

**Step 3 - Coordinate with Other Agencies**

Several public agencies and organizations have stakeholder interest in the development and implementation of this plan. Their efforts and roles in the community’s planning process were evaluated. Some key agencies may fund programs or oversee regulatory requirements. These agencies or organizations may also have relevant information useful to the Village needs. Existing plans and recent studies have been prepared by certain groups that are applicable to this Hazard Mitigation Plan. This section lists the public agencies that have stakeholder interest in development and implementation of this plan.

**3.A Stakeholders**

The possible interested agencies, offices and groups are given in Table 3-1 and their potential roles discussed below.

**Table 3-1. Agencies with Potential Interest and Involvement**

<b>Federal Agencies</b>	<b>New York State Agencies</b>	<b>Local Agencies</b>
U.S. Geological Survey	NY State Emergency Management Office (SEMO)	Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services
U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Fire Island National Seashore (FINS)	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)	Suffolk County Dept. of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services
Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)	NYS Department of State	Suffolk County Dept. of Planning
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	NYS Dept. of Transportation	Suffolk County Chapter Of The Red Cross
U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service		Town of Brookhaven
US Environmental Protection Agency		Village of Patchogue, Mayor’s Office
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)		Village of Patchogue, Highway Department

These agencies have the following interests or potential contributions.

- U.S. Geological Survey - Provide groundwater information relevant to planning and implementation of mitigation activities.

- U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Fire Island National Seashore (FINS) - Any proposed activities affecting the Fire Island Ferry service would require interfacing with the National Park Service. Coordination of emergency evacuation routes from barrier beaches to Village shoreline and through the Village.
- Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) - This agency provides planning guidance, regulatory oversight, funds and program review for preparation and implementation of this Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Any proposed projects related to the Patchogue River or shoreline such as dredging or bulkheads will require interfacing with this agency for permits and regulatory approvals.
- U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service - The village may need to interface with this agency in regards to protection of Federally protected habitats and species.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - This Federal Agency would be involved with any National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), pollution discharges, hazardous material release issues related to implementation of this plan.
- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - This agency is a key source of data and information on natural hazards.
- N.Y. State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) - This state agency implements hazards planning guidance from FEMA, regulatory oversight, funds and program review for preparation and implementation of this Hazard Mitigation Plan and other emergency planning documents.
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) - This state agency is involved with any State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) issues, pollution discharges, regulation of hazardous material releases, protection of habitats, wetlands and protected species that may be related to implementation of this plan.
- NYS Department of State - Potential agency for additional grant funding.
- NYS Department of Transportation - Interfacing with this state agency would be needed for any transportation or State highway projects related to this plan.

- Suffolk County Department of Health Services - This agency will be needed for review and approval of any plans that may impact ground water quality of the area.
- Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services - Any proposed activities that relate to interfacing of the County and Village fire and emergency services will require input from this department. Village emergency plans should be reviewed by this group to assure that they are consistent with the county plans.
- Suffolk County Department of Planning - This department should be informed of any Village plans and proposals that relate to county plans such as Patchogue River Maritime Plan and Patchogue Village Business District Plan.
- Suffolk County Chapter Of The Red Cross – This organization will work with and assist the Village in the selection of evacuation shelters.
- Town of Brookhaven - Any planning efforts that affect the Town should include informing Town Officials.
- Village of Patchogue, Mayor’s Office - This office will be responsible for oversight and administration of this Hazard Mitigation Plan and providing and interface with the above stakeholders.
- Village of Patchogue, Highway Department - This village department will manage specific projects related to public works and roads.

### **3.B Contacts With Representative Agencies**

The Village sent a letter to several parties listed in Table 3-1 regarding their interest in the Hazard Mitigation Plan (See an example letter and specific contacts in Volume 2, Attachment 1B). Interested parties were invited to review and comment on the plan, which is posted on the Village website <http://www.patchoguevillage.org>.

The following contacts were made with agency representatives to discuss hazards and mitigation measures relevant to Patchogue Village.

- The Director of the Patchogue Community Development Agency and Consultants conferred with M. Basile of SEMO on October 27, 2004 to discuss project scope and schedule.

- The consultant met with a representative from the Long Island regional office of SEMO in October 2004 to discuss the project and how to use HAZNY program for rating hazards. The consultant was provided with a copy of the HAZNY software.
- The Director of the Patchogue Community Development Agency and Consultants conferred with Rad Anderson of SEMO on several occasions to discuss project status, goals and expectations.
- The consultant spoke with Mr. Robert M. Hirsch, Associate Director for Water, at the United States Geological Survey on January 24, 2006, to discuss the plan as it pertains to this agency and to inform him that the draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, patchoguevillage.org. This phone conversation was followed up with a letter to Mr. Hirsch.
- The consultant spoke with Mr. Mike Reynolds, Superintendent of the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service, Fire Island National Seashore (F.I.N.S.), on January 24, 2006, to discuss the plan as it pertains to this agency and to inform him that the draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, patchoguevillage.org. This phone conversation was followed up with a letter to Mr. Reynolds.
- The consultant spoke with Mr. Jason Shea, Flood Plain Mitigation Program Manager, at the United States Army Department Corp of Engineers, on January 24, 2006, to discuss the plan as it pertains to this agency and to inform him that the draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, patchoguevillage.org. This phone conversation was followed up with a letter to Mr. Shea.
- The consultant spoke with Ms. Rosemarie Gnam, at the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the Long Island Field Office, on January 24, 2006, to discuss the plan as it pertains to this agency, and to inform her that the draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, patchoguevillage.org. This phone conversation was followed up with a letter to Ms. Gnam.

- The consultant spoke with Ms. Belinda Pagdanganan, The Director of Emergency Preparedness at the Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Service, on January 24, 2006, to discuss the plan as it pertains to this agency and to inform her that the draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, [patchoguevillage.org](http://patchoguevillage.org). This phone conversation was followed up with a letter to Ms. Pagdanganan.
- The consultant spoke with Mr. Dewitt Davies, Chief Environmental Analyst for the Suffolk County Department of Planning on January 24, 2006, to discuss the plan as it pertains to this agency and to inform him that the draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, [patchoguevillage.org](http://patchoguevillage.org). This phone conversation was followed up with a letter to Mr. Davies.
- The consultant met with Ms. Fabienne Gardiner the Director of Emergency Services for the Suffolk County Chapter of the Red Cross, on January 9, 2007. The purpose of this meet was to discuss the plan as it pertains to this agency and to inform her that the draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, [patchoguevillage.org](http://patchoguevillage.org). Also discussed at this meeting were the criteria that the Red Cross will use to certify the stability of a proposed shelters. Please see Volume 2, Attachment 2A.
- The consultant sent a letter to Mr. Brian X. Foley, Town Supervisor for Brookhaven Township, on January 26, 2006, to inform him of the plan, briefly explain how it pertains to the Town, and that a draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, [patchoguevillage.org](http://patchoguevillage.org).
- On July 14, 2006 the consultant met with Kathleen L. Reilly, the Executive director of the Patchogue - Medford Youth And Community Services, Inc. This is a non-profit organization that exists with in the Village. At this meeting Ms. Reilly was informed of the plan, and it was explained to her how the plan pertains to this organization. She was also informed that a draft version of the plan is available for viewing on the Village's website, [patchoguevillage.org](http://patchoguevillage.org).

- Many attempts were made to contact and meet with members of the local business community, including but not limited to the announcements that were placed in the Long Island Advance, regarding public meetings to discuss the plan and encourage public input. Please see section 2.A. Unfortunately responses were few, and limited to telephone conversations with some of the members of the local business community.

Existing documents and plans were obtained from some of the agencies cited above. A full listing of available documents and citations is given in the References section at the end of this Plan. A variety of information was obtained from several of these agencies using the internet. Sources were also obtained from the local newspapers. The Long Island Newsday website was used for information on historic hurricanes.

### **3.C Review of Community Needs, Goals and Plans for the Area**

Community needs, goals and plans were discussed with the Village officials from the beginning of the planning process. Discussions were held at Steering Committee monthly meetings and public village board meetings. As discussed in Step 2 additional public input will be included prior to the final submission of this plan. The result of this process will be found in Steps 6, 7 and 8.

### **3.D Draft Action Plan Review**

The Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan was sent to the SEMO project manager Rad Anderson for review and comment. The consultant received comments based on said review, and a meeting with Mr. Anderson was held at the consultant office to discuss said comments. Having a complete understanding of SEMO's comments, they were addressed in this final version of the plan. The plan is now being forwarded for a final review by SEMO and then FEMA.