

Mitigation Planning Resource List

This list provides resources to help guide the development and implementation of Hazard Mitigation Plans for state, local, tribal and territorial governments.

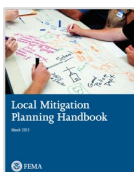
Mitigation planning identifies risks associated with natural disasters and develops long-term strategies for protecting people and property from hazard events. FEMA maintains a series of fact sheets that provide an overview of mitigation planning for state, local, tribal and territorial governments. These fact sheets are available on FEMA's [Create a Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) webpage. In addition, the American Planning Association, under a Cooperating Technical Partners grant from FEMA, surveyed legislation from all 50 states for laws that require, promote or encourage local natural hazard mitigation. For additional information, visit the Survey of State Land-Use and Natural Hazards Planning Laws at [the American Planning Association](#).

Need to know the requirements? Start with the Guidance and Policies.

There are a number of resources about the laws, regulations, and policies that guide the development of FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plans. Find them on FEMA's [Regulations and Guidance](#) webpage. Key policies include [Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) (October 2011), [State Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) (March 2015), and [Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) (December 2017).

Ready to develop or update your plan? Browse the Plan Development Resources.

FEMA is committed to helping state, local, tribal and territorial partners build their capabilities and plan for and mitigate their natural hazard risks. The Mitigation Planning Program offers a number of resources available to [create a hazard mitigation plan](#) to help build and implement mitigation plans.



Local Mitigation Planning Handbook is the official guide for local governments to develop, update, and implement local mitigation plans. This manual is also available in Spanish.



State Mitigation Planning Key Topics Bulletins are a series of brief documents that provide approaches and resources state officials can use to update their mitigation plans.



Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook guides tribal governments as they develop their plan using practical approaches.



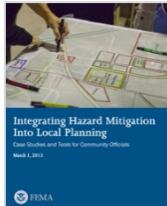
Mitigation Ideas is a resource that communities can use to identify and evaluate a range of potential mitigation actions. It includes ideas for reducing risk to 16 types of natural hazards.



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Ready to use your plan to reduce risks? Learn how to “bake in” mitigation.

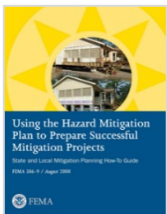
Mitigation is especially powerful when it is “baked in” to other, existing community planning processes, regulations, and policies. FEMA’s four publications help communities bring the principles of hazard mitigation into other planning efforts. These resources are available on FEMA’s [Implement, Integrate, and Maintain Planning Activities](#) webpage under “Integrating Mitigation with Related Planning Objectives.”



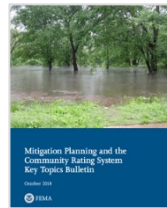
Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning: Case Studies and Tools for Community Officials (2013) provides practical guidance on incorporating risk reduction strategies into local plans, policies, codes, and programs that guide development or redevelopment.



Plan Integration: Linking Local Planning Efforts (2015) is a step-by-step guide to help communities analyze their local plans for existing integration and further improve those efforts with interagency coordination.



Using the Hazard Mitigation Plan to Prepare Successful Mitigation Projects (2008) shows how to move from Hazard Mitigation Plans to mitigation projects. The mitigation projects may then be funded using FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance, as appropriate.



Mitigation Planning and the Community Rating System (2018) describes how communities can align their Community Rating System Floodplain Management Plans with their mitigation plan in a single process that meets both programs’ requirements.

Interested in learning more? FEMA has training.

FEMA offers many training opportunities. The G-318: Local Mitigation Planning Workshop is a two-day workshop on planning requirements. FEMA offers a two-day instructor-led Tribal Mitigation Planning Workshop on request. IS-318: Mitigation Planning for Local and Tribal Communities is an online, self-paced mitigation planning course. IS/L-329: State Hazard Mitigation Planning/Workshop courses are for state officials to understand the policies and procedures for updating state mitigation plans. Planning for Resilient Communities is a four-hour workshop that explains the role of community planners in reducing disaster risk. Visit FEMA’s [Create a Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) webpage or contact your [FEMA regional office](#) for more information.

Need funding assistance? Learn about Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants.

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program funds eligible mitigation planning and project activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from disasters. If you are interested in pursuing planning funding, [Considerations for Local Mitigation Planning Grant Subapplications](#) and [The Tribal Mitigation Planning Grant Application Development Job Aid](#) provides guidance to help prepare your planning grant subapplication. [Planning-Related Activities Using Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 7-Percent Funding](#) explains how to use post-disaster mitigation funding to support planning activities. For more information, visit the [Hazard Mitigation Grants webpage](#).

For additional questions, federal, state, tribal, and territorial officials should contact the Lead Mitigation Planner at the appropriate FEMA regional office. Local planners are encouraged to contact their state or tribal officials, especially the state/tribal hazard mitigation officer, for assistance but may also contact their FEMA Regional Office. Visit FEMA’s website for [contact information](#) for the FEMA Regional offices and mitigation officers.