



## Substantial Improvement and Substantial Damage Requirements in Special Flood Hazard Areas

### Free half-day training for NH Community Officials

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Coastal Program, in partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs Floodplain Management Program, will be holding a half-day training class about the substantial improvement and substantial damage requirements as required by the National Flood Insurance Program and the New Hampshire State Building Code.

#### Class participants will learn about:

- ✓ Substantial improvement and substantial damage regulations, tools, and resources
- ✓ Processes and procedures for making everyday determinations of substantial improvement and substantial damage in a consistent, fair, and compliant manner
- ✓ Post-event procedures for assessing and determining substantial damage for multiple structures following a flood or other event
- ✓ Post-event substantial damage processes through a tabletop exercise

**DATE:** Thursday, March 19, 2026

**TIME:** Check in begins at 8:30 am

Class begins at 9:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm

**LOCATION:** NHDES Coastal Program, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth

**REGISTER:** [NH SI/SD Training Class Registration Form](#)

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**CREDIT/HOURS:** 3 hours of continuing education hours/credits available