

Essex County, NY

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2030-11-09. Plan: Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990), approved 2025-11-10.

Since the plan was approved on 2025-11-10: no new hazard declaration and 16 NOAA Storm Events records; details under "What changed since your last plan".

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$15,599,200 a year), Cold Wave (\$919,217) and Earthquake (\$868,158).

The tables that follow are organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B (B1-a to B2-c); each heading says which item its tables support.

TERMS USED

EAL: expected annual loss: FEMA's modeled average yearly loss from a hazard.

NRI: FEMA's National Risk Index (version 1.20, December 2025).

NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.

RL, SRL: repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss: flood-insured properties with repeated claims (definitions in B2-c).

FMA, HMGP: Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA mitigation grants.

PA: FEMA Public Assistance: disaster aid to governments and some nonprofits.

Zone-level: NOAA logged the event for a National Weather Service forecast zone, which may include parts of neighboring counties.

County-coded: NOAA logged the event to this county.

FIPS: the federal code for a place; 36031 is this area.

D0 to D4: U.S. Drought Monitor categories, from abnormally dry (D0) to exceptional drought (D4).

F/EF, EFU: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita tornado ratings; EFU is an unrated tornado.

kt, CONUS: knots (1 kt is about 1.15 mph); the contiguous United States.

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.

A4-a, E1-a: other items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (sources, and changes since the last plan).

Dollars: nominal (as reported, labeled with the year), not adjusted for inflation.

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Plan clock

Status:	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Plan:	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)
Approved:	2025-11-10	Days to expiry:	1,501
What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-11-10)			
New federal declarations:	none	Storm Events records since approval:	16 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 2, SRL 4 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 32	Repeat-flood change:	this release sets the baseline count.
Sources: 1, 2, 4, 6 (numbered list at the end)			

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county: 20 rows, in the section "Plan clock: Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county" on the following pages.

State plan status and tribal plans in this state: see the state page.

Plan clock

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Essex County	County	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2025-12-08
Saranac Lake village	Village	Approved, expires 2027-05-23	Franklin County 2022 (FEMA plan 108206)	2022-05-24	2027-05-23	235		this jurisdiction approved 2022-06-30
Chesterfield town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2026-03-11
Crown Point town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990), pending adoption here	2025-11-10 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-11-09 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Elizabethtown town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990), pending adoption here	2025-11-10 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-11-09 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Essex town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2025-12-01
Jay town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2026-02-25
Keene town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		
Lewis town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2026-03-19
Minerva town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990), pending adoption here	2025-11-10 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-11-09 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Moriah town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990), pending adoption here	2025-11-10 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-11-09 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

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						<i>negative = days since expiry</i>		
Newcomb town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990), pending adoption here	2025-11-10 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-11-09 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
North Elba town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2025-11-17
North Hudson town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2026-02-25
Schroon town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2025-11-12
St. Armand town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		
Ticonderoga town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		
Westport town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2025-11-19
Willsboro town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2025-12-01
Wilmington town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	Essex County 2025 (FEMA plan 110990)	2025-11-10	2030-11-09	1,501		this jurisdiction approved 2026-03-19

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

- dam failure (incl. upstream dams)
- levee failure
- flash flood as its own subtype
- ice jams
- debris flows
- erosion (riverine and coastal)
- land subsidence and sinkholes
- expansive soils

The 18 National Risk Index hazards, ranked by expected annual loss (EAL)

Sources: 5, 6

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$15,561,709	\$5,842	\$31,649	\$15,599,200	112	
2	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$2,686	\$3,406	\$913,125	\$919,217	34	Includes 6 Frost/Freeze records (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
3	Earthquake	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$783,306	n/a	\$84,852	\$868,158		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
4	Lightning	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$43,951	n/a	\$636,071	\$680,023	3	
5	Landslide	Relatively High	Relatively Moderate	\$59	n/a	\$538,214	\$538,274	1	
6	Avalanche	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$3	n/a	\$456,666	\$456,669	1	
7	Hurricane	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$324,204	\$8,520	\$6,642	\$339,366	0	Declared 5 times; no Storm Events record of this type.
8	Strong Wind	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$220,644	\$4,189	\$109,652	\$334,485	247	Includes 35 High Wind and 36 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
9	Tornado	Very Low	Very Low	\$106,873	\$53	\$191,139	\$298,065	0	Declared 2 times; no Storm Events record of this type.
10	Ice Storm	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$142,790	n/a	\$122,322	\$265,112	2	
11	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	under \$1	\$25,124	\$103,151	\$128,276	7	

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12	Winter Weather	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$74,095	\$14	\$37,093	\$111,202	298	
13	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$4,077	\$1,889	\$30,909	\$36,875	78	
14	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$8,366	\$5	\$1,087	\$9,459	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
15	Drought	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	n/a	\$0	n/a	\$0	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Coastal Flooding	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.

Total = buildings + agriculture + population equivalence; FEMA values each expected death (or 10 injuries) at \$13.7 million (2024 dollars).

NRI risk rating combines expected annual loss with social vulnerability and community resilience; EAL rating rates expected annual loss alone. Both compare this county with all U.S. counties.

Local data needed: state and local wildfire records (Storm Events records this hazard only in part).

Not applicable to this county per NRI, with no federal declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996: tsunami and volcanic activity. That is the evidence for leaving them out of the plan.

The state hazard mitigation plan also lists hazards for this county; FEMA asks the plan to explain any hazard it leaves out.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

Affects the whole county (national data give no location within it): Cold Wave, Drought, Hail, Heat Wave, Ice Storm, Lightning, Strong Wind and Winter Weather.

Inland Flooding: The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov>) for this county.

Hazards that vary within the county: highest-rated census tracts

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Avalanche	tract 9609.01 (Relatively Low, 77.3); tract 9614 (Relatively Low, 77.0); tract 9612.02 (Relatively Low, 76.8)
Coastal Flooding	no tract has a National Risk Index rating for this hazard
Earthquake	tract 9605.01 (Relatively Low, 74.7); tract 9605.02 (Relatively Low, 74.6); tract 9609.02 (Relatively Low, 69.4)
Hurricane	tract 9613 (Relatively Low, 69.6); tract 9612.02 (Relatively Low, 63.5); tract 9612.01 (Relatively Low, 62.3)
Landslide	tract 9609.02 (Relatively High, 99.7); tract 9614 (Relatively High, 99.7); tract 9605.02 (Relatively High, 99.4)
Tornado	tract 9612.02 (Relatively Low, 40.0); tract 9613 (Relatively Low, 36.3); tract 9610.02 (Relatively Low, 34.5)
Wildfire	tract 9607 (Relatively Low, 69.1); tract 9608 (Very Low, 68.2); tract 9610.02 (Very Low, 66.7)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 9609.01 is Census Tract 9609.01). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

Extent: scale, observed range and worst recorded event per hazard

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage only)	1 record, 2000 (1 zone-level)		No damage reported in 1 record.		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/ Tide	none in data (flood depth: FIRM)	0					Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	28 records, 1997 to 2026 (28 zone-level)	1 day to 28 days (median 2 days); 24 with a recorded value	February 2015 (1 monthly summary record), zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	6 records, 2005 to 2023 (6 zone-level)		Frost/Freeze, 2012-04-28, \$50,000 crop damage (2012 dollars); NWS zone NYZ035		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	0					Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	80 records, 1957 to 2024	0.75 in to 3 in (median 1 in); 78 with a recorded value	3 in hail, 1957-07-14	Hail, 2007-08-30, \$20,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Ticonderoga town (8 records), Moriah town (5 records), Elizabethtown town (4 records), Newcomb town (2 records), Essex town (1 record), Jay town (1 record), North Hudson town (1 record), Westport town (1 record), Willsboro town (1 record), Wilmington town (1 record).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	7 records, 2006 to 2025 (7 zone-level)	1 day to 6 days (median 2.5 days); 6 with a recorded value	6 consecutive days, 2020-06-18 to 2020-06-23, zone-level	Heat, 2012-03-17, \$0 property; \$250,000 crops (zone total, 2012 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	Heat records from November to March (unseasonable warmth, not a heat wave) are counted but not used for the longest run.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	0					Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	2 records, 1998 to 2013 (2 zone-level)		Ice Storm, 1998-01-06, \$1,000,000 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars); NWS zone NYZ035		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	112 records, 1996 to 2025 (30 zone-level)		Flash Flood, 2011-08-28, \$35,000,000 property; \$1,000,000 crops (2011 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wilmington town (5 records), Moriah town (4 records), Jay town (3 records), Keene town (3 records), Ticonderoga town (3 records), Lewis town (2 records), Minerva town (2 records), Elizabethtown town (1 record), Newcomb town (1 record), Westport town (1 record); and 1 more jurisdiction (see the Excel file). Zone-level records (30) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	1 record, 2004 (1 zone-level)		Debris Flow, 2004-05-24, \$1,000 property; crops not reported (2004 dollars); NWS zone NYZ034		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	3 records, 2001 to 2012		Lightning, 2012-07-17, \$50,000 property; \$0 crops (2012 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Lewis town (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	71 records, 1996 to 2026 (70 zone-level)	30 kt (35 mph) to 63 kt (72 mph) (median 43 kt (49 mph)); 55 with a recorded value	63 kt (72 mph) measured gust, High Wind, 2024-02-28; NWS zone NYZ035	High Wind, 1999-09-16, \$2,000,000 property; \$25,000 crops (zone total, 1999 dollars)	No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan. Zone-level records (70) apply countywide.	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	221 records, 1957 to 2025	40 kt (46 mph) to 78 kt (90 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 170 with a recorded value	78 kt (90 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2009-05-09	Thunderstorm Wind, 1994-07-08, \$500,000 property; crops not recorded (1994 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Ticonderoga town (17 records), Westport town (14 records), Willsboro town (11 records), Newcomb town (9 records), Moriah town (7 records), Essex town (6 records), Elizabethtown town (5 records), Wilmington town (5 records), Jay town (4 records), Keene town (4 records); and 3 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	3 records, 1952 to 1978	F/EF1 to F/EF2 (median between F/EF1 and F/EF2); 2 with a recorded value	F2 tornado, 1952-05-06, 4.9 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 200 yd wide, \$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1952 dollars)	Tornado, 1958-10-16, \$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1958 dollars)	No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan.	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake- Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	298 records, 1996 to 2026 (298 zone- level)		Winter Storm, 2022-04-19, \$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2022 dollars); NWS zone NYZ034		Countywide (zone-level records).	

Where a hazard names more than 10 jurisdictions, the table lists the 10 with the most records; every one is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-c Extent".

In event narratives only (local data needed): wind chill, temperature, heat index, ice thickness, acres burned and snow depth; any physical measure of avalanche, debris flow and lightning.

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records from zones that no NWS zone-county file places in this county (mostly before 2020) are not counted here (the Methods page explains the zone matching).

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

A monthly summary record covers most or all of a month; it does not count days at wave conditions.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 25 declarations covering 18 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2024-09-24	2024-08-08	DR-4825-NY	Major disaster	Remnants of Tropical Storm Debby	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding	\$38,802.28	within last 5 years	
2024-08-29	2024-07-10	DR-4814-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storm, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Hurricane, Tornado	\$11,926,806.37	within last 5 years	
2023-07-22	2023-07-09	DR-4723-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$6,508,922.50	within last 5 years	
2020-03-20	2020-01-20	DR-4480-NY	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$215,825.92		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3434-NY	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4480
2019-12-19	2019-10-31	DR-4472-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind	\$2,909,731.40		
2017-07-12	2017-03-14	DR-4322-NY	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	Winter Weather	\$225,461.40		
2013-07-12	2013-06-26	DR-4129-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$904,069.06		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2012-10-28	2012-10-27	EM-3351-NY	Emergency	Hurricane Sandy	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
2011-08-31	2011-08-26	DR-4020-NY	Major disaster	Hurricane Irene	Hurricane	\$15,643,197.77		
2011-06-10	2011-04-26	DR-1993-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding, Tornadoes, and Straight-Line Winds	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind, Tornado	\$2,503,859.01		
2007-04-24	2007-04-14	DR-1692-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Inland and Coastal Flooding	Coastal Flooding	\$1,263,994.18		
2005-09-30	2005-08-29	EM-3262-NY	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2004-08-03	2004-05-13	DR-1534-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding: designated for Hazard Mitigation only (no Public or Individual Assistance for this county); not counted	PA not declared for this county		
2003-08-23	2003-08-14	EM-3186-NY	Emergency	Power Outage	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2002-05-16	2002-04-20	DR-1415-NY	Major disaster	Earthquake	Earthquake	PA not declared for this county		
2001-09-11	2001-09-11	DR-1391-NY	Major disaster	Fires and Explosions	Non-natural, not counted	\$17,845.25		
2000-10-11	2000-05-22	EM-3155-NY	Emergency	West Nile Virus	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2000-07-21	2000-05-03	DR-1335-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$24,938.94		
1999-09-19	1999-09-16	DR-1296-NY	Major disaster	Hurricane Floyd Major Disaster Declarations	Hurricane	\$517,649.50		
1998-07-07	1998-06-25	DR-1233-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1998-01-06	1998-01-05	DR-1196-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Winter Weather (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1996-12-09	1996-11-08	DR-1148-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms High Winds, Rain and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind	no Public Assistance recorded		
1996-01-24	1996-01-19	DR-1095-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1993-03-17	1993-03-13	EM-3107-NY	Emergency	Severe Blizzard	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars.

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
1963-08-23	1963-08-23	DR-158-NY	Major disaster	Heavy Rains & Flooding	Inland Flooding
1962-03-16	1962-03-16	DR-129-NY	Major disaster	Severe Storm, High Tides & Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Coastal Flooding
1956-03-29	1956-03-29	DR-52-NY	Major disaster	Flood	Inland Flooding
1955-08-22	1955-08-22	DR-45-NY	Major disaster	Hurricane & Floods	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding
1954-10-07	1954-10-07	DR-26-NY	Major disaster	Hurricanes	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding

FEMA recorded these with designated area Statewide and no county, so they are listed on every county page in the state and not counted with county rows. Local data needed: whether each one affected this county.

1 Fire Management declaration (1995-08-25 to 1995-08-25) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval records	In the 12 months before plan approval records	Last 5 years records	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	1	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Coastal Flooding	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Cold Wave	34	3	0	11	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 6 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	1	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	80	0	0	10	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	7	0	1	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	0	0	0	0	5	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 5 federal declared incidents (see declarations table)
Ice Storm	2	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	112	0	1	16	11	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	1	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Lightning	3	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Strong Wind	292	3	6	50	3	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 35 High Wind and 36 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	3	0	0	0	2	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Winter Weather	298	10	10	47	3	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2024-02-28	High Wind	63 kt (72 mph) measured gust	\$100,000 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2024 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NYZ035 (EASTERN ESSEX), zone-level	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2020-06-18	Heat		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2020 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NYZ035 (EASTERN ESSEX), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2015-02-01	Cold/Wind Chill		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2015 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NYZ035 (EASTERN ESSEX), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2012-07-17	Lightning		\$50,000 property; \$0 crops (2012 dollars)	0, 0	LEWIS		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2012-04-28	Frost/Freeze		\$0 property; \$50,000 crops (zone total, 2012 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NYZ035 (EASTERN ESSEX), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Frost/Freeze
2011-08-28	Flash Flood		\$35,000,000 property; \$1,000,000 crops (2011 dollars)	0, 0	HASELTON to BLOOMINGDALE		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2009-05-09	Thunderstorm Wind	78 kt (90 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$15,000 crops (2009 dollars)	0, 0	NEWCOMB		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2004-05-24	Debris Flow		\$1,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2004 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NYZ034 (WESTERN ESSEX), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Debris Flow
2001-06-30	Lightning		damage not reported	0, 13	LAKE PLACID		deaths or injuries recorded
2000-02-19	Avalanche		damage not reported	1, 5	NWS zone NYZ034 (WESTERN ESSEX), zone-level		deaths or injuries recorded
1998-01-06	Ice Storm		\$1,000,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 1998 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NYZ035 (EASTERN ESSEX), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Ice Storm
1952-05-06	Tornado	F2, 4.9 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 200 yd wide	\$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1952 dollars)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (833 rows).

Location is the place NOAA recorded, as written in its data; it need not be a jurisdiction in this plan.

Local data needed: state-declared emergencies, from your state emergency management agency (federal data do not include them).

Tribal and special-area declarations in this state are listed on the state page.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-e: probability of future events

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche	0.0333	events per year	about 1 in 30 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	1	1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	
Coastal Flooding		events per year at a location (modeled)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Cold Wave	4.96	event-days per year	about 4.96 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 11 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (36.7%)	92.4	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	0	event-days per year	none modeled		Storm Events event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	0	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	No Storm Events drought record, 1996 to 2025
Earthquake	0.00278	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.278%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	1.17	events per year	about 1.17 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	44.6 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	0.817	event-days per year	about 0.817 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 6 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (20%)	16	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane	0.0175	events per year	about 1 in 57 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	8	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are in B1-d.
Ice Storm	0.238	event-days per year	about 0.238 days per year	Possible	Storm Events event-days in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	17	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	3.07	event-days per year	about 3.07 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 23 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (76.7%)	86	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	4.01	events per year (modeled)	about 4.01 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Lightning	22.8	days per year with a strike	about 22.8 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	0.853	events per year	about 0.85 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	33	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.111	events per year	about 1 in 9 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.000157	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0157%		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Winter Weather	20.6	event-days per year	about 20.6 days per year	Highly likely	Storm Events event-days in 30 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (100%)	386	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) is the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025) estimate of how often a hazard affects this county in a year; it is not recorded events divided by years, and its unit differs by hazard (events, event-days, or days with a lightning strike per year). For earthquake, wildfire, coastal flooding and tsunami the value is the chance (or number of events) at a location in the county, not across the county, so no "1 in N years" is given and the descriptor comes from Storm Events where it has a record (none for earthquake). The Methods page gives each hazard's method, from FEMA's National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20.

Where NRI gives event-days, the descriptor comes from the share of years with a Storm Events record; NRI's source records more events, so the two differ.

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years
events per year	Possible	about once in 10 to 100 years
events per year	Unlikely	less than once in 100 years
annual probability	Likely	10% to under 100% chance in a given year
annual probability	Possible	1% to under 10% chance in a given year
annual probability	Unlikely	under 1% chance in a given year
event-days (share of years)	Highly likely	event-days recorded in 90% or more of years
event-days (share of years)	Likely	event-days recorded in 10% to under 90% of years
event-days (share of years)	Possible	event-days recorded in some years but under 10% of years
lightning strike-days	Highly likely	cloud-to-ground strikes on 1 or more days per year

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	38	30	1.27
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	161	30	5.37
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	5	30	0.167
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	10	30	0.333
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

The bands show how often events of each severity were recorded in this county, to profile how severe events have been (FEMA's probability item asks for the range of intensities).

Hail smaller than 1 inch is not counted: on 2010-01-05 the National Weather Service raised its severe-hail threshold from 3/4 inch to 1 inch, so smaller reports became less common after 2009 (NWS Service Change Notice 09-52). NRI hail frequency uses a 0.75 inch threshold.

Optional: future conditions. Not a required item in the 2025 FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide; some states ask for it. The federal Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation (CMRA) site gives county exposure to future climate conditions (<https://resilience.climate.gov/>).

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-f: hazards that vary across jurisdictions

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Avalanche	16 of 18	74.0	76.2	77.3	Relatively Low 16, Not Applicable 2
Coastal Flooding	0 of 18				Not Applicable 18
Cold Wave	18 of 18	39.4	52.0	65.4	Relatively Moderate 12, Relatively Low 6
Drought	0 of 18				No Rating 18
Earthquake	18 of 18	33.3	60.8	74.7	Relatively Low 17, Very Low 1
Hail	18 of 18	20.6	31.5	40.6	Relatively Low 2, Very Low 16
Heat Wave	18 of 18	2.3	5.5	30.8	Relatively Low 6, Very Low 12
Hurricane	18 of 18	48.5	57.4	69.6	Relatively Low 16, Very Low 2
Ice Storm	18 of 18	57.6	79.7	88.3	Relatively Moderate 16, Relatively Low 2
Inland Flooding	18 of 18	16.5	75.5	92.8	Relatively High 5, Relatively Moderate 10, Relatively Low 3
Landslide	18 of 18	79.3	98.4	99.7	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 11, Relatively Low 3, Very Low 1

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Lightning	18 of 18	68.1	87.2	95.6	Relatively High 16, Relatively Moderate 2
Strong Wind	18 of 18	36.0	54.6	67.7	Relatively Moderate 9, Relatively Low 9
Tornado	18 of 18	21.1	29.0	40.0	Relatively Low 8, Very Low 10
Wildfire	18 of 18	24.8	62.0	69.1	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 17
Winter Weather	18 of 18	58.5	70.4	86.2	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 15

Rated tracts only: No Rating (score 0.0), Not Applicable and Insufficient Data tracts are counted but not used for the minimum, median and maximum.

The score ranks a tract against all U.S. tracts (100 = highest). The rating is FEMA's category for the tract's risk value, computed differently, so the two can disagree.

Frequency data for cold wave, hail, heat wave, ice storm, lightning, strong wind and winter weather are county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone), the same for every jurisdiction; the tract range mostly reflects where buildings and people are.

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction <i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since its plan</i>	Notes
Essex County	County	Approved, expires 2030-11-09		\$8,766,191.65	0 total; 0 since its plan	No NFIP community ID on this jurisdiction's plan row. Includes \$75,560.30 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-1391-NY, DR-4480-NY).
Saranac Lake village	Village	Approved, expires 2027-05-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Chesterfield town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 1, SRL 1; any 1	\$905,159.88	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Crown Point town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$921,621.27	0 total; no approved plan	
Elizabethtown town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 4	\$2,741,386.59	10 total; no approved plan	
Essex town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$193,155.78	7 total; 0 since its plan	
Jay town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 1, SRL 2; any 13	\$3,740,517.39	8 total; 0 since its plan	
Keene town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 4	\$881,217.78	7 total; 0 since its plan	
Lewis town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$766,878.21	5 total; 0 since its plan	

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place	Notes
			<i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	<i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	<i>all years; since its plan</i>	
Minerva town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$323,176.17	6 total; no approved plan	
Moriah town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$2,978,080.04	16 total; no approved plan	
Newcomb town	Town	Plan 110990 approved 2025-11-10, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$3,822.77	12 total; no approved plan	
North Elba town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$218,108.96	2 total; 0 since its plan	
North Hudson town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$76,153.19	1 total; 0 since its plan	
Schroon town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$1,762,238.94	0 total; 0 since its plan	
St. Armand town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$64,801.32	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Ticonderoga town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$2,391,056.39	28 total; 0 since its plan	
Westport town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$5,940,553.01	16 total; 0 since its plan	
Willsboro town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$41,093.95	13 total; 0 since its plan	
Wilmington town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-11-09	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$240,641.97	11 total; 0 since its plan	

Repetitive-loss counts are for whole NFIP communities, which can extend beyond this county (see the note in B2-c).

County Public Assistance in B1-d also includes applicants filed under the county that are not jurisdictions in this plan (for example state agencies, special districts and nonprofits), so the jurisdiction rows add up to less.

Supports FEMA checklist items B2-a and B2-b: vulnerability and potential impacts

Local data needed

The table below gives county-level starting figures; the plan describes impacts for each jurisdiction and its own assets.

- Critical facilities and lifelines per hazard
- A problem statement per jurisdiction per hazard

- Changes in development in hazard-prone areas since the last approval, or a statement of none (E1-a)
- Future assets

County-level starter: exposure, expected annual loss and damage since the plan

Sources: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-11-10 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Avalanche	\$2,800,614	n/a	5	\$3	n/a	\$456,666	0.0001%				
Coastal Flooding											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Cold Wave	\$13,490,448,529	\$16,972,373	37,348	\$2,686	\$3,406	\$913,125	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought	n/a	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$0	n/a					agriculture exposure is 0 in NRI
Earthquake	\$22,773,320,761	n/a	37,381	\$783,306	n/a	\$84,852	0.00344%				
Hail	\$13,490,448,529	\$16,972,373	37,348	\$4,077	\$1,889	\$30,909	under 0.0001%				
Heat Wave	\$13,490,448,529	\$16,972,373	37,348	under \$1	\$25,124	\$103,151	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$13,470,175,218	\$16,892,597	37,313	\$324,204	\$8,520	\$6,642	0.00241%				
Ice Storm	\$13,415,045,716	n/a	37,091	\$142,790	n/a	\$122,322	0.00106%				
Inland Flooding	\$13,432,320,201	\$241,642	1,311	\$15,561,709	\$5,842	\$31,649	n/a (see note)				NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$793,172,978	n/a	2,102	\$59	n/a	\$538,214	under 0.0001%				
Lightning	\$13,490,448,529	n/a	37,348	\$43,951	n/a	\$636,071	0.000326%				
Strong Wind	\$13,490,448,529	\$16,972,373	37,348	\$220,644	\$4,189	\$109,652	0.00164%		\$70,000		Storm Events damage since the plan includes 2 zone-level High Wind records (\$50,000) and 1 zone-level Strong Wind record (\$20,000); NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition.
Tornado	\$13,490,448,529	\$16,972,373	37,348	\$106,873	\$53	\$191,139	0.000792%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year; not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-11-10 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Wildfire	\$827,675,854	\$4,555,508	5,245	\$8,366	\$5	\$1,087	0.00101%				
Winter Weather	\$13,490,448,529	\$16,972,373	37,348	\$74,095	\$14	\$37,093	0.000549%		\$0		

Totals since 2025-11-10 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 0 county-coded records, 0 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 16 zone-level records, 16 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$70,000 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: no counted declaration since the plan.

FEMA does not split Public Assistance by hazard. A declaration mapped to several hazards is listed under each of them with its full amount, so the per-hazard column does not add up to the total; the unit total counts each declaration once.

NRI computes earthquake exposure on its own basis, so it exceeds the county building value in B2-a.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-a: vulnerability (county context)

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	37,348
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$13,490,448,529
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$16,972,373
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$17,321,807
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$3,262,574
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Moderate
Community resilience rating	Very High
NRI version	December 2025

FEMA's all-hazard expected annual loss adds buildings, agriculture and population equivalence; this table gives the property part and the population-equivalence part as separate rows.

Social vulnerability: higher means people are more likely to be harmed and slower to recover. Community resilience: lower means the community is less able to recover. High social vulnerability and low resilience both raise the NRI risk rating.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	2	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	4
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	31	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	3

The state NFIP coordinator's list, the source FEMA's Handbook names, often uses the NFIP insurance definition (second row).

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	2	4	31	3	32	1	4
of which: Chesterfield town	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
of which: Jay town	1	2	13	2	13	0	1
of which: Willsboro town	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
of which: Keene town	0	1	3	0	4	1	0
of which: North Elba town	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Schroon town	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
of which: Westport town	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Elizabethtown town	0	0	4	0	4	0	2
of which: Newcomb town	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
of which: North Hudson town	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Bloomingdale city (community ID not in plan data)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	19	0	19	0	3

The statewide row counts properties FEMA's file gives with no county in this state; they are listed for reference and are not in this county's counts.

Repeat-flood properties by jurisdiction in the plan (NFIP community)

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Saranac Lake village	360273	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield town	360264	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Crown Point town	361148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elizabethtown town	361388	0	0	4	0	4	0	2

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Essex town	361149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jay town	360265	1	2	13	2	13	0	1
Keene town	361151	0	1	3	0	4	1	0
Lewis town	361152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minerva town	361153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moriah town	361389	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcomb town	361390	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
North Elba town	361156	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
North Hudson town	361391	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Schroon town	361158	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
St. Armand town	361157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ticonderoga town	361159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westport town	361160	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Willsboro town	360267	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Wilmington town	361161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Counts by occupancy group for each jurisdiction are in the Excel file, sheet "B2-c Jurisdictions".

Jurisdiction rows are whole NFIP communities and need not add up to the county total: a community that extends into another county is counted in full on each jurisdiction row, while the county table counts only its part in this county.

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	2	3	24	2	25	1	3
2 to 4 unit residential	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
other residential	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
non-residential	0	0	4	0	4	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class; institutional properties are counted in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites. NFIP repetitive loss (the FEMA insurance definition) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years, and a property can leave that group once it is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured. The Methods page gives the OpenFEMA field details.

Counts are aggregates of FEMA's public NFIP Multiple Loss Properties file (FEMA's data date 2026-08-02; file version 2026-08-04). No property is identified. County assignment is FEMA's geocode.

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 29 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

This packet is the federal data for the plan's risk assessment (the summary on page 1 says how it is organized); the plan and FEMA's review decide whether each item is met.

The plan adds what only the community has: local data on assets, critical facilities, development and each jurisdiction's impacts; local hazard history, including state-declared emergencies; the mitigation strategy; and adoption.

How the federal data are built: National Risk Index values are FEMA's model, not counts of events. Storm Events is more complete from 1996; zone-level records are placed by forecast zone, not by location in the county. Public Assistance for a jurisdiction is matched by applicant name. The Methods page gives every rule and the known edge cases.

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