

# Hazard Mitigation Fact Sheet

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## Hazard Mitigation – What is it?

Natural hazard planning has historically focused on *responding* to disasters (floods, severe storms, fires, etc.) during or after they hit.

*In contrast*, hazard mitigation planning focuses on mitigating the effects of natural disasters *BEFORE* they hit.

- Identify risks and develop strategies to minimize that risk.
- Mitigation includes structural activities such as replacing undersized culverts, constructing berms or relocating high-risk buildings.
- Non-structural activities include floodplain protection bylaws and dedicating flood-prone properties to recreational uses.

A current, approved Hazard Mitigation Plan will make your community eligible for grants to fund certain mitigation activities.

What we need from you:

- Identification of regular problem areas
- Information about severe storms or incidents resulting in loss or damage

### ***Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning Milestones***

#### 2010

- January: Full regional meeting
- Mar-June: 1<sup>st</sup> Community Meeting
- June-Dec: BRPC updates multi-jurisdictional plan.
- May-July: Meeting with Emergency Responders in each community

#### 2011

- Jan-Jun: 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meetings – present updated plan
- Review process through MEMA & FEMA initiates

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