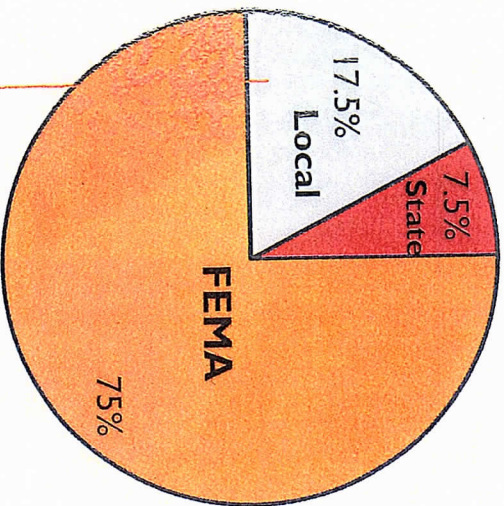
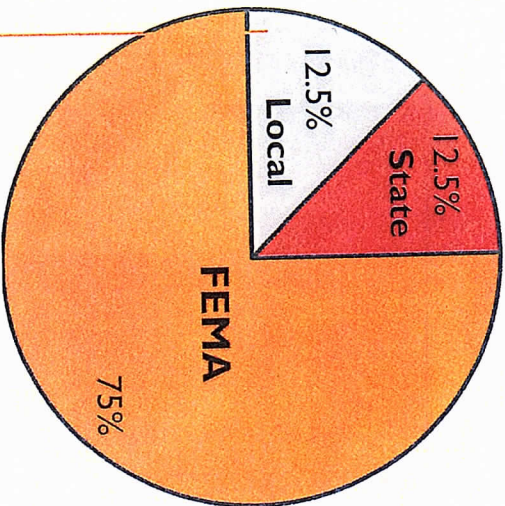


Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund (ERAF) Program

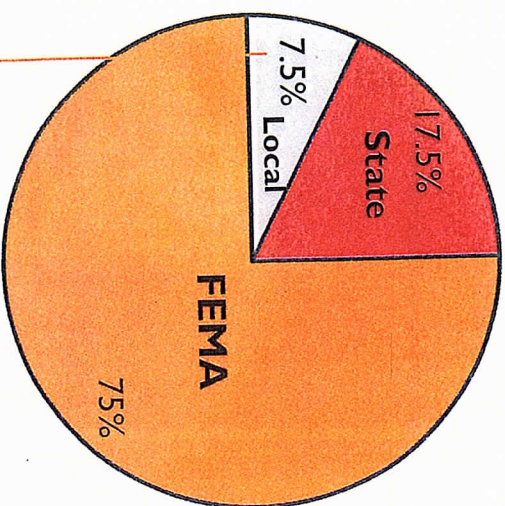
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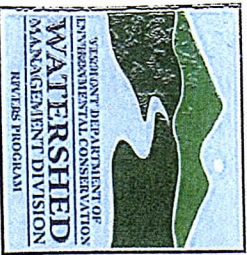
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- Four mitigation actions:**
1. Current AOT Road standards
 2. National Flood Insurance Program
 3. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
 4. Local Emergency Operations Plan



- Four mitigation actions and**
- River Corridor Protection, or
 - FEMA Community Rating System: credit for no new structures in FEMA flood hazard area



The Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) provides State funding to match Federal Public Assistance after federally-declared disasters. Eligible public costs are reimbursed by federal taxpayers at 75%. For disasters after October 23, 2014, the State of Vermont will contribute an additional 7.5% toward the costs. For communities that take specific steps to reduce flood damage the State will contribute 12.5% or 17.5% of the total cost.

River Corridor Protection

Addresses fluvial erosion & changes in stream course

- Prohibits new primary structures
- Prohibits fill (except when needed to elevate an existing building in the floodplain)
- Prohibits outdoor storage
- Prohibits new critical facilities
- Standards for other projects to keep remaining open space along rivers & streams: Small accessory structures, improvements to existing structures, other projects built no closer to the river bank than existing primary buildings

Options:

- Infill standard in areas with concentrated development (erosion hazards may still be present)—must meet VT DEC River Corridor Procedure in order to get ERAF benefit

Floodplain Protection

Addresses inundation flooding during the 1% annual chance flood

- Prohibits new primary structures
- Prohibits fill (except when needed to elevate an existing building in the floodplain)
- Prohibits outdoor storage
- Higher elevation standards for existing buildings: at least 1' above Base Flood Elevation for lowest floors; nonresidential structures "dry flood-proofed" to 2' or more above Base Flood Elevation
- Standards for small accessory structures (footprint of 500 square feet or less)—anchoring, flood vents
- Anchoring & elevation for fuel tanks
- Cumulative Substantial Improvement (over 3 years or common plan of development)

Other options:

- Infill standards for new structures to avoid adverse impacts: No increases in base flood elevations or velocities allowed; Compensatory Storage as an option to maintain floodplain volume
- Prohibit new structures or critical facilities in "500-year" flood zone