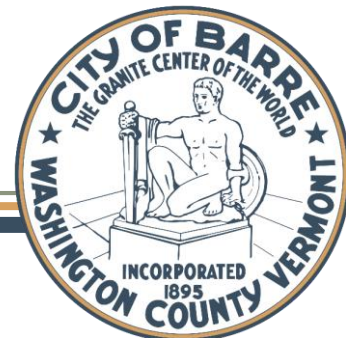


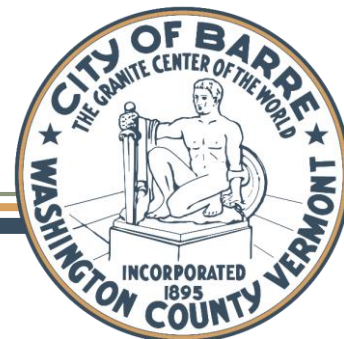
# FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATES

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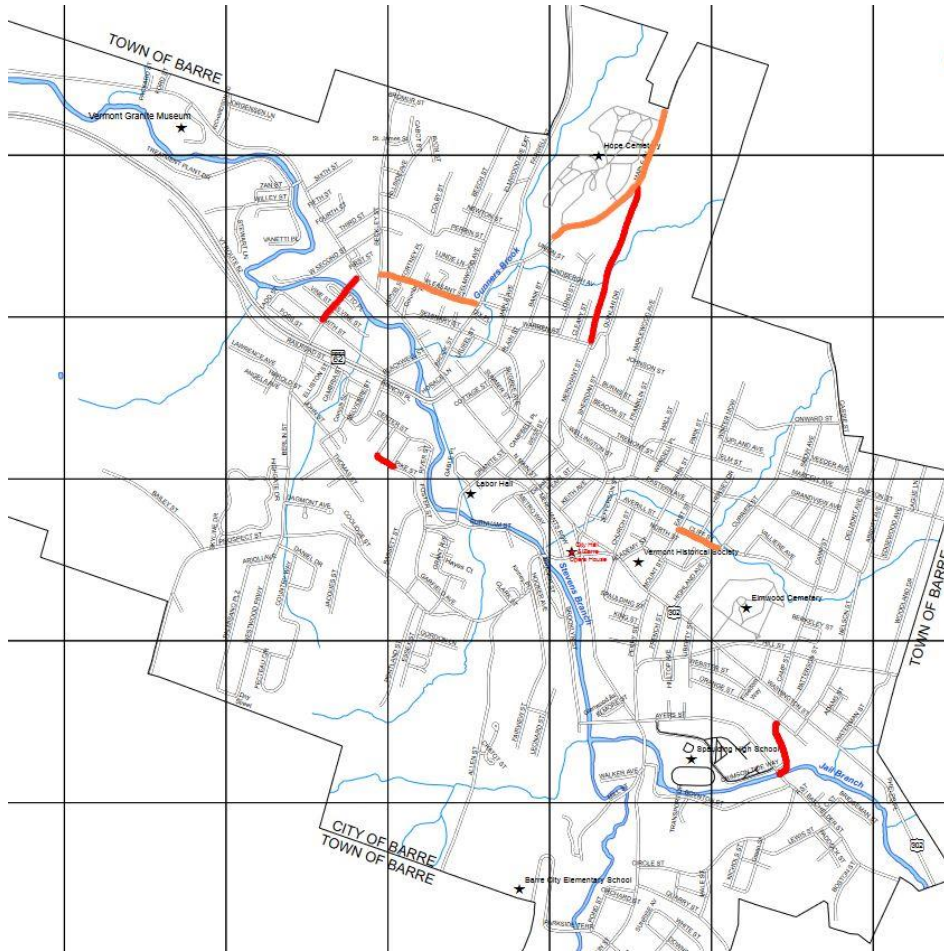


# PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

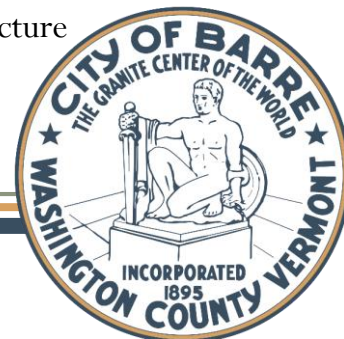
- City issued an RFP for rehabilitation of City Hall, Public Safety Building, and Wheelock Building
  - RFPs due Thursday, September 7
- Scoping meeting with FEMA began our 60-day clock for Public Assistance project identification
  - 56 projects identified
    - 4 emergency protective measures, 8 culverts, 8 road repairs, 6 landslides and many others
- Paving contract for flood repair awarded by Council last week
  - Cliff Street paving currently ongoing, Pleasant Street up next



# STREET CLOSURES



- **Berlin Street** between N. Main Street and Smith Street – **CLOSED** pending pavement repairs at the bridge
- **Pike Street** between George Street and Howard Street **CLOSED** due to landslide concerns
- **W Patterson Street** between Ayers Street and Orange Street **CLOSED** to vehicle traffic, **OPEN** to limited and necessary pedestrian traffic
- **Merchant Street** Between Warren Street and Maple Avenue/VT-14 **CLOSED** 24 hours a day until September 15 for State-funded infrastructure improvement project
- **Cliff Street** and **Pleasant Street** will have intermittent closures for paving and repairs this week
- **Maple Avenue/VT-14** near Hope Cemetery will have intermittent one-way traffic due to the State-funded infrastructure project



# PRIVATE DEBRIS COLLECTION HAS ENDED

- State contractors and City volunteers picked up the last 16 remaining debris piles by Saturday, August 26.
- Residential debris collection by the City and the State contractor has ended.
  - Residents are responsible for debris removal. Rainbow Bridge Community Center has offered assistance to any residents in need of help with continuing debris removal.

## Bulky Waste Disposal Event

**DATE:** Saturday, September 16

**TIME:** 9AM – 3PM

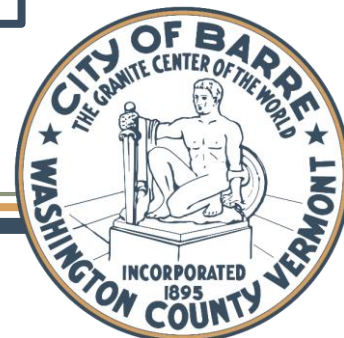
**LOCATION:** Auditorium Hill (BOR parking lot)

**RESTRICTIONS:** Residential waste only, must be a City of Barre resident (**proof required**)

- ✓ Mattresses/ box springs
- ✓ Couches/ chairs
- ✓ Yard toys
- ✓ Bicycles
- ✓ Household appliances

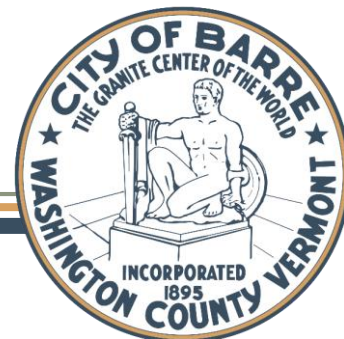
**NO yard waste**

**NO household hazardous waste**



# LANDSLIDES

- Council acted on a contract to formally retain a geo-technical firm for assistance in understanding and remediating landslides.
  - Pike Street (~4 weeks)
    - Desktop analysis subsurface exploration, slope stability modeling, report
  - Brooklyn Street, 54 West Patterson, West Patterson between Ayers and Orange Streets, bike path, Railroad Street/VT-62, Foster Street, Kinney Place/Public Works Garage (~2 weeks)
    - Probably cause, potential continued movement, preliminary repair options



# ASSESSMENTS OF RESIDENTIAL DAMAGE

- ~363 structures containing 517 units sustained some level of damage
- ~17 homes Substantially Damaged, ~14 additional homes anticipated to also be determined to be Substantially Damaged
- As of this afternoon, 112 homes green tagged, 77 yellow tagged, 10 red tagged (landslides, structural issues).
- Priorities for the City:
  - Finalizing assessment and notifications to homeowners about Substantial Damage determinations
  - Narrowing number of impacted individuals
  - Projecting and prioritizing homes that can be rehabilitated quickly before winter
- City has provided FEMA with data and maps about potential parcels for the placement of trailers
  - Standard: 3 acres, not in the floodplain, connected to water and sewer at the right-of-way
  - 18 properties identified (only 2 City properties: Auditorium and bike patch section near dog-park)
- State has made some resources available for staffing to assist with homeless individuals and re-housing.
  - Next step: Budget and deliverables for the position



# VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Saturday statewide Clean Up Day was a great success
  - 90+ volunteers showed up
  - Governor's team added soil and re-seeded Dente Park and Nativi Playground
  - Crews collected tires and the last remaining debris piles
  - 16 loads of mud were removed
- City volunteer hub is no longer active on weekdays. Stay tuned for weekend volunteer hub information and opportunities to help.

**Thank you to everyone who has helped during the recovery!**



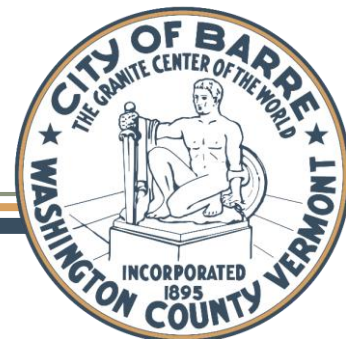
# COMMUNITY FORUM SCHEDULED

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023

**TIME:** 5:30PM to 9:00PM

**LOCATION:** Barre Opera House

- Moderated by Vermont Council on Rural Development
- Open discussion and break-out groups
  - Housing, Recovery Agencies (FEMA, State of Vermont), Volunteer / Assistance Efforts, Individual & Youth Wellness, Natural Environment & Climate, Long-Term Resilience





# FLOOD IMPACT ON CITY BUDGET

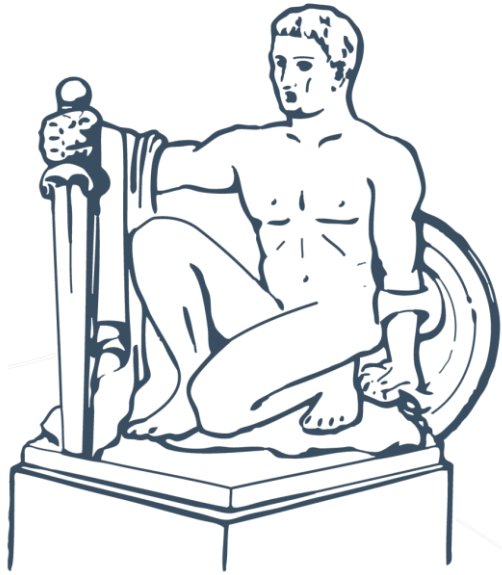
- Staff will be preparing an analysis of expected budget impacts to present to Council in September.
- Concerns with loss of revenue and long-term cash flow if FEMA funding is not received in a reasonable time period.
- Expect difficult mid-year adjustments and a challenging FY25 budget development process
  - See-Click-Fix contract has been terminated, ~\$5,500 savings



# ODDS AND ENDS

- FEMA Disaster Recovery Center remains staged in the Auditorium basement
  - *Seven days a week, 8AM to 7PM*
- Parking meter enforcement will resume on Tuesday, September 5.
- Rehabilitation of the old Police Department continues – when completed, the space will become a one-stop resource center for flood recovery. Anticipated launch is by mid-September.





THANK YOU

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