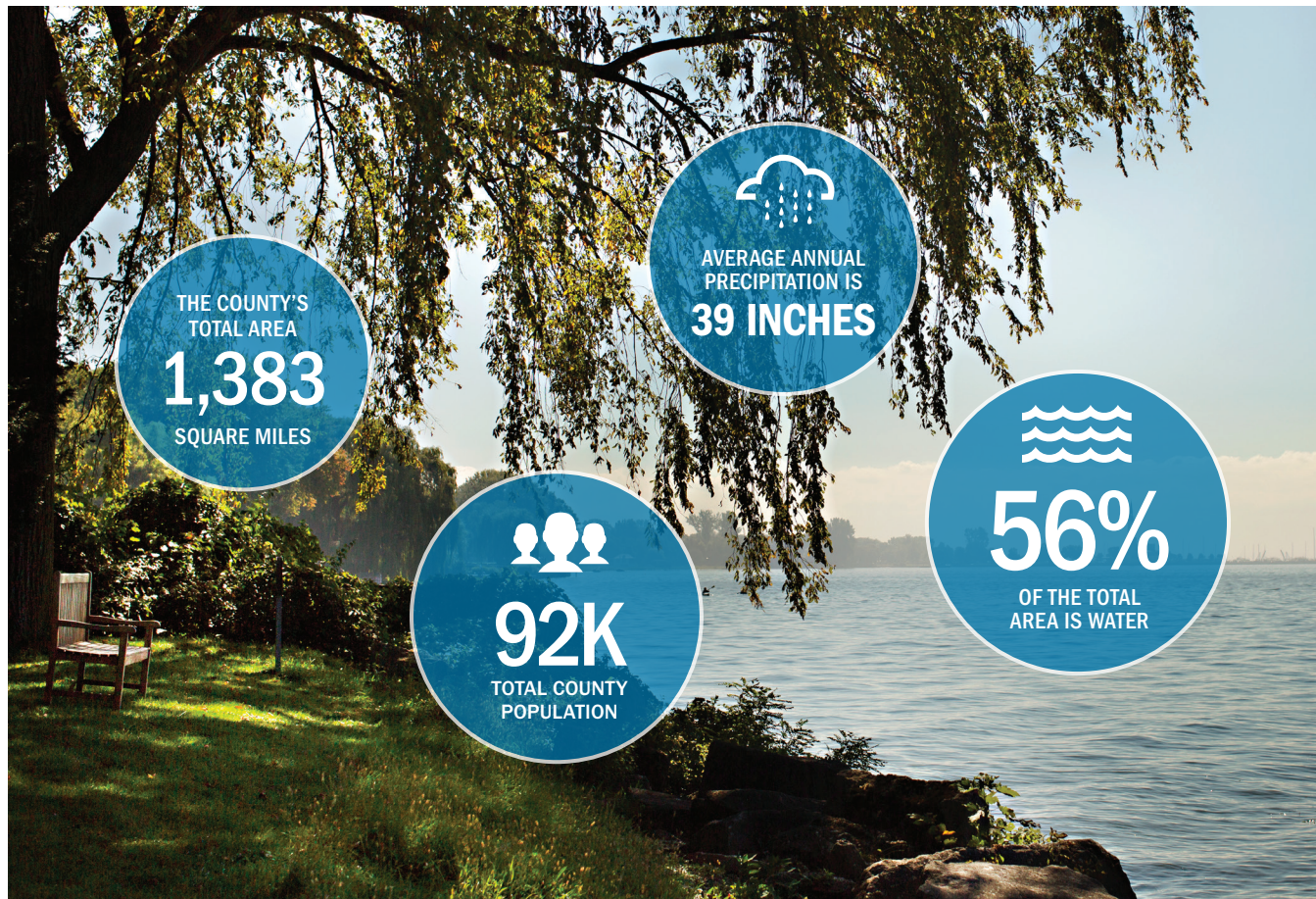


# WAYNE COUNTY, NY: PROFILE

Wayne County is located on Lake Ontario, which spans across 193 miles and four watersheds: Chaumont-Perch, Black River, St. Lawrence River, 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, revised the preliminary flood hazard risk information in the Great Lakes Region of New York State.

Together, they compiled the Lake Ontario Discovery report, which found there are changes in the natural environment from development

that may be increasing the potential for flooding along the Lake Ontario shoreline and the larger Lake Ontario bays in Oswego, Cayuga, Wayne, and Monroe Counties. The report noted that some of the major tributaries, such as Irondequoit and Sodus Creeks, frequently flood. It was further noted that these stream reaches would benefit from updated mapping and the development of revised Base Flood Elevations.

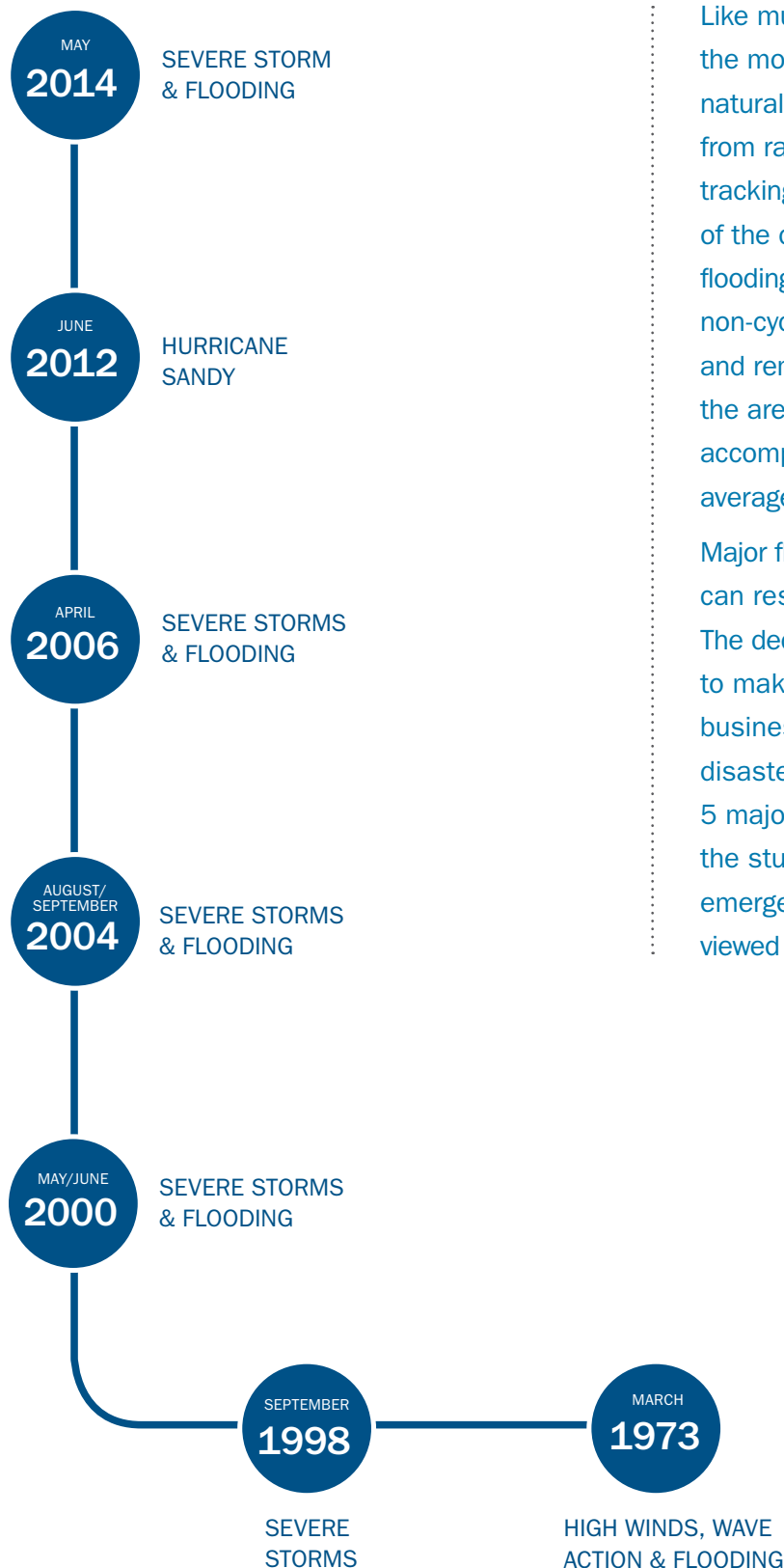
# WAYNE COUNTY: DEMOGRAPHICS

	COUNTY	STATE
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>		
People	92,416	19,378,102
65+ years or older	14.30%	7.90%
Poverty rate	12.70%	15.70%
Unemployment rate	4.70%	5.20%
Median household income	\$50,798	\$59,269
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Housing Units	817,593	8,171,725
Homes with mortgage (%)	57.40%	63.20%
Mortgage holders considered housing cost burdened (%)*	27.4%	38.20%
% of homes built before 1980	83.60%	78.70%
Owner-occupied	63.00%	53.30%
Renter-occupied	37.00%	46.70%
Median home value	\$83,000	\$283,400
Vacant	18.40%	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.

# WAYNE COUNTY: DECLARED DISASTERS



Like much of the eastern United States, one of the most frequent, widespread, and damaging natural disasters affecting the county is flooding from rainfall events, especially tropical systems tracking inland from the Atlantic Seaboard. Parts of the county have repeatedly been subject to flooding from tropical storms, hurricanes, and other non-cyclonic events, such as Hurricane Irene and remnants of Irene in 2011. In early 2017, the area experienced unprecedented lake levels accompanied by times of high winds and above-average rainfall, causing flooding along shorelines.

Major flooding events that meet certain thresholds can result in a presidentially declared disaster. The declaration allows for the Federal government to make funding available for homeowners, businesses, and local communities to aid in disaster relief and recovery. There have been 5 major flood-related disaster declarations for the study area. FEMA's disaster declarations and emergency declarations disaster history can be viewed at FEMA's website: [www.fema.gov/disasters](http://www.fema.gov/disasters).

# WAYNE COUNTY: SNAPSHOT

COMMUNITY	POPULATION	NFIP POLICIES	NFIP CLAIMS	NFIP PREMIUMS	CAV/CAC* DATES	HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
TOWN OF HURON	2,248	20	16	\$15,065	CAV: 9/17/2007 CAC: 6/30/2015	Approved
TOWN OF WOLCOTT	4,453	4	3	3001	CAV: 8/31/1995 CAC: 9/21/2016	Approved
TOWN OF ONTARIO	10,126	35	8	\$40,511	CAV: 8/23/2011 CAC: N/A	Approved
TOWN OF SODUS	8,264	11	11	\$8,587	CAV: 9/14/2006 CAC: N/A	Approved
VILLAGE OF SODUS POINT	981	65	20	\$74,117	CAV: 9/14/2006 CAC: N/A	Approved
TOWN OF WILLIAMSON	6,884	12	2	\$10,775	CAV: 8/4/2011 CAC: N/A	Approved

\*COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE VISITS (CAV)/ COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CONTACTS (CAC)

COMMUNITY	HOUSING INDICATORS	SOCIAL INDICATORS
TOWN OF HURON	49% of homes in the Town of Huron are vacant. 18% of homes in the Town of Huron are renter occupied.	19% of residents in the Town of Huron are 65 years or older.
TOWN OF WOLCOTT	24% of homes in the Town of Wolcott are vacant. 27% of homes in the Town of Wolcott are renter-occupied.	14% of residents in the Town of Wolcott are 65 years or older.
TOWN OF ONTARIO	64% of homes in the Town of Ontario have a mortgage. 17% of homes in the Town of Ontario are renter-occupied.	The median household income in the Town of Ontario is \$59,543.
TOWN OF SODUS	43% of homes in the Town of Sodus are vacant. 83% of homes in the Town of Sodus were built before 1980.	The poverty rate in the Town of Sodus is 19%.
VILLAGE OF SODUS POINT	74% of homes in the Village of Sodus Point were built before 1980. 18% of homes in the Village of Sodus Point are renter-occupied.	27% of residents in the Village of Sodus Point are 65 years or older.
TOWN OF WILLIAMSON	74% of homes in the Town of Williamson were built before 1980. 18% of homes in the Town of Williamson are renter-occupied.	17% of residents in the Town of Williamson are 65 years or older.

# WAYNE COUNTY | HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND MITIGATION

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

Community Hazard Mitigation Plans identified mitigation projects, actions, and strategies to reduce long-term vulnerability to hazards. Each community listed several mitigation projects related to reducing flood vulnerability. Each community provided a range of additional activities. Activities included the continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, storm water management, modifying the residential elevation requirement in flood prone areas, and facilitating flood analysis to determine structures at risk. The Towns of Wolcott, Williamson, Sodus, Ontario, Huron and Village of Sodus Point listed joining the Community Rating System (CRS) as a potential action to help build flood resilience.