

32 Vermont Municipalities with High Economic Activity and Flood Risk

The list of 32 towns that were candidates for the Vermont Economic Resiliency Initiative (VERI) Priority Area Designation, as seen below, was developed based on screening that created three lists which identified top municipalities ranked from highest to lowest for:

- ➔ Economic activity
- ➔ Infrastructure at-risk
- ➔ Non-residential buildings at-risk

Reviewing each list, it was determined that 34 Vermont towns appeared on all three lists. They were centers of economic activity that had infrastructure and non-residential buildings vulnerable to flood hazards. Next, the list of 34 communities needed to be reduced to five.

Two towns were eliminated - Bennington and Waterbury - as they had or were in the process of conducting a similar analysis, resulting in flood hazard mitigation activities that are planned or completed. This reduced duplication of efforts and allowed more towns in Vermont to benefit.

For more information and details about the review process please see the [Screening Process: 251 to 5](#).

Town	Economic Activity Ranking	County	2011 Pop. Estimate	Infra-structure Vulnerability Ranking	Number of Vulnerable Commercial Buildings Ranking	Designated Downtown or Village Center	Critical Employer	Critical System Risk	SGA	Parcel Map	LiDAR
Arlington	31	Bennington	2,308	8	15		Yes		Yes	2009	Yes
Barre City	14	Washington	9,066	12	169	Downtown			Yes	2007	Yes
Barre Town	24	Washington	7,937	61	29				Yes	2007	Yes
Barton	32	Orleans	2,805	3	68	Village			Yes	2011	No
Berlin	33	Washington	2,886	9	61		Yes		Yes	2005	Yes
Bethel	70	Windsor	2,022	1	38	Village	Yes		Yes	2009	Yes
Bradford	54	Orange	2,804	5	16	Downtown			Yes	2013	No
Brandon	24	Rutland	3,943	30	26	Downtown			Yes	2011	No
Brattleboro	4	Windham	11,978	6	73	Downtown	Yes	Yes	Yes	2014	Yes
Burke	22	Caledonia	1,751	48	22	Village			Yes	2014	Yes
Cambridge	20	Lamoille	3,695	26	35	Village			Yes	2006	No

Town	Economic Activity Ranking	County	2011 Pop. Estimate	Infrastructure Vulnerability Ranking	Number of Vulnerable Commercial Buildings Ranking	Designated Downtown or Village Center	Critical Employer	Critical System Risk	SGA	Parcel Map	LiDAR
Castleton	28	Rutland	4,695	63	21	Village			Yes	2007	No
Cavendish	55	Windsor	1,367	14	11	Village			Yes	2009	No
Chester	34	Windsor	3,153	16	24	Village	Yes		Yes	2014	Yes
Enosburg	57	Franklin	2,800	65	10	Village			Yes	2014	Yes
Essex	30	Chittenden	19,713	66	12		Yes		Yes	2014	Yes
Fairfax	71	Franklin	4,319	17	12	Village			Yes	2012	Yes
Hardwick	65	Caledonia	3,003	22	55	Village			Yes	2000	No
Hartford	10	Windsor	9,952	7	45	Downtown			Yes	2014	Yes
Johnson	74	Lamoille	3,472	41	57	Village	Yes		Yes	2012	No
Londonderry	50	Windham	1,758	42	31	Village			No	2013	No
Ludlow	16	Windsor	1,963	43	84	Village			Yes	2014	No
Lyndon	44	Caledonia	5,971	21	39	Village	Yes		Yes	2006	No
Montpelier	7	Washington	7,868	11	300	Downtown	Yes		Yes	2014	Yes
Morristown	33	Lamoille	5,277	51	46	Downtown	Yes		Yes	2012	No
Northfield	59	Washington	6,221	28	40	Village	Yes		Yes	2011	Yes
Randolph	36	Orange	4,788	36	22	Downtown			Yes	2010	Yes
Richmond	51	Chittenden	4,108	52	21	Village			Yes	2013	Yes
Rockingham	28	Windham	5,255	54	14	Downtown			No	2012	No
Springfield	37	Windsor	9,373	19	154	Downtown	Yes		Yes	2013	No
St. Johnsbury	39	Caledonia	7,594	23	126	Downtown	Yes		Yes	2007	No
Woodstock	19	Windsor	3,047	24	140	Village		Yes	Yes	2010	Yes