

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain. Funding would be provided through Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Northfield for the Cross Brothers Dam Removal.

The proposed action is located adjacent to Water Street and the Dog River in Northfield, VT. The project would remove the Cross Brothers Dam, and the associated former mill works structures (abutments and spillways). The project would also remove impounded sediment from the dam center to approximately 900 feet upstream. The project would restore natural sediment transport and stabilize the Dog River banks following dam and sediment removal. Preparatory site work would include removal 30 hazardous trees, installation of silt fencings and cofferdams, and staging on existing paved surfaces. Two access roads would be constructed, the first from a nearby Dollar General on North Main St to the northern edge of the dam, and the second from the southern edge of the Dog River.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area. The removal of the dam is expected to lower the base flood elevation along Water Street which would improve public safety and minimize future flood damage in the area. Additionally, project would restore the floodplain to its natural state by replanting riparian vegetation and eliminating the undersized impoundment. A map of the area is available upon request.

Three sediment removal alternatives were considered in conjunction with the dam removal. Alternatives included full sediment removal within Dog River, partial sediment removal, and no sediment removal. Partial sediment removal is the preferred alternative as it does not interfere with the existing sewer lines but does remove enough impounded sediment to restore the Dog River. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain administrator.

Map requests and questions about this project and potential floodplain impacts are encouraged to be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication (11/21/2025) to:

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