



TOWN OF AMHERST RECERTIFIED AS A STORMREADY COMMUNITY

The Town of Amherst was recognized on Monday, April 7, 2025 by the National Weather Service for being recertified as a StormReady community. This recognition is earned when a community has reached a high level of severe weather preparedness. Amherst is one of 76 sites in New York State to meet the requirements.

“This recognition is a testament to Amherst’s commitment to preparing for any emergency or disaster that might impact our region. Thanks to the Town’s Emergency Service and Safety Department, under the leadership of Brandon Peters, Amherst is better equipped to meet the needs of the community and save lives no matter what we are facing,” said Deputy Supervisor Shawn Lavin.

“Some 98 percent of all Presidentially declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$15 billion in damage. The StormReady program helps arm communities like Amherst with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property, before, during and after the event,” said Michael Fries, Meteorologist-in-Charge for the National Weather Service – Buffalo.



As of June 20, 2024, there were 3,474 StormReady and/or TsunamiReady Sites in 50 states. StormReady communities, counties, Indian nations, universities and colleges, military bases, government sites, commercial enterprises and other groups are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe

weather through advanced planning, education and awareness. No community is storm proof, but StormReady can help communities save lives.

“Amherst was first recognized as a StormReady community in 2008. By meeting the standards, we are ensuring that we are properly warning and aiding residents when severe weather strikes. The Town has taken steps to establish an Emergency Operations Center, expanded how we communicate NWS warnings and continues to promote public readiness through community seminars and presentations. We are committed to keeping our community as safe as possible during dangerous weather events,” said Brandon Peters, Director of Emergency Services and Safety for the Town of Amherst.

For information on the Town’s Emergency Services and Safety Department, please visit www.amherst.ny.us/emergencyservices. For more information on NWS’ StormReady certification, visit www.weather.gov/stormready.