



Reducing Flood Hazards

The Flood Safety Act in Your Community

Outreach and Education

The Nature Conservancy and Lake Champlain Sea Grant are partnering to support the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in **a three-year initiative to provide education and outreach to communities about rivers**, as part of the 2024 Vermont Flood Safety Act (Act 121).

Flood Safety Act

Vermont's historic development patterns alongside rivers have left communities vulnerable to flooding. The Flood Safety Act increases flood resilience by improving dam safety regulations, protecting wetlands, and regulating development in river corridors. River corridors include the land alongside rivers that is likely to be eroded by the river over time. Development in river corridors is largely unregulated, resulting in massive costs in flood damage to communities and to the state. Limiting new development in river corridors is the most cost-effective way for Vermont to reduce future flood related damages and threats to public safety.

Our Services

We offer in-person and virtual presentations, trainings, workshops, and discussions at official public meetings and events, including:

Selectboard or Planning Commission Meetings

Our team is available to present to municipal boards and address your questions about the Flood Safety Act, explain its implications in your community, and gather feedback to share with the DEC and legislature.

Community Events

Presentations at farmers markets, fairs, and other community events to engage the public on river science and the Flood Safety Act. Stream table demonstrations may be available.



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