

# Hazard Mitigation Program

## Vermont Emergency Management

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RESILIENT  
VERMONT**

in the face  
of climate  
change and  
natural  
disasters.





# Eligible Project Types:

- Property Buyouts
  - Properties at flood risk
  - Properties at risk from landslides
- Floodplain Restoration
- Culvert and Bridge Upsizing
- Road Relocation or Resilience Improvements
- Structural Elevations
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Development
- Other Planning and Scoping Activities





**FEMA**

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Vermont Emergency Management

Hazard Mitigation Grant  
Program (HMGP) (*\$75+ million anticipated*)

Flood Mitigation Assistance –  
Swift Current (*\$40 million*)

Building Resilient Infrastructure  
and Communities (BRIC)

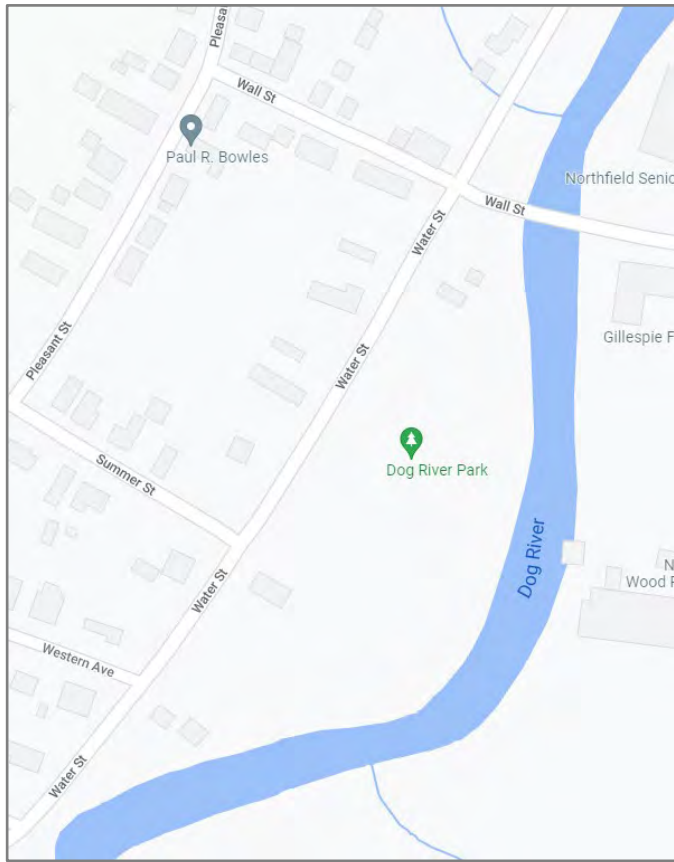
# FEMA Funding Sources:

- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**
  - Funding based on July flooding event, anticipating \$75+ million
  - Projects require a 25% local match
    - State funding is currently available to cover the match for buyout projects
  - Deadline for **Pre-Application Form** is June 21, 2024, full applications due in late 2024
  - A Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) is required, except for most property buyouts and elevations
  - **Eligible applicants:** municipalities, state agencies, other governing entities, specific non-profits if it relates to a critical facility
  - **Best use:** implementation of projects (e.g., buyouts, culverts/bridges, floodplain restoration, dam removal)

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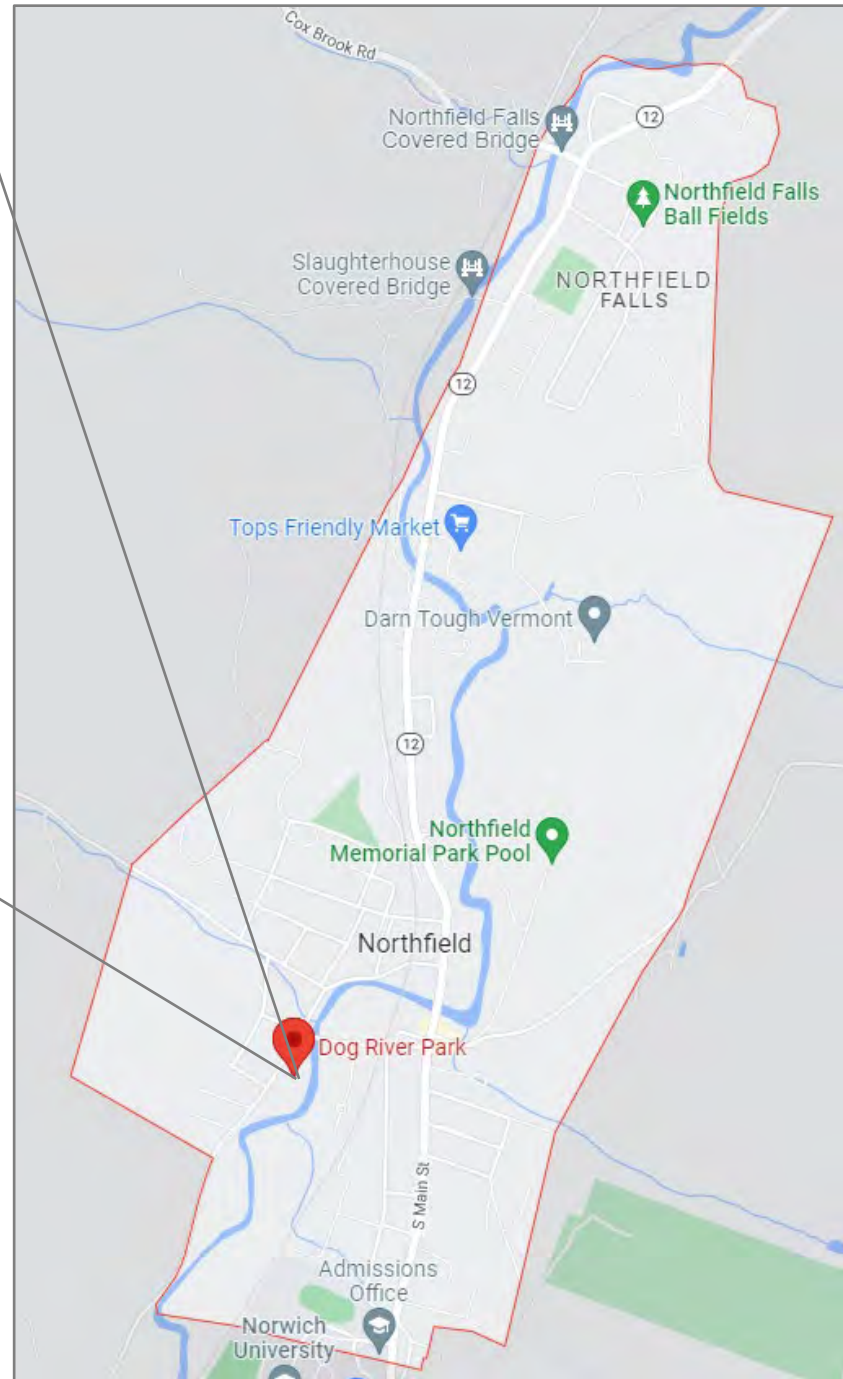
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Swift Current**
  - Funding based on July flooding event, \$40 million available
  - Requires properties to have flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
  - Some properties will be eligible for 90% of 100% federal share
  - State deadline to FEMA is **May 15, 2024**
  - **Eligible applicants**: municipalities, state agencies, other governing entities, specific non-profits if it relates to a critical facility
  - **Best use**: implementation of individual property projects, including buyouts, elevations, and structural relocation





Water Street Neighborhood  
Buyouts, Restoration &  
Community Park

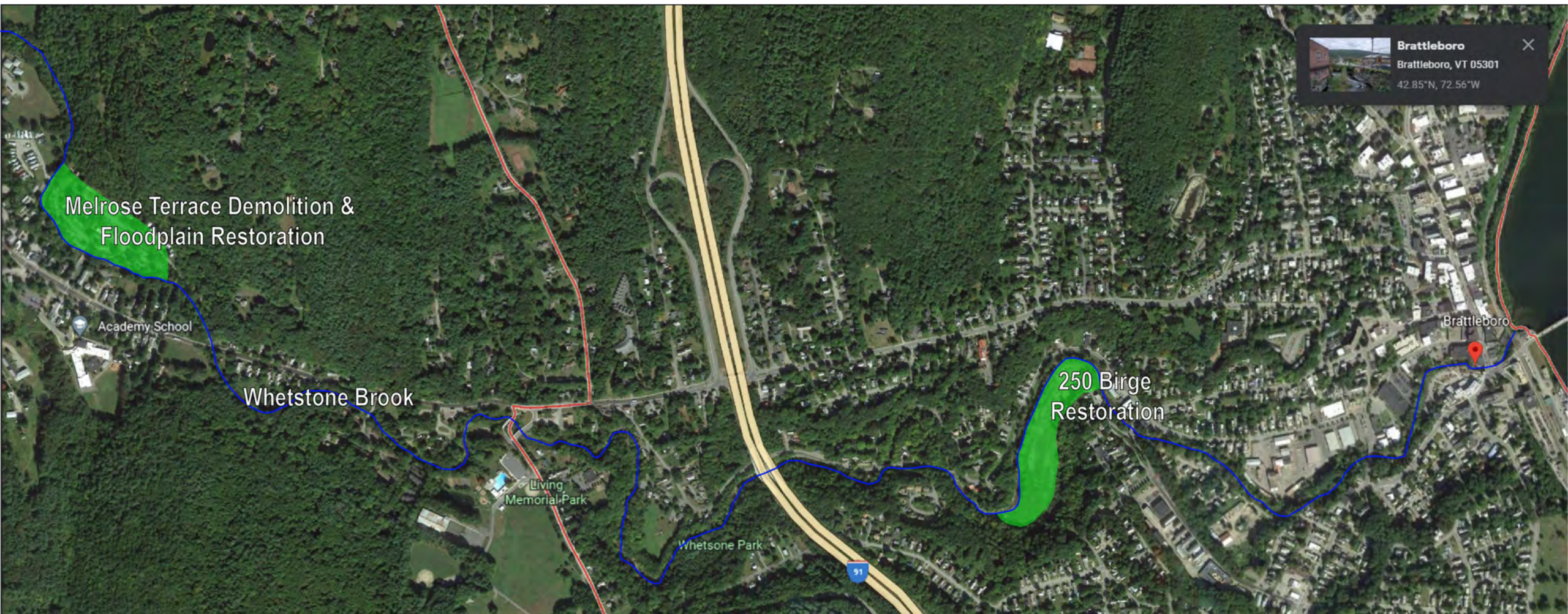
# Northfield





Property Buyouts and Floodplain Restoration





Brattleboro



Melrose Terrace Park





December 2022 Flooding







Brandon



Center Street Overflow Culvert



## Cambridge Trail Bridge Upsizing & Floodplain Restoration



Original Trail Bridge

## Gaps:

- Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) funding has been obligated
- Match funding is specifically for buyouts and is running out
- Match funding is not currently available for any other project types

### **Other challenges:**

- Maintaining housing and supporting community decision making
- Filling the gap between Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation support, specifically for buyouts as well as elevations of Substantial Damage properties



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