









Addison LHMP Executive Summary 2026

The Town of Addison updated its All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in 2025 and 2026. Town officials and citizens conducted a hazards inventory and risk assessment matrix, identified locations where hazards are known to the community, and identified potential mitigation projects associated with priority hazards.






The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee identified the following hazards as their **Highest Priorities**, based on probability, warning time, geographic impacts, and potential impacts:

- Severe Heat (Risk Score 9.00) 
 - Structure Fire (8.00) 
 - High Winds (6.75) 
 - Severe Cold (6.75) 
 - Widespread Power Failure (8.25) 
 - Large-Scale Hazardous Materials Incident (7.50) 
 - Severe Snow Storm (6.75) 
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High Priority:

- Drought (6.00) 
- Flash Flood (6.00) 
- Invasive Species (6.00) 
- Severe Ice Storm (5.25) 
- Insect-borne Illness (5.25) 

Moderate Priority:

- Infectious Disease/ Pandemic (4.50) 
- Hail Storm (4.50) 
- Wildfire (4.25) 
- Lightning Storm (3.75) 
- Tornado (3.50) 

For each high-vulnerability hazard type, the committee considered previous occurrences and extent, current vulnerability, and future probability. The committee set these overall mitigation goals and objectives:

Goal 1: Increase Individual Awareness of Addison’s Vulnerability to Natural Hazards and Work towards developing a Community Social Resilience Ethic

Objective: Inform and educate the community about the types of hazards the Town of Addison is exposed to, where they occur, how to prepare, and recommended responses

Goal 2: Reduce Vulnerability of People, Property, and the Environment to Natural Hazards

Objective: Provide mechanisms to enhance life safety

Objective: Reduce impacts to critical facilities and services

Objective: Reduce impacts to existing buildings and infrastructure to the extent possible

Objective: Reduce impacts to future development and infrastructure to the extent possible

Objective: Reduce impacts to the town's natural and historic resources

Objective: Reduce impacts to public health

Goal 3: Increase Interagency Capabilities and Coordination to Reduce the Impacts of Natural Hazards

Objective: Continue to collaborate and coordinate with other agencies on planning, projects, hazard response, and funding opportunities

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee has developed a prioritized list of future mitigation actions and projects, with care taken to include those projects which can be considered reasonable and feasible based primarily on capacity, cost, and political feasibility. The high priority future mitigation actions include:

Hazard	Future Mitigation Actions
All-Hazards	Encourage residents to sign up for VT-Alert and the CARE registry, Provide information on personal preparation to town residents.
Severe Heat	Maintain Community Center as emergency cooling shelter with generator, Set up a process to check on vulnerable populations during severe heat events
Widespread Power Failure	Encourage and support GMP undergrounding of major electrical lines Maintain a permanent back-up generator for the Community Center
Structure Fire	Support ongoing training efforts of the Addison Volunteer Fire Department
Hazardous Materials Spill	Support ongoing HazMat training efforts of the Addison Volunteer Fire Department
High Winds	Remove dead and dying trees from town rights of way
Severe Cold	Maintain Community Center as emergency heating shelter with generator, Set up a process to check on vulnerable populations during severe cold events
Severe Snow Storm	Maintain snow removal equipment and qualified personnel
Drought	Support water system improvements by Tri-Town water, encourage dry well reporting and water conservation measures
Flash Flooding & Fluvial Erosion	Implement road projects at Norton Town Road and Lake Street
Invasive Species	Provide information on invasive species removal and reduce spread of Poison Parsnip
Severe Ice Storm	Support tree pruning and removal efforts by GMP to mitigate power outages.
Infectious Disease Outbreak/Pandemic	Develop and maintain continuity planning and agreements for potential town staff shortages.
Wildfire	Require outdoor burn permits prior to any outdoor burning, Maintain and Install additional dry hydrants throughout town.
Tornado	Remove dead and dying trees from town rights of way as part of normal maintenance

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is dynamic and should not be static. To ensure that the plan remains current and relevant, it is important that it be updated periodically. The hazard mitigation plan should be reviewed by all new town officials and revised and updated in its entirety every 5 years.

The Town of Addison will monitor and evaluate its hazard mitigation goals, strategies and actions annually as the town budget is created. In updates of the Town Plan by the Planning Commission, the concepts, goals and strategies from this hazard mitigation plan should be incorporated and used to inform municipal development strategies.