

To: Peter Joseph: Town Manager

From: Paul Conley: Fire Chief

Date: 01/07/2022

RE: County Mitigation Plan

Outlined below is a response to the questions and observations raised at the council meeting on 12/21/2021.

1. From the Hazard Mitigation Plan which was in the councils' packets for 12/21/2021. The community description about Freeport was an oversight by the county EMA office. The correction is being completed through FEMA. The written description about Freeport is attached to this memo.
2. In Annex 1 around Page 110 the plan address Climate Change concerns.
3. Mitigation plan adoption
 - a. There is no direct cost to the town by adopting this county wide plan. What the adoption does for us is two-fold. Allows us to be eligible for pre-disaster mitigation funding for the next five years and being responsible for writing our own mitigation plan.
 - b. As a community we decide on our next mitigation projects and funding source

Freeport's description in the county's document

Freeport

Freeport is located approximately twenty minutes from Maine's largest city, Portland, along the northern reaches of picturesque Casco Bay. Its 37 miles of tidal coastline include numerous inhabited islands, as well as a mix of rocky shoreline, iconic Maine clam-flats, and riverine and estuarine ecosystems. The Harraseeket River serves as the Town's primary deep-water harbor and is one of the more protected anchorages in Casco Bay.

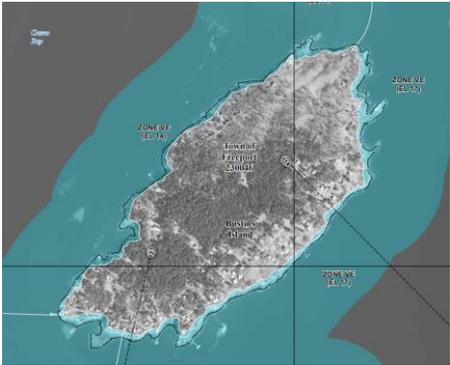
The Town hosts a large retail area, anchored by L.L. Bean Co. This area is a top tourist attraction in the State of Maine, increasing traffic flow in the town, especially during the summer and the holiday season.

The town is served by Interstate 295, U.S. Routes 1, 125, and 136. Amtrak's Downeaster stops near the retail area.

The Harraseeket River is the greatest possible source of flooding in the town, especially in situations where high tides and major storms occur together. This could affect South Freeport Road residences, leading to longer first responder response time.



Bustin's Island is a Village Corporation within the territorial boundaries of Freeport, but is a self-governing entity. The ferry landing in Freeport is in the Harraseeket River



Wolfe's Neck State Park also resides in Freeport.