the State
- ▶ 16 FEMA-designated “destroyed” properties
- ▶ \$118M physical damage to businesses reported
- ▶ \$553 million in public assistance need reported



Clean Up

- ▶ 6,230 tons of debris removed by State
- ▶ 350 municipal requests for debris removal
- ▶ Statewide Clean Up Day removed 50 tons of debris with nearly 700 volunteers



Community Action

- ▶ 6,100 volunteers registered through the State
- ▶ 6 EMS agencies supported the SEOC
 - Glover, Middlebury EMS, Rescue Inc., Regional Ambulance, and Waterbury Ambulance
- ▶ 9 States sent personnel or response resources
 - Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia
- ▶ 20 companies donated goods for flood clean up

Mid & Long-Term Recovery



State Infrastructure Work

- ▶ 164 road openings (299 miles)
- ▶ 64 bridges reopened
- ▶ 14 State temporary bridges deployed
- ▶ 651 bridges inspected



Individual Assistance and Recovery

- ▶ 6,146 FEMA Individual Assistance registrations from 9 designated counties
- ▶ 3,168 households approved for FEMA Housing Assistance
- ▶ \$26M issued by FEMA for housing and other needs
- ▶ \$18.2M in Federal SBA home loans issued for 484 homeowners
- ▶ State Mobile Home Assistance program helped 37 households, with 31 households receiving a total \$670,000 in State funds
- ▶ Coordinated with 263 households in need of home heat repairs, with 206 households served, and 95 receiving additional case management



Public Assistance and Municipal Recovery

- ▶ 196 Applicants eligible for FEMA Public Assistance (government, higher education, and nonprofits)
- ▶ 1,528 Public Assistance-eligible projects, totaling \$553 million of need
- ▶ \$110M in State funds for required FEMA match, additional municipal support and hazard mitigation
- ▶ 10 Long Term Recovery Groups formed to support community-level long-term recovery



Business Assistance and Recovery

- ▶ \$11.3M in Federal SBA business and economic injury loans issued for 84 businesses
- ▶ \$20.2M in State Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program grants issued to 553 businesses



Philanthropic Support

- ▶ “Vermont Strong” Fundraising
 - 31,148 Vermont Strong plates sold
 - 846 individual donations received
 - \$1.1M raised for flood impacted individuals and businesses
- ▶ \$13.5M donated to Vermont Community Foundation
 - Nearly 9,000 unique donors
 - Over 100 communities supported
 - Helped communities, businesses, farms, nonprofits, individuals, and families
- ▶ \$250,000 donated by Subaru of New England supporting mobile home deconstruction and removal, a statewide Clean Up Day, and other recovery needs

Note: Data based on reporting to the State and Federal partners, and does not include all municipal and philanthropic efforts, or all damage.

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