Southeastern Connecticut Critical Facilities Assessment

Frequently Asked Questions

Project Summary

- The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments is conducting an assessment of the region's critical facilities that lie within storm surge or flood zones in order to identify actions that can make facilities more resistant to damage and service interruptions. The project was called for in the 2012 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Assessment will allow municipalities and fire districts to take proper steps in keeping their facilities on-line during and after hazardous weather events.

- Sixteen properties have been identified for assessment, including town halls, fire stations, and police stations. Milone & MacBroom staff will visit the properties and review site information to assess flood, wind, and snow-load risks. A memorandum will be developed for each site outlining risks and recommendations (see below). The project will be completed in the spring of 2017.

What is the process for conducting the Critical Facilities Assessment?

1. Brief managers on process, and collect additional information
2. Conduct Site Survey
3. Conduct Survey of Building Components
4. Review Assessment findings
5. Complete final Assessment

What will the risk assessment include?

- **Memorandum of Risk Assessment and Recommendations**
  - Description and map of current and future flood risks to property
  - Description of wind and snow-load risks
  - Description of municipal capabilities to address risks and operate backup facilities
  - Description of design criteria for risk-reduction
  - Elevations that are not otherwise listed on the Elevation Certificate
  - Recommendations for building-specific flood risk reduction, such as flood-proofing, building elevation, elevation of utilities, sealing of openings, etc.
  - Recommendations for wind risk reduction such as load path projects, shutters, etc.
  - Recommendations for snow-load risk reduction
  - Planning level cost estimates for recommendations
  - **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Elevation Certificates**