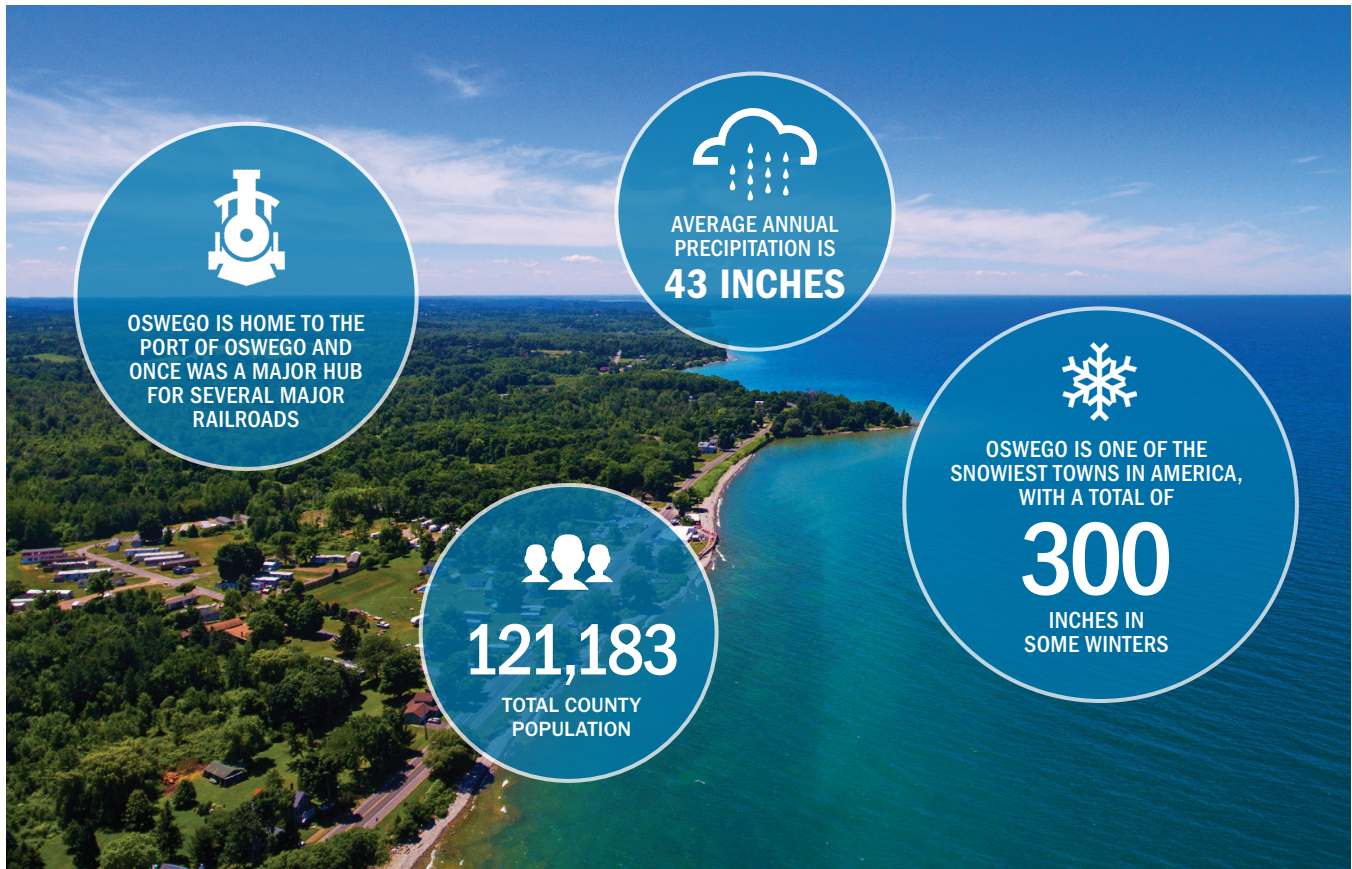


OSWEGO COUNTY, NY: PROFILE

Oswego County is located on Lake Ontario, which spans across 193 miles and includes four watersheds: Chaumont-Perch, Black River, St. Lawrence River, and Salmon-Sandy.



COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

The Region II Office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), revised the preliminary flood hazard risk information for the Great Lakes Region of New York State.

The Oswego County Hazard Mitigation Plan included mitigation projects related to regulations, ordinances, zoning codes, training programs, a road watch program during hazard events, promoting smart growth, and joining the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community

Rating System (CRS). The mitigation actions were not specific to communities, but were overarching activities for the whole county.

FLOODPLAIN STATISTICS SNAPSHOT:

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) DATE: 6/18/2013

FIRM STATUS: N/A

NFIP PARTICIPATION: YES

NFIP POLICIES: 119

CRS RATING: N/A

LAST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE VISIT (CAV): N/A

LAST COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CONTACT (CAC): N/A

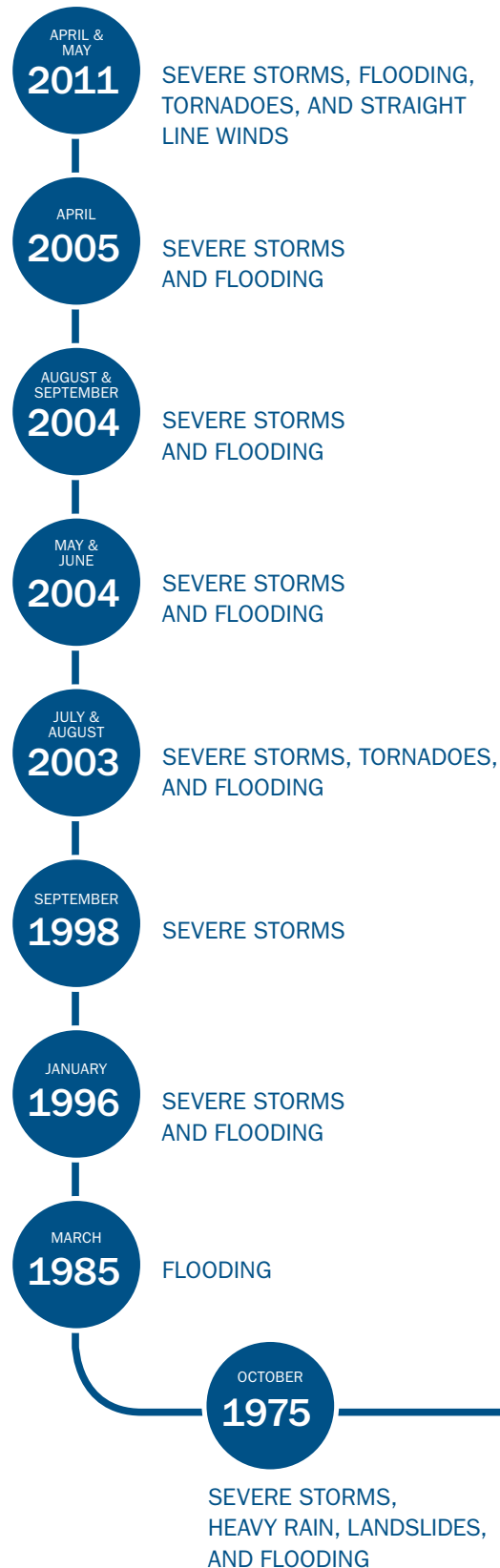
OSWEGO COUNTY: DEMOGRAPHICS

	COUNTY	STATE
DEMOGRAPHICS		
People	121,183	19,378,102
65+ years or older	12.60%	7.90%
Poverty rate	18.60%	15.70%
Unemployment rate	5.70%	5.20%
Median household income	\$47,860	\$59,269
HOUSING		
Housing Units	53,656	8,171,725
Homes with mortgage (%)	59.90%	63.20%
Mortgage holders considered housing cost burdened (%)*	26.80%	38.20%
% of homes build before 1980	64.90%	78.70%
Owner occupied	72.20%	53.30%
Renter occupied	27.80%	46.70%
Median home value	\$94,800	\$283,400
Vacant	15.60%	9.70%

Source: United States Census Bureau. 2011–2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates.

*According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, households who pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing are considered cost burdened and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care.

OSWEGO COUNTY: DECLARED DISASTERS



Local and State governments share responsibility for protecting their citizens and helping them recover after a disaster strikes. In some cases, disasters are beyond the capabilities of local, State, and tribal governments. In 1988, the Stafford Act was enacted to support local, State and tribal governments and their citizens when disasters overwhelm and exhaust their resources. This law, as amended, established the process for requesting and obtaining a Presidential Emergency or Disaster Declaration, defined the type and scope of assistance available from the Federal Government, and set the conditions for obtaining assistance.

Like much of the eastern United States, one of the most frequent, widespread, and damaging natural disasters affecting this watershed is flooding from rainfall events, especially tropical systems tracking inland from the Atlantic Seaboard. With full records beginning in the 1950s, the watershed has been subjected repeatedly to flooding from tropical storms, hurricanes, and other non-cyclonic events: most recently Hurricane Irene and a remnant of Tropical Storm Lee, which struck the area in August and September 2011, respectively.

OSWEGO COUNTY: SNAPSHOT

COMMUNITY	POPULATION	NFIP POLICIES	NFIP CLAIMS	FEMA CLAIMS PAID	CAV/CAC DATES	HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
TOWN OF MEXICO	5,197	18	1	\$73,394.43	CAV: 10/14/2016 CAC: N/A	Approved* and working on a plan update
TOWN OF SCRIBA	6,840	17	7	\$27,343.00	CAV: N/A CAC: N/A	Approved* and working on a plan update
TOWN OF NEW HAVEN	2,856	4	N/A	\$0	CAV: N/A CAC: N/A	Approved* and working on a plan update
CITY OF OSWEGO	18,142	23	11	\$378,868.00	CAV: 12/29/2004 CAC: N/A	Approved* and working on a plan update
TOWN OF MINETTO	1,659	13	3	\$364,973.14	CAV: N/A CAC: 1/31/2012	Did not participate/ has no plan
TOWN OF OSWEGO	7,984	6	1	\$516.00	CAV: 8/24/1992 CAC: 3/29/2017	Approved* and working on a plan update
TOWN OF SANDY CREEK	3,939	23	11	\$16,647.00	CAV: 8/31/1992	Approved* and working on a plan update
TOWN OF RICHLAND	5,718	13	3	\$3,964.00	CAV: 10/4/1994 CAC: N/A	Approved* and working on a plan update

*Plan set to expire in 2018

OSWEGO COUNTY: SNAPSHOT

COMMUNITY	HOUSING INDICATORS	SOCIAL INDICATORS
TOWN OF MEXICO	<p>46% of homes in the Town of Mexico have no mortgage.</p> <p>16% of homes in the Town of Mexico are vacant.</p>	<p>The poverty rate is 18%.</p> <p>14% of residents are 65 or older.</p>
TOWN OF SCRIBA	<p>47% of homes in Scriba have no mortgage.</p> <p>28% of homes in Scriba are renter occupied.</p>	<p>14% of residents are 65 or older.</p> <p>The poverty rate is 10.90%.</p>
TOWN OF NEW HAVEN	<p>21% of homes in New Haven are vacant.</p> <p>The median home value in New Haven is \$86,300.</p>	<p>The unemployment rate in New Haven is 12.80%.</p>
CITY OF OSWEGO	<p>88% of homes in the City of Oswego were built before 1980.</p> <p>49% of homes in the City of Oswego are renter occupied.</p>	<p>The poverty rate in the City of Oswego is 29.10%.</p> <p>15% of residents are 65 or older.</p>
TOWN OF MINNETO	<p>The median home value in Minneto is \$115,000.</p> <p>78% of homes in Minneto were built before 1980.</p>	<p>19% of residents are 65 or older.</p> <p>The poverty rate in Minneto is 11.20%.</p>
TOWN OF OSWEGO	<p>17% of homes in the Town of Oswego are vacant.</p> <p>61% of homes in the Town of Oswego were built before 1980.</p>	<p>2% of residents speak English less than very well.</p> <p>The poverty rate is 15%.</p>
TOWN OF SANDY CREEK	<p>35% of homes in Sandy Creek are vacant.</p> <p>52% of homes in Sandy Creek have no mortgage.</p>	<p>20% of residents are 65 or older.</p> <p>The unemployment rate in Sandy Creek is 10%.</p>
TOWN OF RICHLAND	<p>71% of all homes in Richland were built before 1980.</p> <p>The median home value in Richland is \$101,700.</p>	<p>5% of residents speak English less than very well.</p> <p>The poverty rate in Richland is 20.60%.</p>

*Households spending 30% or more of income on housing costs

OSWEGO COUNTY | HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND MITIGATION

COMMUNITY NEEDS IDENTIFIED DURING DISCOVERY

FEMA works closely with communities to better understand local flood local flood risk, mitigation efforts, and other topics and spark watershed-wide discussions about increasing resilience to flooding. The Discovery process of FEMA's Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, and Planning) program helps communities identify areas at risk for flooding and solutions for reducing that risk. Discovery Meetings with communities in watersheds along Lake Ontario were initiated in 2013. The discussions, materials covered, and local input during the meetings were captured in Discovery Reports for each of the watersheds. For this area, the report showed:

- The current Special Flood Hazard Area extent mapping is inaccurate and a Salmon River restudy was requested.
- Base Flood Elevations do not reflect dredging, depth, or higher ground added around bodies of water.
- Flooding and erosion of Lake Ontario are major concerns, affected by changes in precipitation. Homes along the lake have been inundated in the past, and these floods cause millions of dollars in property damage.
- Other causes of flooding from creeks and rivers in multiple municipalities include ice jams, blockages, and spring runoff.

Hazard Mitigation Process: The Oswego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared to alleviate the potential threat of natural hazards and meet the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Each participating jurisdiction assessed the local risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural hazards and detailed mitigation strategies to moderate those vulnerabilities and decrease the risks. At a minimum, the identified mitigation measures were required to be technically feasible, cost-effective, and environmentally sound. A new plan is being developed, and it will replace the existing plan that will expire in 2018. The existing plan proposed the following mitigation actions:

- Stormwater drainage systems will be improved.

- Building setback will be increased along Lake Ontario to reduce potential erosion and its impacts. Multiple municipalities proposed this effort.
- Better enforcement of zoning regulations.
- Implement response protocols to remove ice/debris jams from waterways.
- Conduct outreach and public education pre-/post-hazard event.

OSWEGO COUNTY: MEDIA COVERAGE

MEDIA COVERAGE SUMMARY (AS OF JULY 2017)

- In Media coverage surrounding Oswego County flooding was informative, focusing primarily on the Township of Sandy Creek and referencing mitigation efforts by Oswego County.
- The most recent coverage around Sandy Point references the possibly permanent damage that the flooding is causing. Primarily, Oswego County fears that the sand dunes in Sandy Pond are disintegrating completely.
- For the community's mitigation efforts, the Oswego County Emergency Management Office worked closely with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and the emergency management offices of other affected municipalities to monitor the situation. The county received 89,000 sandbags and a sandbag filler that the New York State Army National Guard managed.