

## PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY



### Before an emergency:

- **Stay INFORMED** by signing up for alerts
- Create a home **EMERGENCY KIT**
- **Make a PLAN** with your family that includes where you will go and how you will communicate during an emergency
- **Be PREPARED** to evacuate if needed. Know where you will go and how you will get there.

## Contact Us



Call 911 if you observe an emergency at the Bel Air Dam





Sign up for CodeRed: text “Pittsfield” to 99411 or sign up online:



Call Pittsfield Office of Emergency Management (413) 448-9764

### STAY INFORMED IN AN EMERGENCY

- **CodeRed** will notify subscribers via telephone calls, e-mails, and text messages. Residents can sign up for notifications in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese.
- **Social Media messaging** will be posted on the City’s accounts.  
 **City Hall – City of Pittsfield**  
 **@pittsfieldmayorsoffice**
- Public safety personnel may **canvas neighborhoods** and, if needed, **knock on doors to assist in evacuations.**



# Bel Air Dam Emergency Preparedness

The City of Pittsfield and MA Department of Conservation & Recreation’s Office of Dam Safety are working to address deficiencies at the Bel Air Dam, located between Lenox Ave. and Wahconah St. Removal of the dam is expected to begin in 2025/2026. Until the dam is removed, it is important for residents who live and work in the area downstream from the dam to stay informed and know what to do in the event of an emergency.

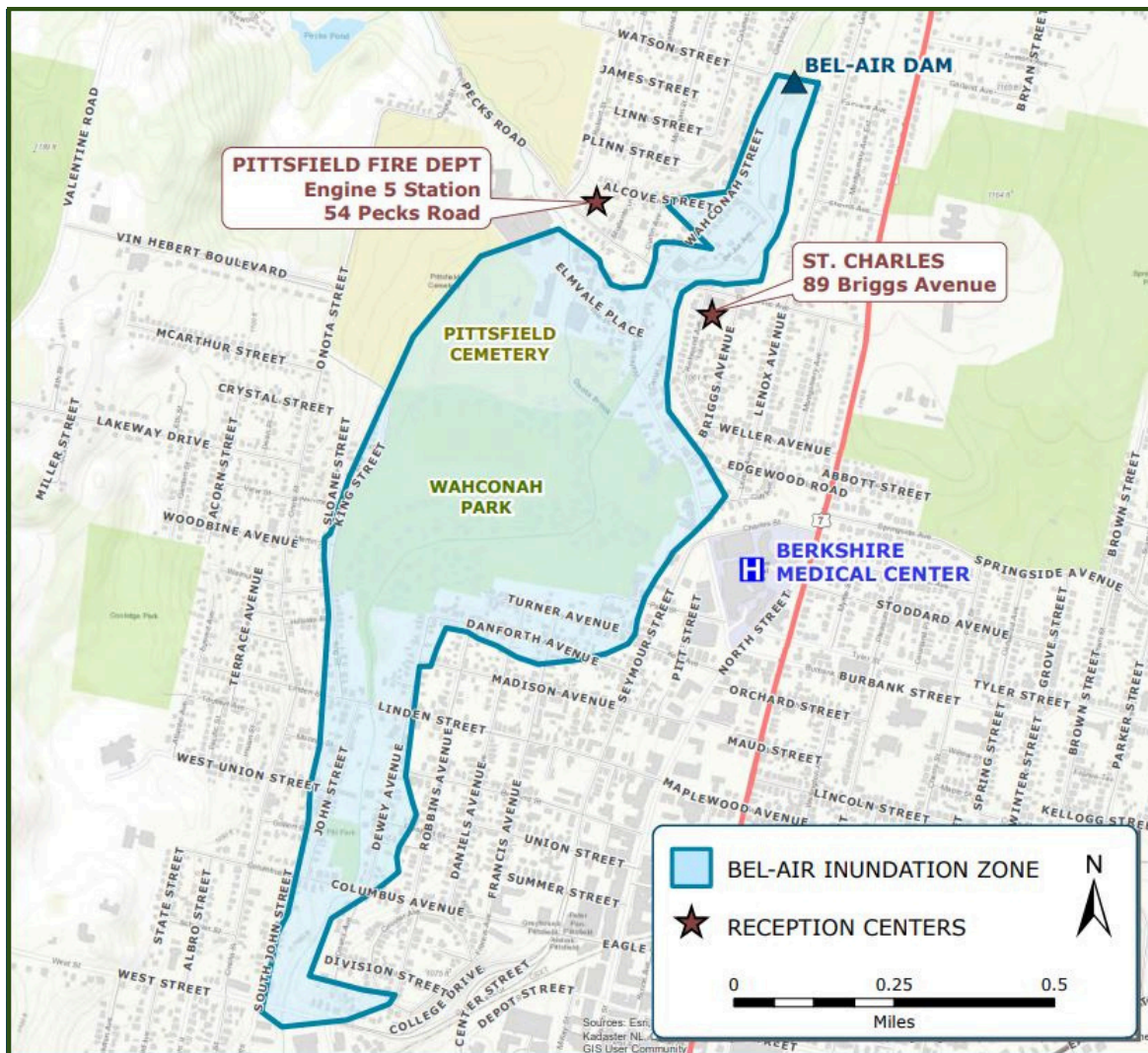
#### PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY TO PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES

- Stay Informed: Sign up for emergency alerts
- Make a family emergency plan
- Build an emergency kit



## KNOW YOUR ZONE

The map below shows areas that could be impacted by sudden flooding in the event of a failure at the Bel Air Dam shaded in blue, as well as designated reception centers. Streets that may experience a high velocity of water from the Bel Air Dam include: **Goodwill Industries Rd., Pontoosuc Ave., Wahconah St., Linden St., Columbus Ave., and West St.**



## DURING AN EMERGENCY

- People near or along the west branch of the Housatonic River from the Bel Air Dam to West St. should move to HIGHER GROUND immediately.
- **EVACUATE** immediately if told to do so -- sudden flooding could occur within 15 minutes of an emergency at the dam.
- **RECEPTION CENTERS** (see starred locations on map) will be open to accommodate anyone who has evacuated, including pets.
- **Stay ALERT** to further announcements from public safety officials.