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The Town of Plaistow, NH, has recently completed a final draft of their Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). To implement DMA 2000 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published the Interim Final Rule February 26, 2002. The Interim Final Rule requires all municipalities have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive Pre-Disaster Mitigation PMD project grants. Also, local governments must have a FEMA-approved Plan in order to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project funding for disasters declared on or after November 1st, 2004.

One of the goals of the Interim Final Rule was for local municipalities to coordinate their mitigation planning and implantation efforts. To this end, the Town of Plaistow has made their Draft Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan available for review and comment on the Rockingham Planning Commission's website (www.rpc-nh.org). A link to the Draft may also be found on the Town of Plaistow's website (www.plaistow.com). The Plan will be available for review and comment via email until at least September 13th, 2004; when the Plaistow Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing to take comment on the Plan and suggest any final changes prior to the Plan being sent to FEMA for final approval. If a Town Requires a paper copy of the Draft Plan, Please contact the Rockingham Planning Commission.

The Town of Plaistow and the Rockingham Planning Commission hope you take this opportunity to review this Plan in the hope that this will enhance the abilities of all the municipalities involved to address and respond to future natural hazards.

Thank you for you time.

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