

# Town of Beaux Arts Village Jurisdiction Plan Annex

## Introduction

The Town of Beaux Arts Village is a residential-only Town covering 50 acres and sitting on the eastern shore of Lake Washington at longitude W122°12'7" and latitude N47°35'9" in King County, Washington. Downtown Bellevue is about 3 miles north and Downtown Seattle is less than 10 miles west. The Town is located conveniently near both Interstate 90 and Interstate 405.

The roots of the Town of Beaux Arts Village can be traced to the Society of Beaux Arts, a "school of every art and craft," established "to develop art and its appreciation here in the Northwest." Members of the Society dreamed of starting an art colony where they could live and work together. Three members of the Society, Frank Calvert, Alfred Renfro, and Finn Frolich, signed their names to the incorporation of the Western Academy of Beaux Arts in 1908 and purchased a 50-acre tract of forest land, setting aside ten acres in the center for sketching grounds, workshops, cricket, a tennis court, and healthful recreation by members of the Beaux Arts Society. The artist colony did not thrive, but its influence on the unique character of the Village can still be seen today by a continuation of the vision stated in the founder's original promotional materials "... trees and natural cover will be utilized in making a great garden place.". In 1954, Beaux Arts Village was incorporated as a fourth-class Town, largely so that residents would retain a voice in its further development and could preserve the Village's unique character.

The Town of Beaux Arts Village is governed by a Mayor-Council form of government. The Town Council is the legislative and administrative body and consists of a Mayor and five Councilmembers, all of whom are residents of the Town and elected at large. The Mayor and Councilmembers are volunteers who serve four-year terms and are eligible for re-election without term limits. The Town Council assumes responsibility for the adoption of this plan and will oversee its implementation.

## Development Trends

Current development trends range from restoring older homes of architectural significance to replacing smaller homes with larger homes, as is typical for this area of the Eastside. For all intent and purpose, the Town is fully built out; it includes only two or three lots that are large enough to be subdivided under current zoning rules

### Jurisdiction Profile

The Town of Beaux Arts Village is a fully developed community with no real population growth. The Town of Beaux Arts Village is governed by a Mayor and five Councilmembers, all of whom are residents of the Town elected at large by registered voters residing in the Town. Population has hovered around 300 since the incorporation. Beaux Arts is one of the smallest municipalities in Western Washington, yet its proximity to Seattle and the Eastside help make it a highly desirable place to live.



Jurisdiction Risk Summary

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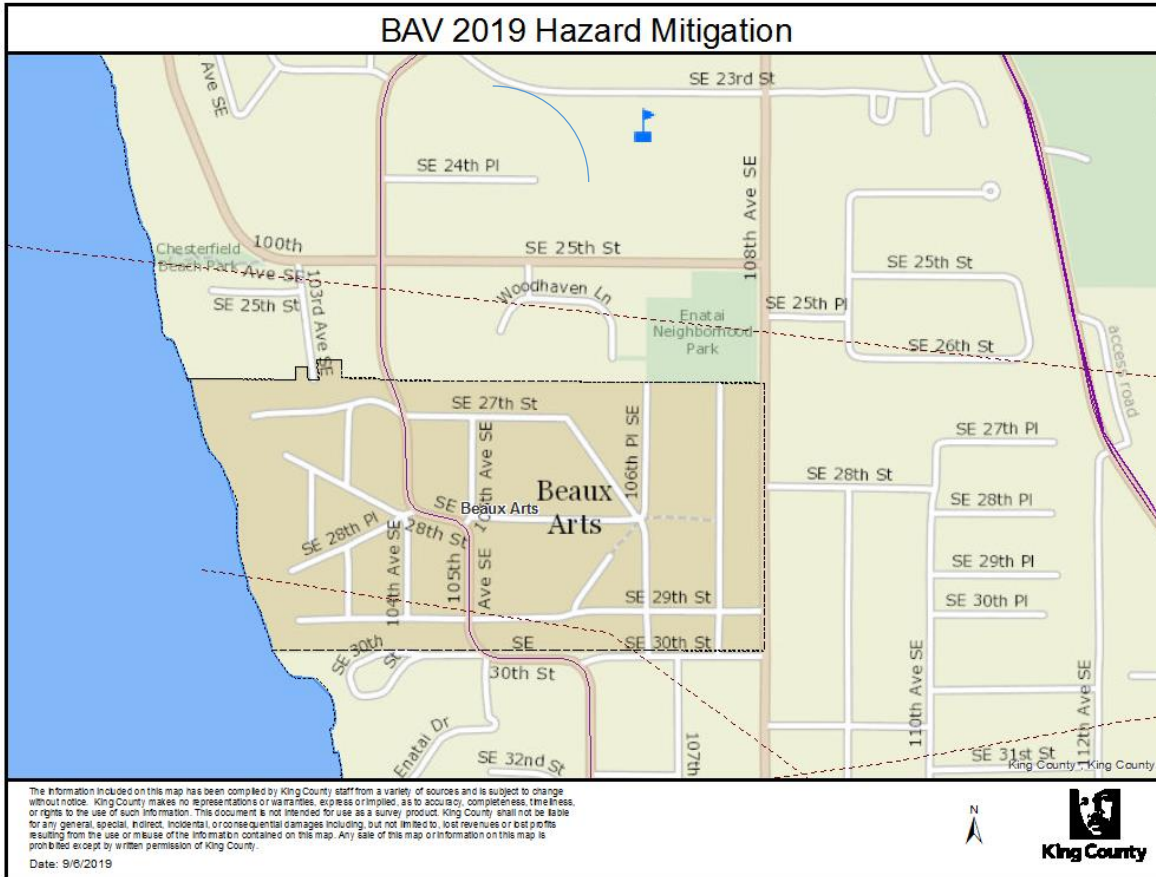
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*Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Summary*

HAZARD	HAZARD SUMMARY	VULNERABILITY SUMMARY	IMPACT SUMMARY
<b>Earthquake</b>	A fault line runs through SW portion of Town.	Residential, structures, roads, water and sewer lines could be impacted	Past seismic activity as had minimal to no impact. We are upgrading pipes systematically to be more resilient.
<b>Severe Weather</b>	High Wind may impact Town due to the significant urban forest	Power lines are above ground , single lane roads can be blocked, structures can be at risk due to falling debris	Past wind storms have caused structural damage, power outages lasting days, communication delays and blocked roads.
<b>Severe Winter Weather</b>	Snow, Ice, Wind may impact Town due to the significant urban forest	Power lines are above ground , single lane roads can be blocked, structures can be at risk due to falling debris, steep grade on road may make it impassable	Past wind storms have cause structural damage, power outages lasting days, communication delays and blocked roads.
<b>Wildfire</b>	Significant portion of Town has large trees	Power lines are above ground , single lane roads can be blocked, structures can be at risk due to falling debris, steep grade on road may make it impassable	Structural damage, power outages lasting days, communication delays and blocked roads. Fire hydrants within the Town reduces the impact.
<b>Civil Disturbance</b>	Low risk at private park.	Privately owned waterfront park covering western-most portion of Town has seen rise in trespassing and large group activities. Law enforcement is	Road can be blocked, Structures close to area can be damaged

		contracted to King County with several minutes response time.	
<b>Cyber Attack</b>	Town has systems safeguards in place to prevent unauthorized use	Town website can be compromised. Must continually be vigilant as new threats emerge.	Data is backed up so records are not lost

Hazard and Asset Overview Map(s)



**Map Legend**

- - - - - Seismic Fault
- - - - - Town Boundary
- — — — — Arterial Route

### Assets at Risk

ASSET	VALUE (\$)	HAZARD SUMMARY	VULNERABILITY SUMMARY	IMPACT SUMMARY
Data		Cyber Attack	Town data can be compromised.	Restore to back up if needed
Roads		Earthquake	Single lanes roads can be blocked, damaged.	Access to residential properties can be compromised.
Urban Forest		Wildfire, wind, earthquake, severe winter weather	Residential properties can be affected.	Residential homes Town properties may be destroyed.
Water Supply		Earthquake, terrorism	Town's water supply can be compromised.	Switch to back up if available.
Water Lines		Earthquake	Lines for water delivery and sewage disposal can be compromised to residents.	Access water directly from supply tower.
Building Shed		Wildfire, Earthquake, Civil Disturbance, Severe Winter Weather	Town hard-copy records; equipment; emergency preparedness supplies;	Insurance to replace supplies

### Plan Update Process

The Town of Beaux Arts Village participates in the King County planning process at a very high level as we have very limited staff and council members are volunteer basis only. The plan was prepared from existing Annex with input from Town councilmembers, Town clerk and virtually no resident feedback. The Town clerk and council member in charge of the update met with Derrick Hiebert Hazard Mitigation Strategist for King County to cover format and process.

There have been no significant changes in hazards update in 2015 nor are any anticipated through 2025. The Town council member assigned to this update met with King County regarding requirements for the Update; met with key City stakeholders to review any and all necessary updates to the Plan; and reached out to the public regarding mitigation, preparedness, and recovery.

### Jurisdiction Planning Team

NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION	CONTRIBUTION
Sue Ann Spens	Clerk	Beaux Arts Village	
Aletha Howes	Councilmember	Beaux Arts Village	lead
John Gillem	Mayor	Beaux Arts Village	
Bob Durr	Water Department	Beaux Arts Village	
Tom Stowe	Councilmember	Beaux Arts Village	
Paula Dix	Councilmember	Beaux Arts Village	
James McCarthy	Councilmember	Beaux Arts Village	

### Plan Update Timeline

PLANNING ACTIVITY	DATE	SUMMARY	ATTENDEES
Plan Review	Sept 10, 2019	Review of Plan	Town council members, Town clerk, Town mayor
Plan Review and Adoption	June 9, 2020	Review of Plan	Town council members, Town clerk, Town mayor

## Public Outreach

### Public Outreach Events

EVENT	DATE	SUMMARY	ATTENDEES
Public Discussion	Sept 10, 2019	Notice of public meeting posted on 10 Town mail stands. Shared draft of plan, hazard maps, discusses potential threats	4 households attended as well as the Town clerk

### Continued Public Participation

Town of Beaux Arts Village maintains public outreach several times a year by disseminating information through the Town’s monthly newsletter. Information is made available on the Town’s website and links to county, state and federal sources. The focus is on personal preparedness and education. Residents are encouraged to contribute.

## Town of Beaux Arts Village Hazard Mitigation Program

Hazard mitigation strategies were developed through a two-step process by the volunteer Town council members and the Town clerk. First research was done by a two people to determine which threats were applicable to our area. Then the council members met to identify a comprehensive range of mitigation strategies. These strategies were then prioritized using a process established at the county level and documented in the base plan.

### Integration

Since our Town is so small, integration with the water, transportation, land management departments is an ongoing effort. When the Town council reviews the Town’s capital improvement, transportation improvement, administration, comprehensive emergency or land management goals, and hazard mitigation is discussed as a normal course of business.

Hazard mitigation strategies were taken into account when planning the upgrade of our storm water system. We obtained a FEMA grant and will replace the last remaining portion of old storm water system with a more modern one. Information about our cyber-attack mitigation strategies were discussed. We have also applied for and obtained a grant to undertake a canopy study of our urban forest to understand its current health and ways to make sure it is properly maintained to reduce risk.

### Plan Monitoring, Implementation, and Future Updates

King County leads the mitigation plan monitoring and update process and schedules the annual plan check-ins and bi-annual mitigation strategy updates. Updates on mitigation projects are solicited by the county for inclusion in

### Hazard Mitigation Goals

The Town of Beaux Arts Village Hazard Mitigation goal is to tie Town infrastructure, capital improvement, land management and transportation goals together so as to include sustainable methods that will mitigate future potential hazards.

the countywide annual report. As part of participating in the 2020 update to the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, every jurisdiction agrees to convene their internal planning team at least annually to review their progress on hazard mitigation strategies and to update the plan based on new data or recent disasters.

As part of leading a countywide planning effort, King County Emergency Management will send to planning partner any federal notices of funding opportunity for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program. Proposals from partners will be assessed according the prioritization process identified in this plan and the county will, where possible, support those partners submitting grant proposals. This will be a key strategy to implement the plan.

The next plan update is expected to be due in April 2025. All jurisdictions will submit letters of intent by 2023, at least two years prior to plan expiration. The county will lead the next regional planning effort, beginning at least 18 months before the expiration of the 2020 plan.

## Hazard Mitigation Authorities, Responsibilities, and Capabilities

The following is a list of Plans that impact hazard mitigation as relates to the Town of Beaux Arts Village.

### *Plans*

PLAN TITLE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY	POINT OF CONTACT	RELATIONSHIP TO HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
<b>General or Comprehensive Plan</b>	Town Council	Clerk	BAV MC 18.05 (2015)
<b>Floodplain or Basin Plan</b>	Town Council	Clerk	BAV MC 16.20 (2000)
<b>Stormwater Plan</b>	Town Council	Clerk	BAV MC 13.15 (2012)
<b>Capital Improvement Plan</b>	Town Council	Clerk	6-Yr TIP, not codified
<b>Habitat Conservation Plan</b>	WS Dept of Wildlife		WS Dept of Wildlife Bald Eagle Rules
<b>Shoreline Management Plan</b>	Town Council	Clerk	BAV MC 16.10 (2013)
<b>Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan</b>	Town Council	Clerk	CEMP not codified, Last updated 2018
<b>Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment</b>	Town Council	Clerk	
<b>Post-Disaster Recovery Plan</b>	Town Council	Clerk	CEMP, not codified
<b>Continuity of Operations Plan</b>	Town Council	Clerk	BAV MC 2.40 (2009)

### *Programs, Policies, and Processes*

PROGRAM/POLICY	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY	POINT OF CONTACT	RELATIONSHIP TO HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
<b>Building Code</b>	Planning Department		BAV MC 15.05 (2010, 2013)
<b>Zonings</b>	Planning Department		BAV MC 18.10 (2009)
<b>Subdivisions</b>	Town Council		BAV MC 17.05 (1999)
<b>Stormwater Management</b>	Town Council		BAV MC 13.15 (1995)
<b>Post Disaster Recovery</b>	Town Council		BAV MC 2.45 (2009)
<b>Real Estate Disclosure</b>	Town Clerk		RCW 64.56
<b>Growth Management</b>	Town Council		BAV MC 18.05 (2004)

Site Plan Review	Planning Department		BAV MC 15.05
Public Health and Safety	King County Sherriff		BAV MC Title 8
Environmental Protection	Town Council		BAV MC Title 16
Building Code	Planning Department		BAV MC 15.05 (2010, 2013)

### Entities Responsible for Hazard Mitigation

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	POINT OF CONTACT	RESPONSIBILITY(S)
Town Building Official and Town Planner	Stacia Schroeder	Planners or engineers with knowledge of land development and land management practices
Town Building Official		Engineers or professionals trained in building or infrastructure construction practices
Town Planner	Stacia Schroeder	Planners or engineers with an understanding of natural hazards
Clerk-Treasurer	Sue Ann Spens	Staff with training in benefit/cost analysis
PSE	Andy Swayne	Electricity, Natural Gas
City of Bellevue	Curry Meyer	Fire, EMS,
Republic Service		Solid Waste
Assigned councilmember	Aletha Howes	Emergency manager
King County Public Health	Patty Hayes	Information and management of public health information

### National Flood Insurance Program

#### National Flood Insurance Program Compliance

What department is responsible for floodplain management in your community?	Building Department
Who is your community's floodplain administrator? (department/position)	None assigned
What is the date of adoption of your flood damage prevention ordinance?	2000
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit or Community Assistance Contact?	None
Does your community have any outstanding NFIP compliance violations that need to be addressed? If so, please state what they are.	No
Does your community participate in the Community Rating System (CRS)? If so, is your community seeking to improve its CRS Classification? If not, is your community interested in joining the CRS program?	N/A
How many Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) and Repetitive Loss (RL) properties are located in your jurisdiction?	N/A

<p>Has your community ever conducted an elevation or buy out of a flood-prone property? If so, what fund source did you use? If not, are you interested in pursuing buyouts of flood prone properties?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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## Hazard Mitigation Strategies

In 2015 Town of Beaux Arts Village identified 5 areas of concern.

### 2015 Hazard Mitigation Strategy Status

STRATEGY	DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	STATUS
BAV-1	Maintain compliance and good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program	Low	
BAV-2	Educate residents on how to prevent loss of life and property damage from earthquakes, storms, and urban wildfires.	Low	
BAV-3	Manage Storm water Management Comprehensive Plan. Continue to upgrade the existing system.	Medium	
BAV-4	Snow removal	Low	
BAV-5	Maintain the Town's existing inventory of significant trees	Low	

### 2020 Hazard Mitigation Strategies

STRATEGY	LEAD AGENCY/POC	TIMELINE	PRIORITY
BAV-1	Maintain compliance and good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program	Ongoing	Low
BAV-2	Educate residents on how to prevent loss of life and property damage from earthquakes, storms, and urban wildfires.	Ongoing	High



<b>BAV-3</b>	Manage Storm water Management Comprehensive Plan. Continue to upgrade the existing system.	expected to be completed in 2020	High
<b>BAV-4</b>	Snow removal	Ongoing	High
<b>BAV-5</b>	Maintain the Town's existing inventory of significant trees	Ongoing	Medium
<b>BAV- 6</b>	Continue to perform redundant backups on a scheduled basis, test backups periodically, perform vulnerability tests, and maintain patches/updates to software.	Ongoing	High

## Hazard Mitigation Strategy

<p>Lead Points of Contact (Title) Town Clerk</p>	<p>Partner Points of Contact (Title) <i>Who else outside your jurisdiction benefits from the strategy or will help implement the strategy?</i> N/A</p>	<p>Hazards Mitigated / Goals Addressed BAV-1</p>	<p>Funding Sources and Estimated Costs N/A</p>
<p>Strategy Vision/Objective</p> <p>Maintain compliance and good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program</p>			
<p>Mitigation Strategy</p> <p>This will be accomplished through the implementation of floodplain management programs that, at a minimum, will meet the minimum requirements of the NFIP, which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement of the adopted flood damage prevention ordinance,</li> <li>• Participating in floodplain identification and mapping updates, and</li> <li>• Providing public assistance/information on floodplain requirements and impacts</li> </ul> <p>The Town has no historical incidences of flooding during Severe Storms, nor are there any flood zones identified within Town boundaries; however, the Town joined the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 2000 to allow residents to obtain flood insurance, if they felt such insurance was needed. Our geography is such that most storm water flows through the existing storm water conveyance system or down the steeper portions of our roads and drains into Lake Washington</p>			
<p>2-Year Objectives Maintain compliance and good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program</p>	<p>5-Year Objectives Maintain compliance and good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program</p>	<p>Long-Term Objectives Maintain compliance and good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program</p>	
<p>Implementation Plan/Actions</p> <p>In periods of heavy rain, stormwater can temporarily overwhelm this conveyance system, causing the excess water to flow along the unpaved portions of the rights of way and possibly damaging the rights of way or undermining the paved roadway. Stormwater can also flow from the roadway onto private property, causing local ponding in isolated areas. A Stormwater Management Comprehensive Plan will help the Town determine where the existing infrastructure needs improvement and will allow us to prioritize spending to complete these improvements.</p>			
<p>Performance Measures</p> <p>Be in good standing with National Flood Insurance.</p>			

## Hazard Mitigation Strategy

<p>Lead Points of Contact (Title) Council Member 2</p>	<p>Partner Points of Contact (Title) Bellevue Emergency Manager</p>	<p>Hazards Mitigated / Goals Addressed BAV-2</p>	<p>Funding Sources and Estimated Costs General Fund/\$5000</p>
<p>Strategy Vision/Objective</p> <p>Continue to educate residents on how to prevent loss of life and property damage from earthquakes, storms, and urban wildfires.</p>			
<p>Mitigation Strategy</p> <p>The mission of the Town’s Emergency Preparedness and Response is to become as self-sufficient as we can while fitting in with or complimenting the plans of our emergency responders and of the cities that surround us. Council has completed work on the Beaux Arts Village Disaster Plan and continues developing emergency-response sheets to guide local responders, developing a schedule for testing equipment and response plans, and maintaining the work accomplished to date by residents on Map Your Neighborhood (MYN).</p>			
<p>2-Year Objectives</p> <p>Obtain Emergency Supplies as identified by Town council</p> <p>Hold yearly review of Town communication plans.</p>	<p>5-Year Objectives</p> <p>Hold yearly review of Town communication plans and include MYN captains.</p> <p>Keep supplies up to date.</p>	<p>Long-Term Objectives</p> <p>Hold yearly review of Town communication plans and include MYN captains.</p> <p>Keep supplies up to date.</p>	
<p>Implementation Plan/Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implemented Map Your Neighborhood throughout the Town – needs to meet consistently</li> <li>• Hold yearly council drills through the Great Shake Out walking through the Town’s operational plan</li> <li>• Update the Town’s Emergency Supplies</li> <li>• Have point person get access to and trained on the EOC</li> </ul>			
<p>Performance Measures</p> <p>Town residents have access to information when needed.</p>			

## Hazard Mitigation Strategy

Lead Points of Contact (Title) Town Council Member	Partner Points of Contact (Title)	Hazards Mitigated / Goals Addressed BAV-3	Funding Sources and Estimated Costs FEMA Grant/\$260,000
<p>Strategy Vision/Objective</p> <p>Develop a Storm Water Management Comprehensive Plan.</p>			
<p>Mitigation Strategy</p> <p>This will be accomplished by using a 2009 survey of the Town's existing stormwater facilities, determining the additional infrastructure needed to upgrade the existing system, and developing a comprehensive plan for implementing the upgrades.</p>			
<p>2-Year Objectives</p> <p>Finalize upgrade to 27<sup>th</sup> Street from 104th to Waterfront</p>	<p>5-Year Objectives</p> <p>Maintain the upgraded system</p>	<p>Long-Term Objectives</p> <p>Maintain the upgraded system</p>	
<p>Implementation Plan/Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize the bid process for the work</li> <li>• Have project completed by fall 2020</li> <li>• Make sure to meet the requirements set forth by FEMA to satisfy the grant</li> </ul>			
<p>Performance Measures</p> <p>Stormwater system is functioning as designed.</p>			

## Hazard Mitigation Strategy

<p>Lead Points of Contact (Title) Town Clerk</p>	<p>Partner Points of Contact (Title) Bellevue City DOT</p>	<p>Hazards Mitigated / Goals Addressed BAV - 4</p>	<p>Funding Sources and Estimated Costs TBD</p>
<p>Strategy Vision/Objective</p> <p>Partner with a neighboring city for snow removal</p>			
<p>Mitigation Strategy</p> <p>During a Severe Winter Storm, unplowed snow can make travel on the roads dangerous. The Town has examined ways to address this problem locally, including stockpiling sand to spread on the most affected roads. A partnership with a nearby city to cooperatively remove accumulated snow from roadways will eliminate the hazard to motorists and private structures near the roadways.</p>			
<p>2-Year Objectives</p> <p>Identify possible partners</p>	<p>5-Year Objectives</p> <p>Establish interlocal agreement</p>	<p>Long-Term Objectives</p> <p>Maintain resource</p>	
<p>Implementation Plan/Actions</p> <p>Work with King County Department of Works to establish communication channels in severe winter weather. Set forth guideline to determine what conditions would necessitate calling on County resources. Determine costs and possible budget for such resources.</p>			
<p>Performance Measures</p> <p>When requested, snow is removed in a timely manner.</p>			

## Hazard Mitigation Strategy

Lead Points of Contact (Title) Council Member	Partner Points of Contact (Title)	Hazards Mitigated / Goals Addressed BAV-5	Funding Sources and Estimated Costs Grant
<p>Strategy Vision/Objective</p> <p>Maintain the Town's existing inventory of significant trees on Town property, including rights-of-way, and update as needed.</p>			
<p>Mitigation Strategy</p> <p>This inventory has resulted in a watch list for monitoring and maintaining the health of trees on public property and minimizes the hazard of dead trees, tree limbs, and fires. Residents in the Town value trees and have enacted rules to protect them and guide their replacement. The Town has a mature urban forest, which may be vulnerable to wildfire, though no such event has occurred in the Town since its development.</p>			
<p>2-Year Objectives</p> <p>Obtain final report from tree canopy study</p>	<p>5-Year Objectives</p> <p>Keep our urban forest in good condition by replacing trees as needed.</p>	<p>Long-Term Objectives</p> <p>Diversify our forest with native species that thrive in our unique environment</p>	
<p>Implementation Plan/Actions</p> <p>In 2006, the Town performed an inventory of significant trees on Town rights-of-way and has continued to update it periodically. In 2019, a partnership was formed with the King Conservation District to conduct a full survey and health-assessment of our urban forest and which culminated in a Village Forest Strategic Plan. In addition, a certified arborist is employed to identify and monitor the health of public trees. Removing dead or dying trees identified in the inventory or by other means will help us mitigate the danger of property damage due to falling limbs and wildfire. Education regarding the value of managing trees on private property will encourage similar stewardship among our residents.</p>			
<p>Performance Measures</p> <p>Keep our urban forest in good health</p>			

## Hazard Mitigation Strategy

Lead Points of Contact (Title) Town Clerk	Partner Points of Contact (Title)	Hazards Mitigated / Goals Addressed BAV 6	Funding Sources and Estimated Costs
<p>Strategy Vision/Objective</p> <p>Limit the impact of a cyber-attack our on Town’s information systems.</p>			
<p>Mitigation Strategy</p> <p>Work with a supplier who meets our modest needs at a reasonable cost.</p>			
<p>2-Year Objectives</p> <p>Continue to work with a trusted supplier.</p>	<p>5-Year Objectives</p> <p>Update our systems as technology changes.</p>	<p>Long-Term Objectives</p> <p>Use the most agile and up-to-date backups we can based on our modest needs.</p>	
<p>Implementation Plan/Actions</p> <p>Continue to perform redundant backups on a scheduled basis, test backups periodically, perform vulnerability tests, and maintain patches/updates to software.</p>			
<p>Performance Measures</p> <p>Maintain adequate back up of our records.</p>			