



FEMA defines hazard mitigation as:

A series of actions and policies designed to reduce and/or eliminate the impacts of naturally occurring disasters on people and property.

About the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

A hazard mitigation plan should be considered a living document that must grow and adapt, keeping pace with a community's growth and change. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) places high priority on the continuation of the planning process after the initial submittal, requiring communities to seek and receive re-approval from FEMA in order to remain eligible for assistance. The evaluation, revision and update process is also a means to create an increased institutional awareness and involvement in hazard mitigation as part of daily activities.

This Plan Update will replace the existing June 2010 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as a standalone document. The approach for this Update is premised on four primary methods, all geared towards meeting the requirements of the DMA 2000 Public Law 106-390, October 10, 2000:

- Planning Process—Outreach and Stakeholder Coordination
- Risk Assessment—Identifying Hazards and Estimating Losses
- Mitigation Strategy— Identifying Mitigation Actions and Implementation Strategies
- Plan Maintenance—Implementation, Evaluation and Revision/Update

Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved!

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