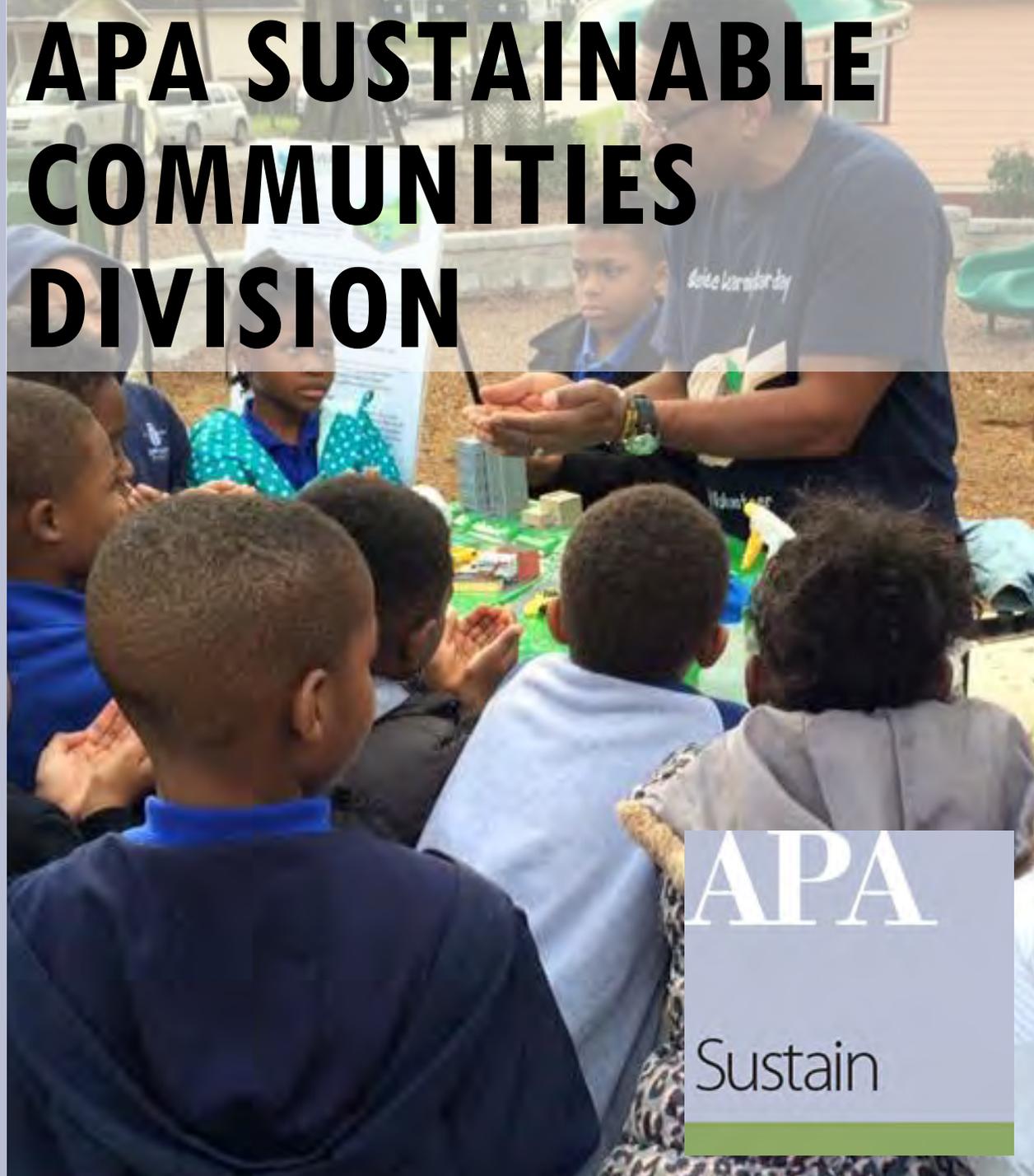


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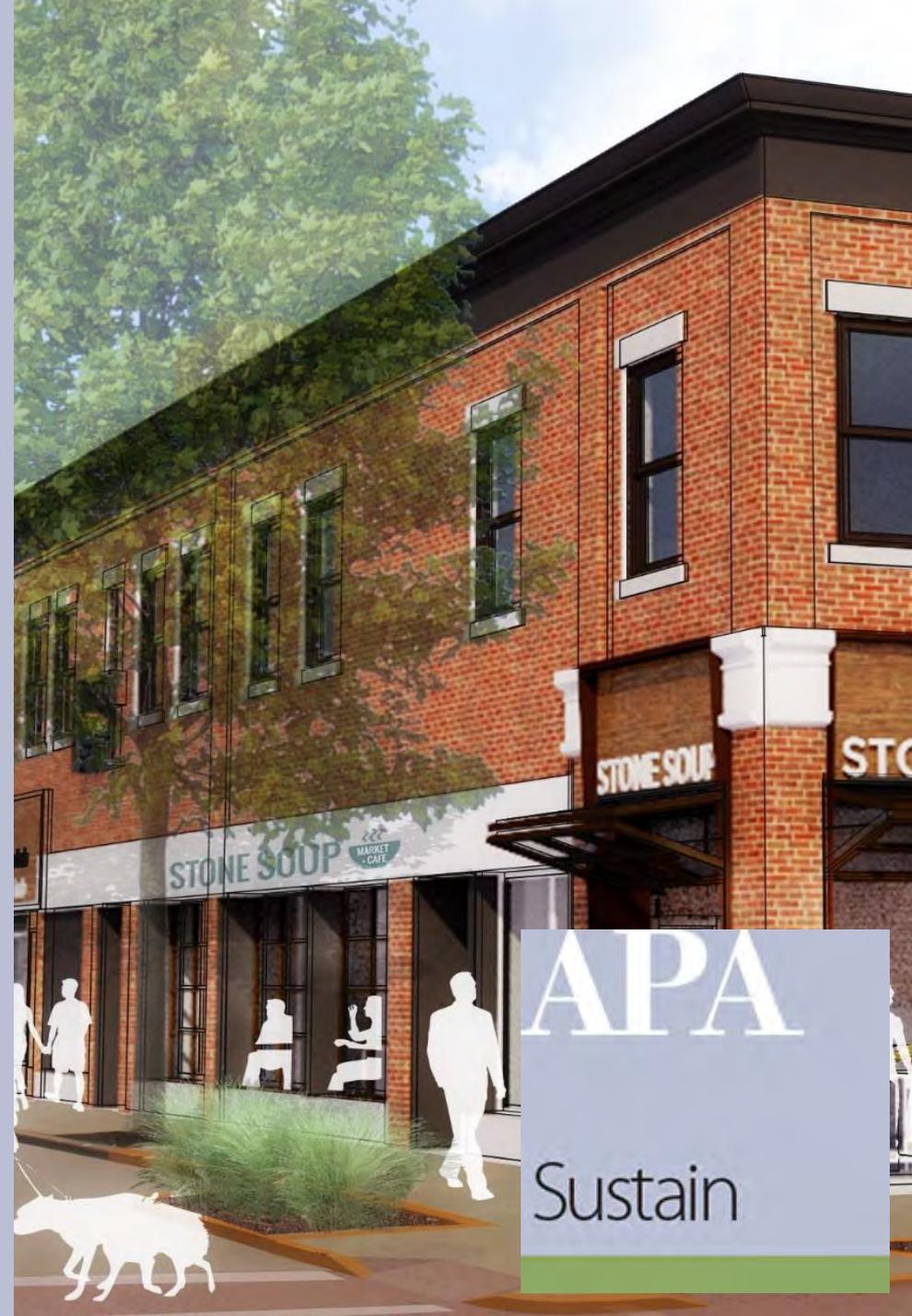
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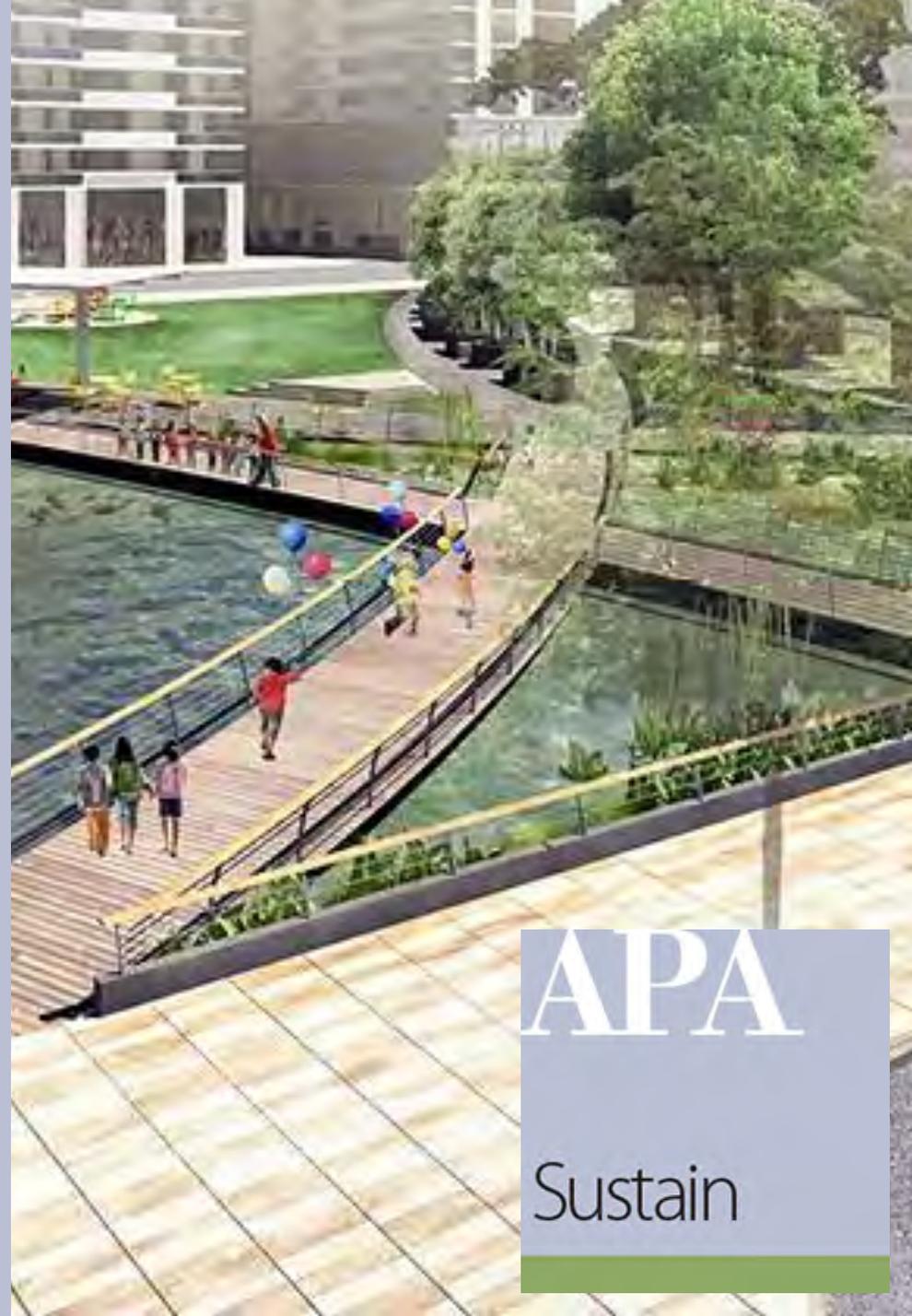
*Graphic: evolveEA – Millvale Ecodistrict Pivot Plan*



# Today

## Making Communities More Resilient Through Local Mitigation Planning

- Shannon Burke, MSUS
- Lawrence Frank, MRP, CFM
- Allison Hardin, CFM



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# Making Communities More Resilient Through Mitigation Planning

# What's covered today.

Discuss the benefits of hazard mitigation and hazard mitigation planning.

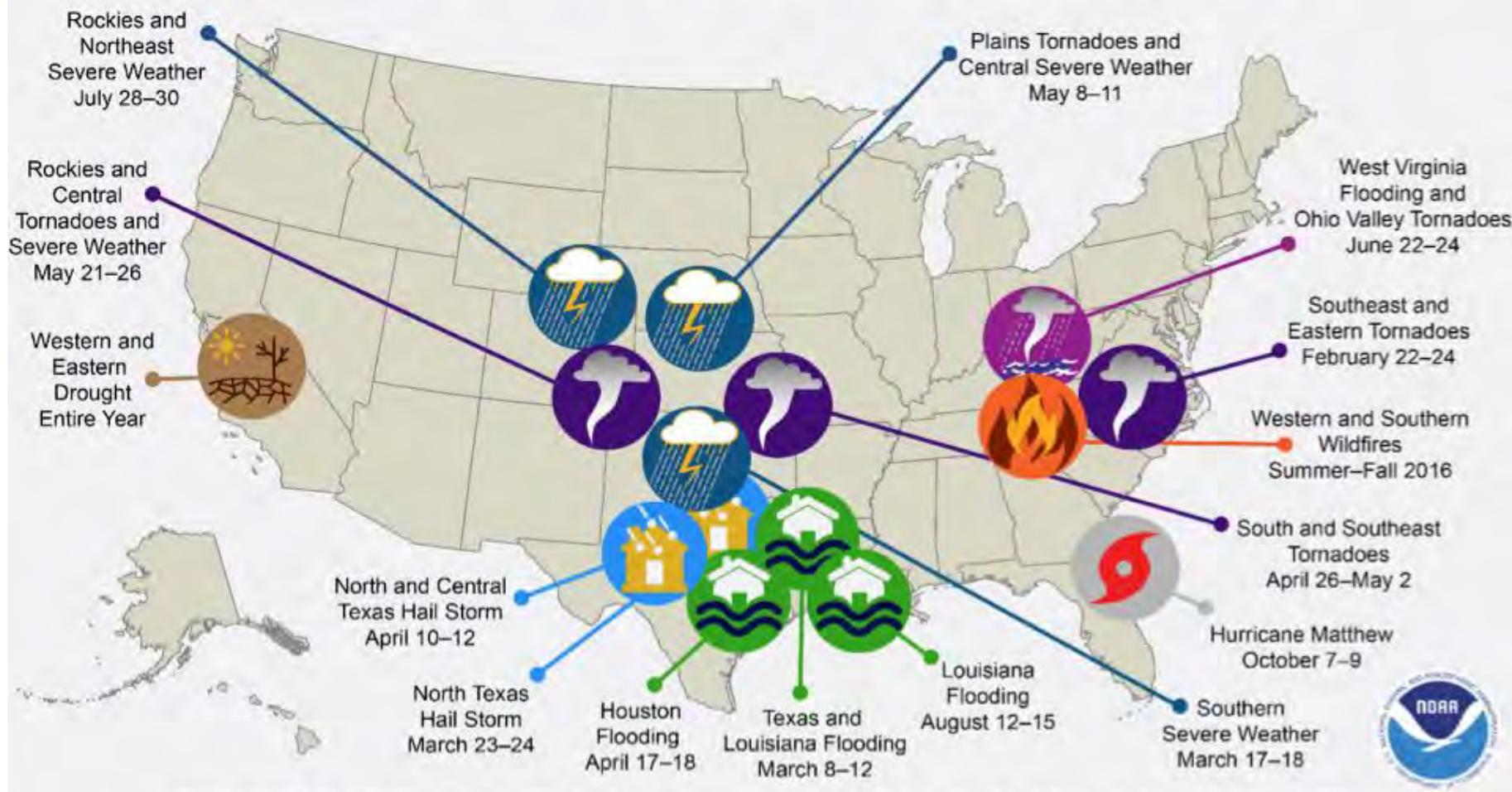
- Mitigation & Mitigation Planning
- Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning
- A Local Perspective on Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning



# Something to think about...



# U.S. 2016 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters



This map denotes the approximate location for each of the 15 billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that have impacted the United States during 2016.



# Definitions, I'm sorry...

Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property resulting from hazards

Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a community-driven, living document that communities use to reduce their vulnerability to hazards

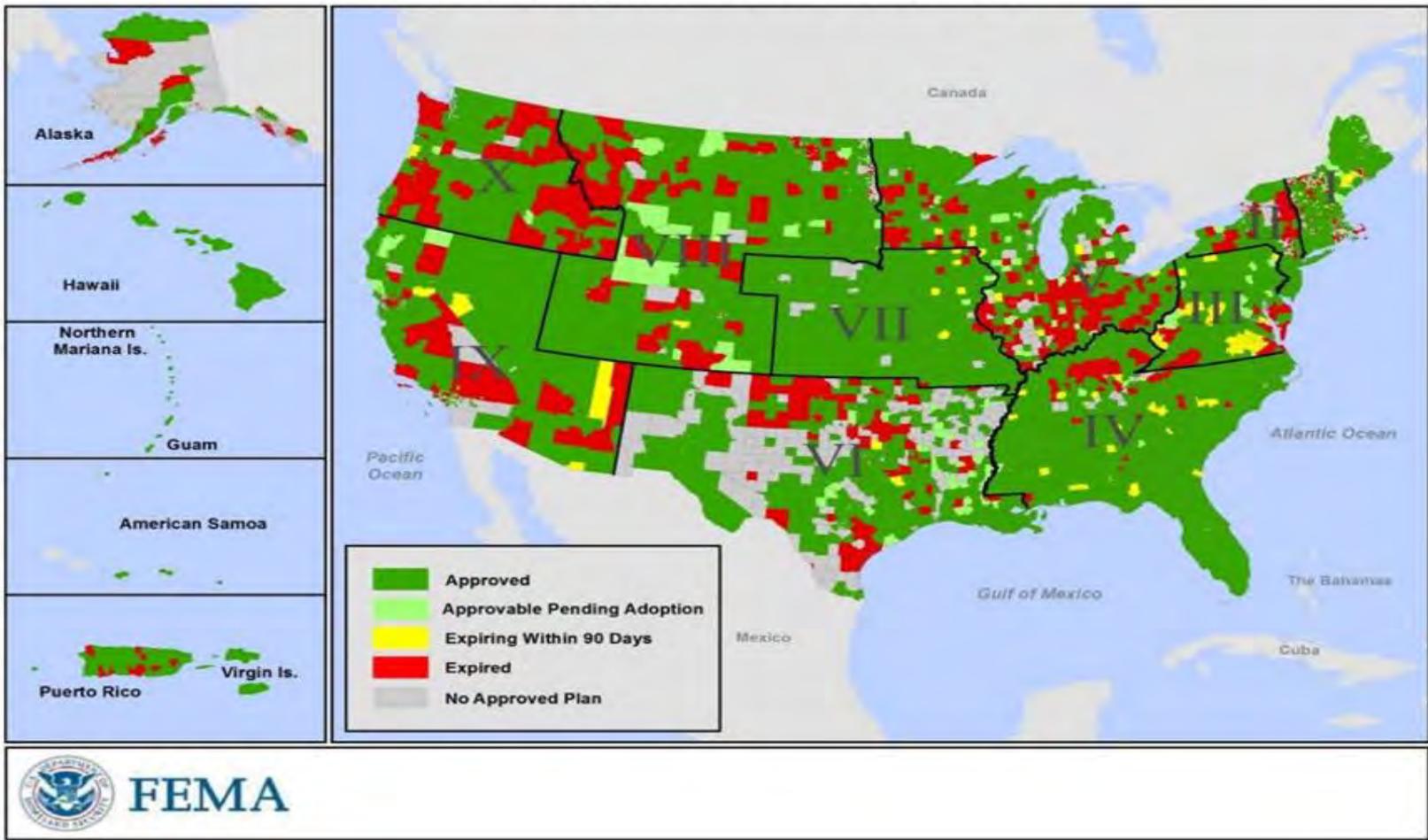
Resilience is the ability to to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from, and more successfully adapt to adverse events.

## Did you know?

- WEATHER: short-term conditions of the atmosphere
- CLIMATE: The average daily weather for an extended period of time at a certain location.

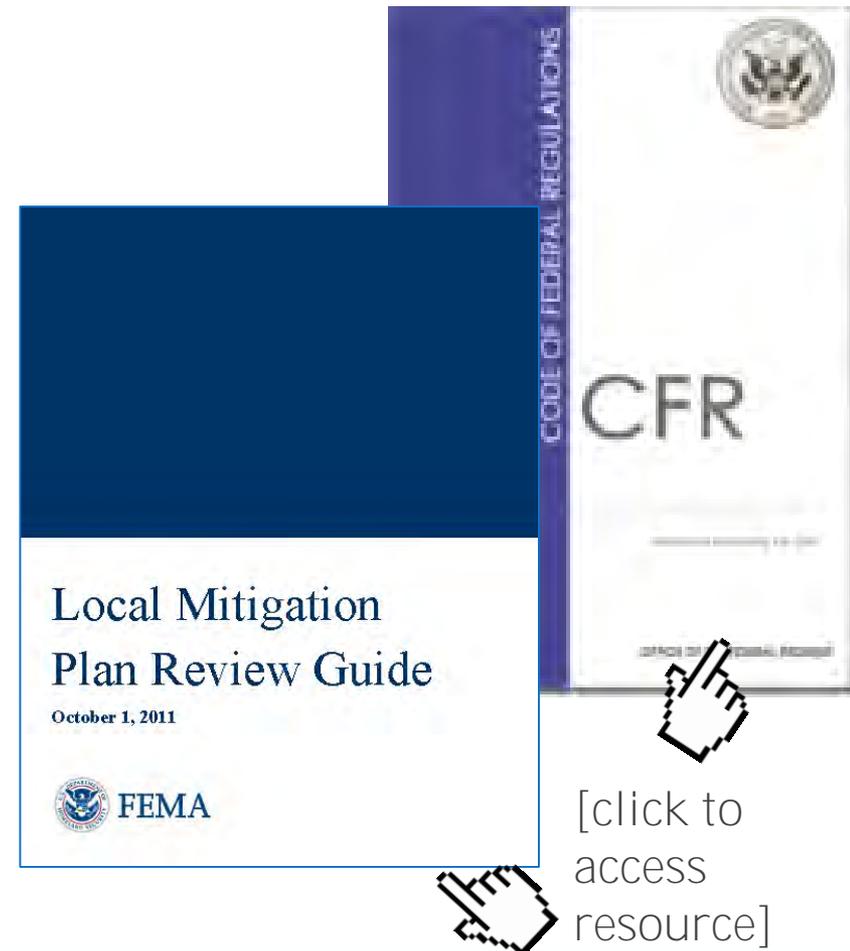
# Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Status as of April 1, 2017

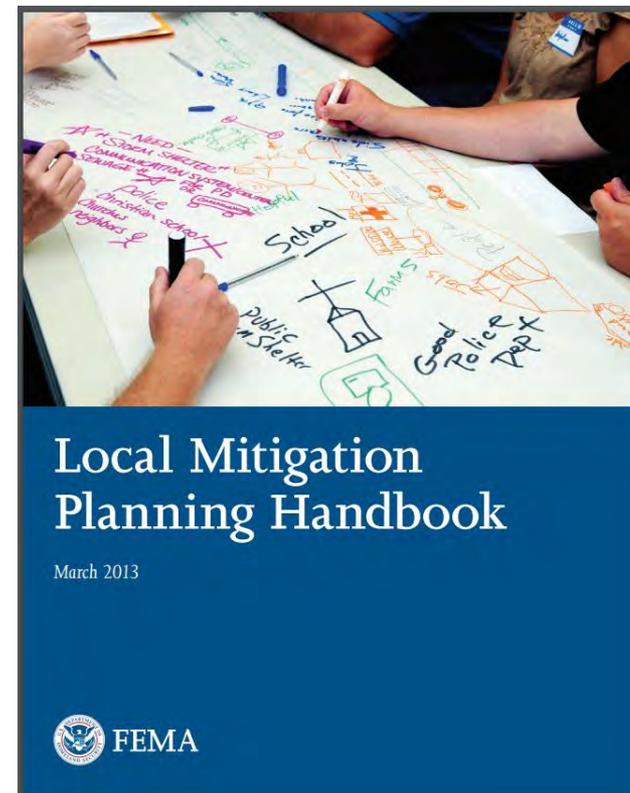
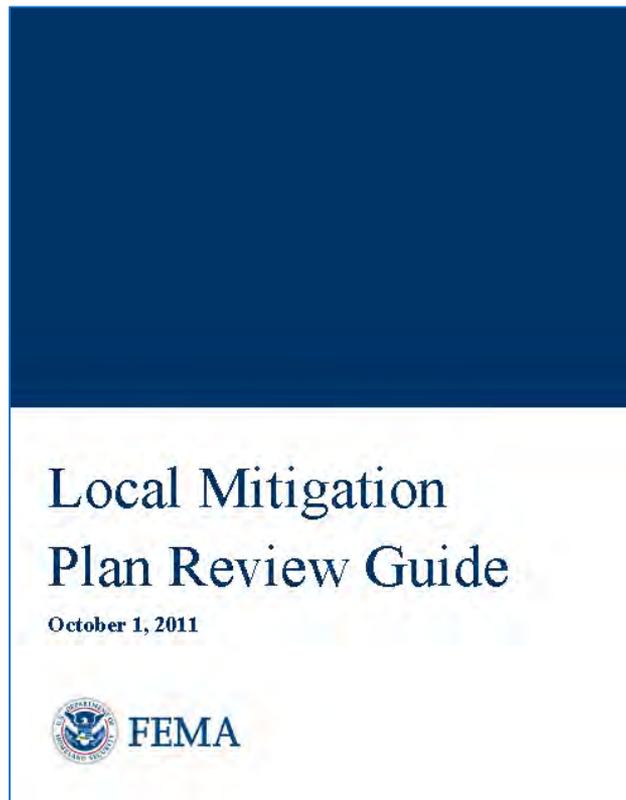


# FEMA Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Requirements

- Regulations for Local Hazard Mitigation Plans are found in 44 CFR 201.6
- The Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide serves as the official source for defining the requirements of original and updated Local Mitigation Plans



# Hazard Mitigation Planning Resources



- TASK 1** Determine the Planning Area and Resources
- TASK 2** Build the Planning Team
- TASK 3** Create an Outreach Strategy
- TASK 4** Review Community Capabilities
- TASK 5** Conduct a Risk Assessment
- TASK 6** Develop a Mitigation Strategy
- TASK 7** Keep the Plan Current
- TASK 8** Review and Adopt the Plan
- TASK 9** Create a Safe and Resilient Community

Figure I-1: Local Mitigation Planning Handbook Tasks.



**Worksheet 4.1**  
 Capability Assessment Worksheet

### Capability Assessment Worksheet

Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, policies, programs, and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible. Complete one worksheet for each jurisdiction.

#### Planning and Regulatory

Planning and regulatory capabilities are the plans, policies, codes, and ordinances that prevent and reduce the impacts of hazards. Please indicate which of the following your jurisdiction has in place.

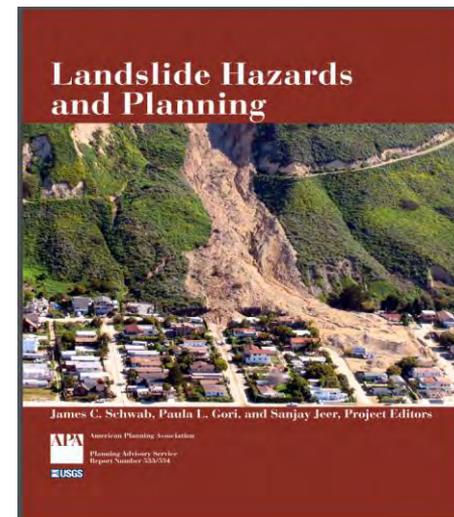
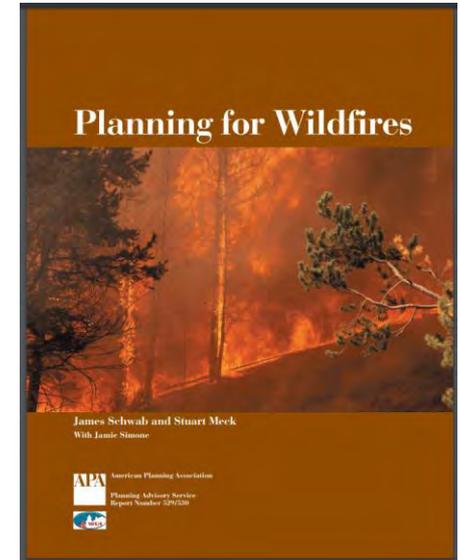
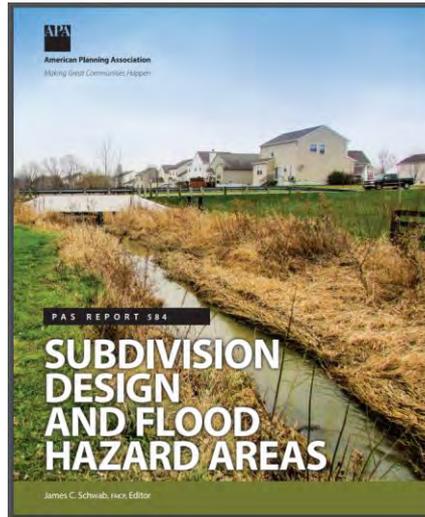
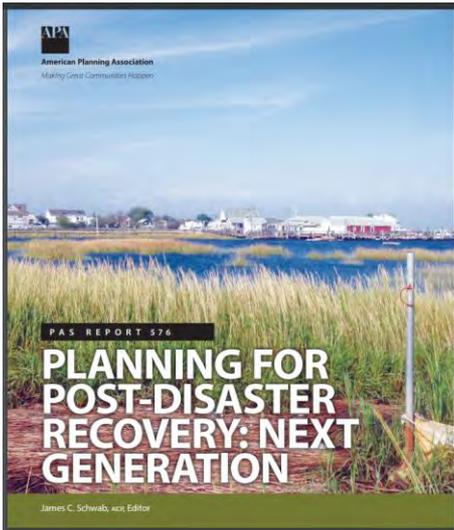
Plans	Does the plan address hazards?	
	Yes/No Year	Does the plan identify projects to include in the mitigation strategy? Can the plan be used to implement mitigation actions?
Comprehensive/Master Plan		
Capital Improvements Plan		
Economic Development Plan		
Local Emergency Operations Plan		
Continuity of Operations Plan		
Transportation Plan		
Stormwater Management Plan		
Community Wildfire Protection Plan		
Other special plans (e.g., brownfields redevelopment, disaster recovery, coastal zone management, climate change adaptation)		

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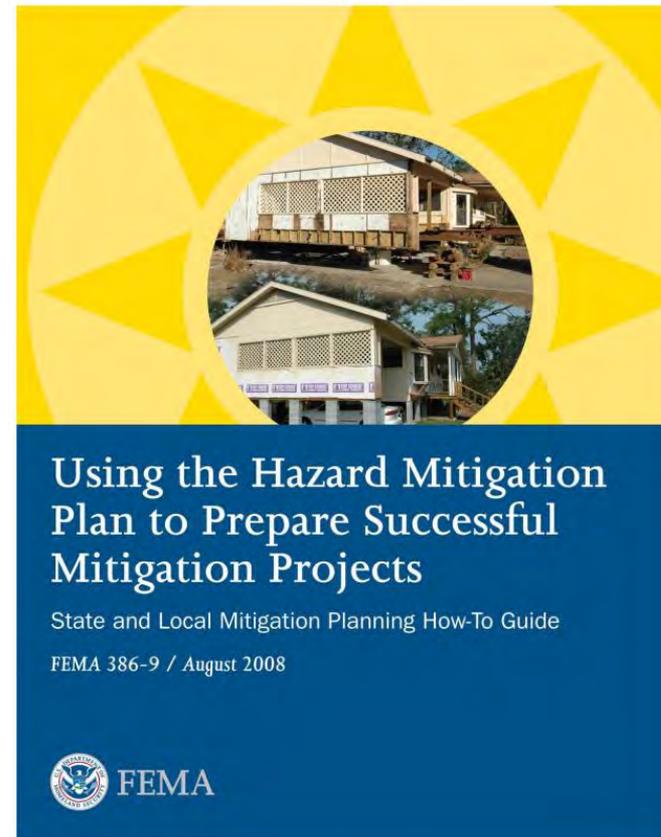
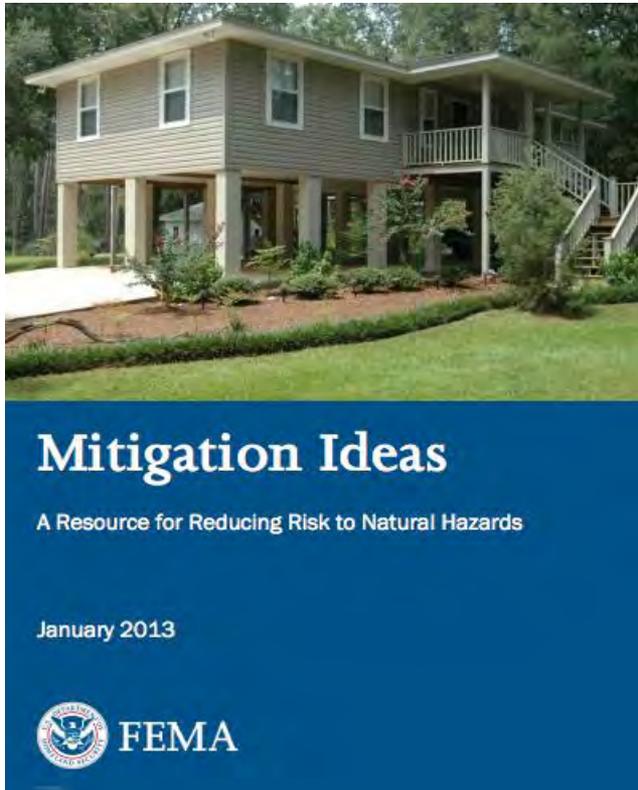
# Regulations, the lifeblood of planning!

Requirements for local hazard mitigation plans per FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide.

Elements	Sub-criteria
Element A: Planning Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the plan document the planning process, including how it was prepared and who was involved in the process for each jurisdiction?</li> <li>2. Does the plan document an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as other interests to be involved in the planning process?</li> <li>3. Does the plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage?</li> <li>4. Does the plan describe the review and incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information?</li> <li>5. Is there discussion of how the community(ies) will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process?</li> <li>6. Is there a description of the method and schedule for keeping the plan current (monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan within a 5-year cycle)?</li> </ol>
Element B: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the plan include a description of the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect each jurisdiction?</li> <li>2. Does the plan include information on previous occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future hazard events for each jurisdiction?</li> <li>3. Is there a description of each identified hazard's impact on the community as well as an overall summary of the community's vulnerability for each jurisdiction?</li> <li>4. Does the plan address National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insured structures within the jurisdiction that have been repetitively damaged by floods?</li> </ol>
Element C: Mitigation Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the plan document each jurisdiction's existing authorities, policies, programs and resources and its ability to expand on and improve these existing policies and programs?</li> <li>2. Does the plan address each jurisdiction's participation in the NFIP and continued compliance with NFIP requirements, as appropriate?</li> <li>3. Does the plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards?</li> <li>4. Does the plan identify and analyze a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects for each jurisdiction being considered to reduce the effects of hazards, with emphasis on new and existing buildings and infrastructure?</li> <li>5. Does the plan contain an action plan that describes how the actions identified will be prioritized (including cost benefit review), implemented, and administered by each jurisdiction?</li> <li>6. Does the plan describe a process by which local governments will integrate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms, such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate?</li> </ol>
Element D: Plan Review, Evaluation, and Implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in development?</li> <li>2. Was the plan revised to reflect progress in local mitigation efforts?</li> <li>3. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in priorities?</li> </ol>
Element E: Plan Adoption	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the plan include documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval?</li> <li>2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, has each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan documented formal plan adoption?</li> </ol>
Element F: Additional State Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any additional requirements as mandated by each individual state. This section will only be completed by state reviewers and not by FEMA.</li> </ol>



# How Hazard Mitigation is Implemented



# INTEGRATING HAZARD MITIGATION INTO LOCAL PLANNING

**Lawrence Frank**  
**Atkins**

# Key Terminology

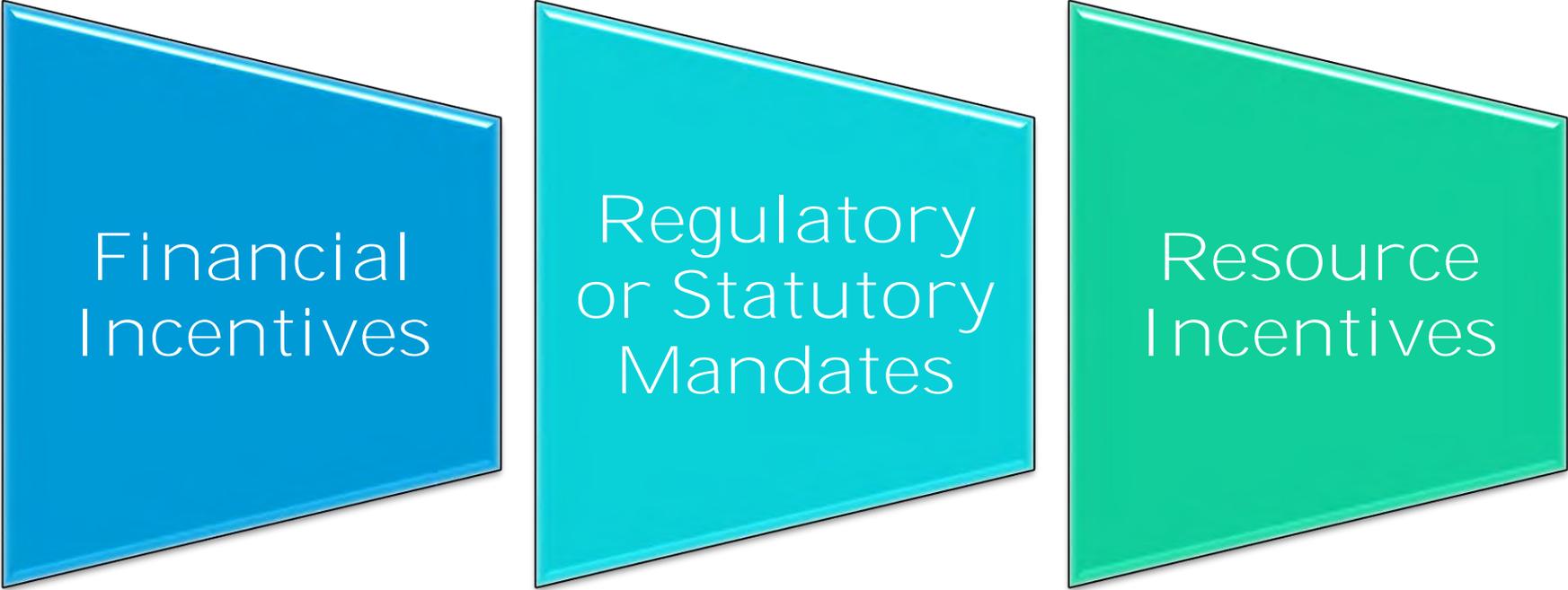
## Integration

- Plan integration is the process by which communities look critically at their existing planning framework and align efforts with the goal of building a safer, smarter community
- Effective integration occurs when it leads to community development patterns that do not increase risks from known hazards, or leads to redevelopment that reduces risk from known hazards

# Factors for Effective Integration



# Effective Incentives for Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning



Financial  
Incentives

Regulatory  
or Statutory  
Mandates

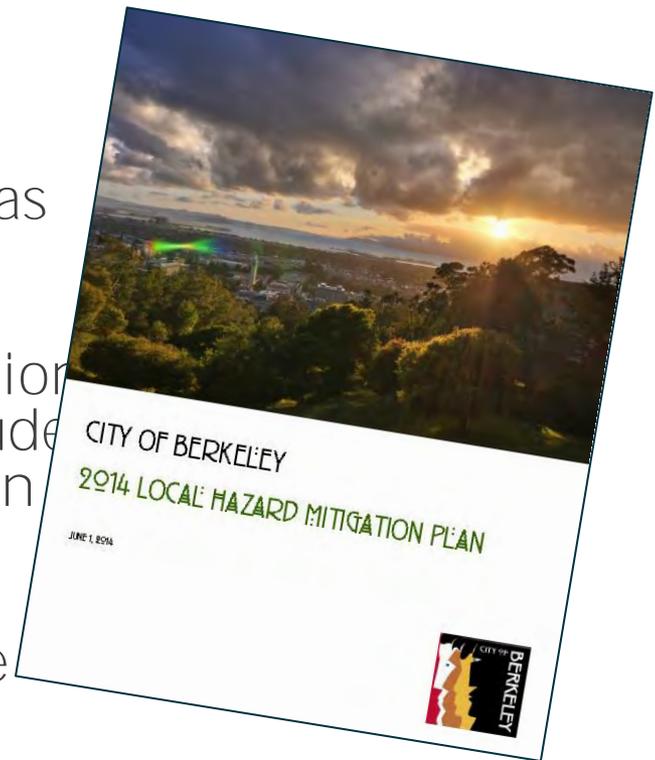
Resource  
Incentives

# INTEGRATING HAZARD MITIGATION INTO LOCAL PLANNING

## Case Studies

# Most Effective Method for Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning

- Integrate hazard mitigation goals, objectives, and actions throughout every relevant element of a local comprehensive or general plan as well as building codes
- Develop and maintain a hazard mitigation plan as a distinct element to be included in a local comprehensive or general plan
- Mitigation to be considered in all community plans and investments, like fire safety



Berkeley, California is an example of a community that has done both of these measures.

# Case Study: Long Beach, NY

## Points of Emphasis

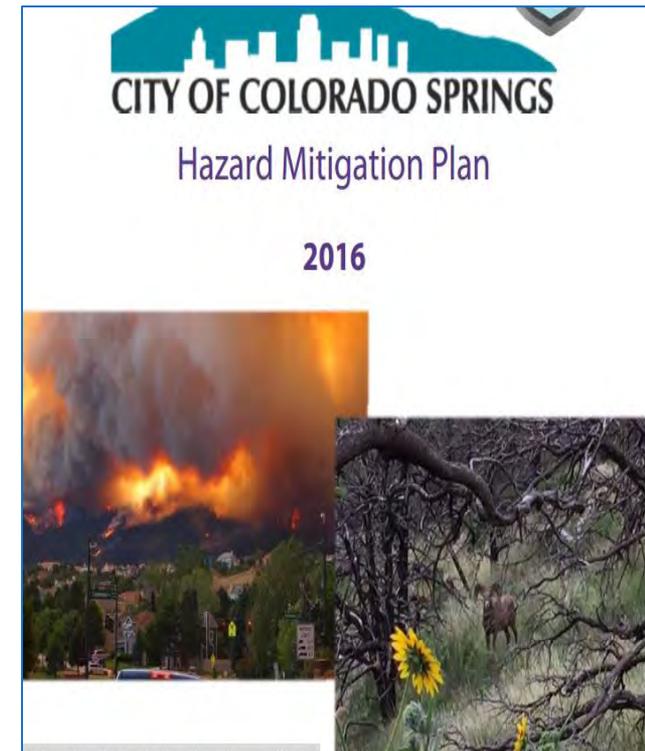
- Prepared comprehensive Community Reconstruction Plan during Sandy recovery
- Incorporated elements of it and advanced it in the update of its Comprehensive Plan
- Extensive engagement and intertwined resilience into future redevelopment



# Case Study: Colorado Springs, CO

## Points of Emphasis

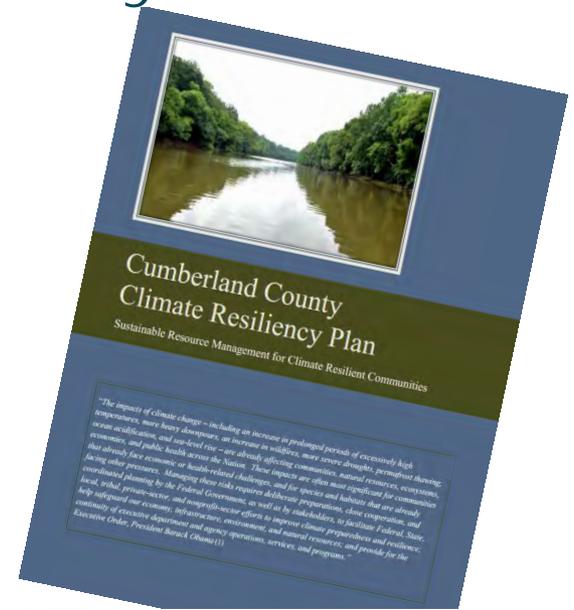
- Learned from large fire event to make changes to building code for wildfire (roofs to resist ignition from embers)
- Studied post-fire flows, installed projects to dissipate flood energy, and advised residents to buy flood insurance (large uptick in policy purchases post-fire)
- Created a more substantial on-going commitment to address hazards



# Case Study: Cumberland County and Fayetteville, NC

## Points of Emphasis

- Cumberland County prepared a Climate Resiliency Plan
- Fayetteville incorporated a Resilience Element to the city comprehensive plan
- Embrace concepts like Low Impact Development



Natural Hazards



Economy



Social Equity

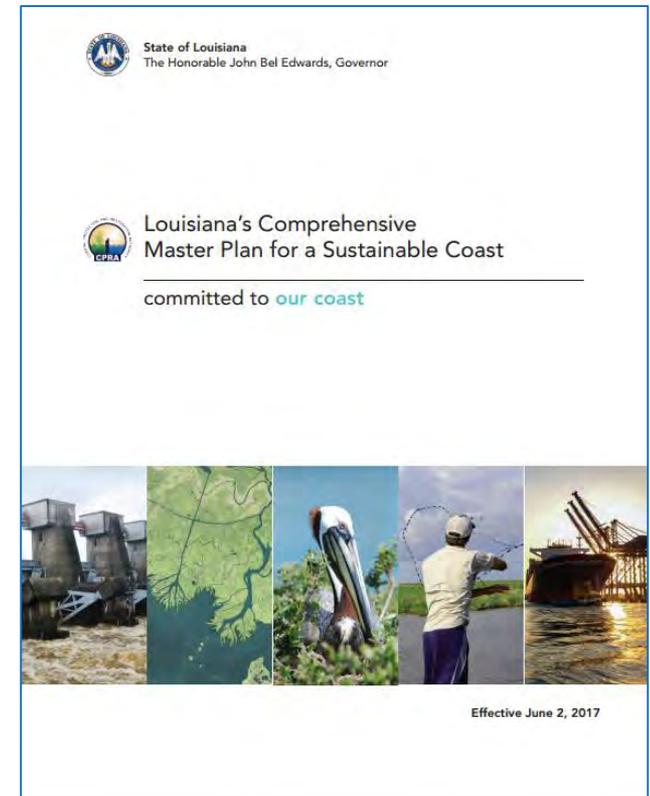
**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE RESILIENCY ELEMENT**



# Case Study: Louisiana Coastal Master Plan

## Points of Emphasis

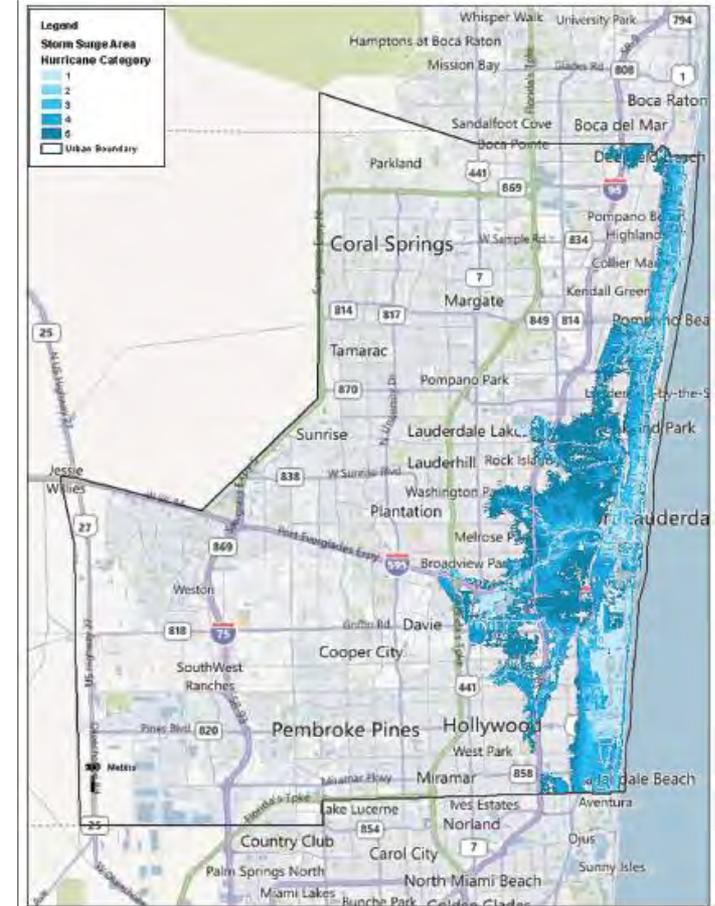
- Looked at future risk including impacts of climate changes, subsidence, etc.
- Large-scale investment in marsh restoration, sediment diversion, structural and non-structural
- Encourage more widespread use of Comprehensive Plans to help build resiliency



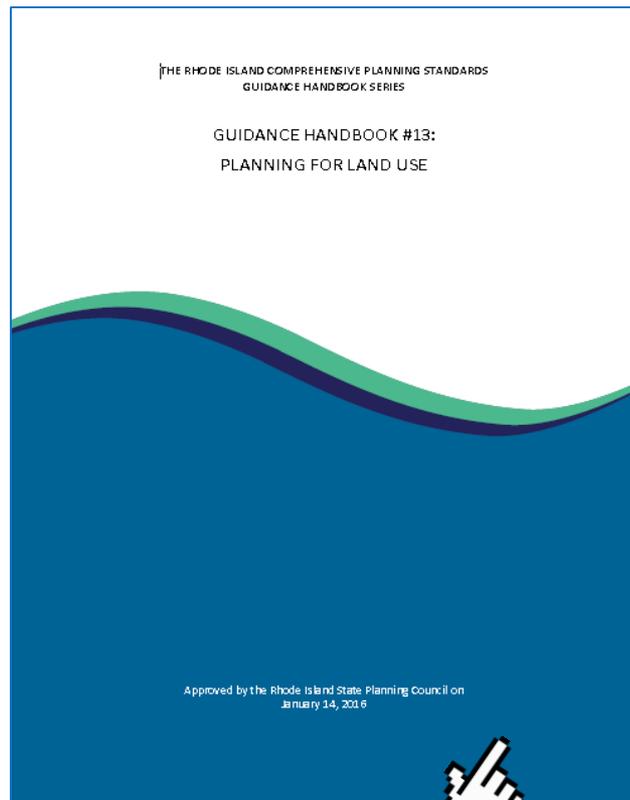
# Case Study: Broward County, Florida

## Points of Emphasis

- Hazard mitigation principles are most effectively and realistically integrated on a daily basis
- Use hazard mitigation planning meetings as a forum to share best practices
- Include a wide range of stakeholders



# Case Study: Rhode Island Guidance Handbook #13: Planning for Land Use



STANDARD 13.4  
ASSESS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT  
CAPACITY, BASED ON THE  
REGULATIONS OF THE EXISTING  
ZONING DISTRICTS, BY INCLUDING  
ESTIMATES OF:

- a. Total future population at anticipated build-out; and
- b. The year by which residential build-out is anticipated, based on historic trends

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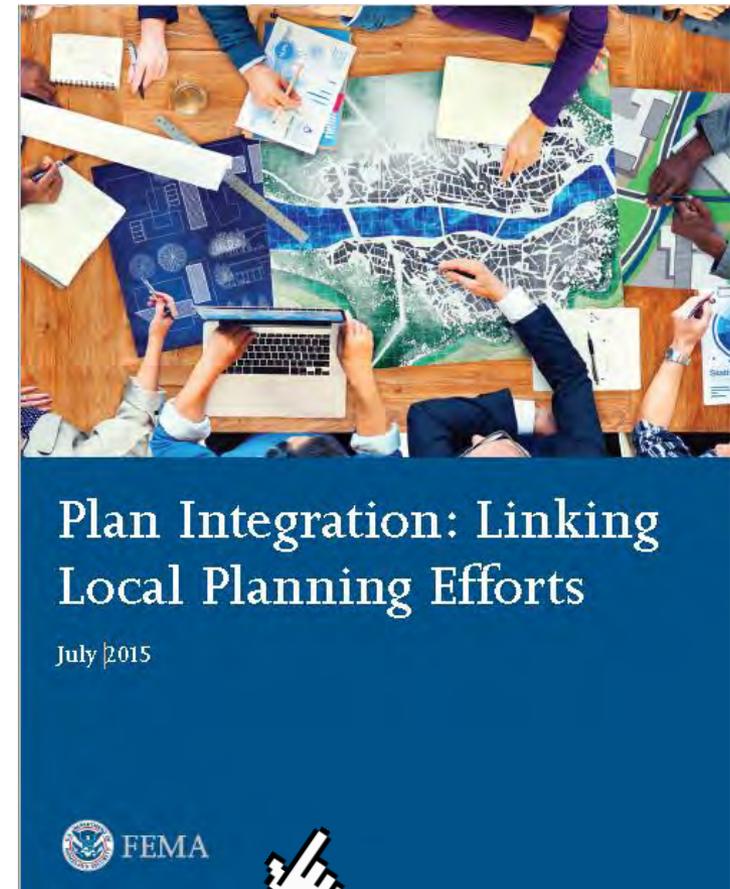
# INTEGRATING HAZARD MITIGATION INTO LOCAL PLANNING

## Resources

# *Plan Integration: Linking Local Planning Efforts*

A tool developed to help a community:

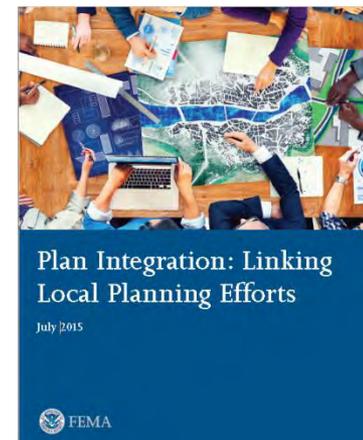
- Analyze local plans to document existing integration
- Further integrate hazard mitigation principles and local planning mechanisms



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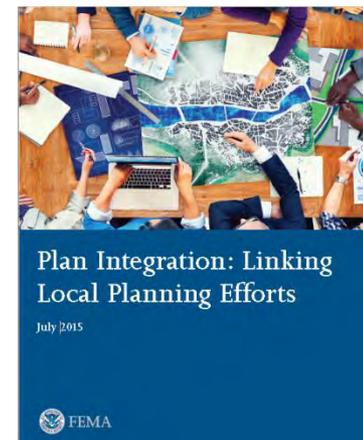
# Two Primary Ways to Effectively Accomplish Plan Integration (cont.)

1. Integrate natural hazard information and mitigation policies and principles into local planning mechanisms and vice versa
  - Include information on natural hazards
  - Identify hazard-prone areas throughout the community
  - Develop appropriate goals, objectives, policies, and projects

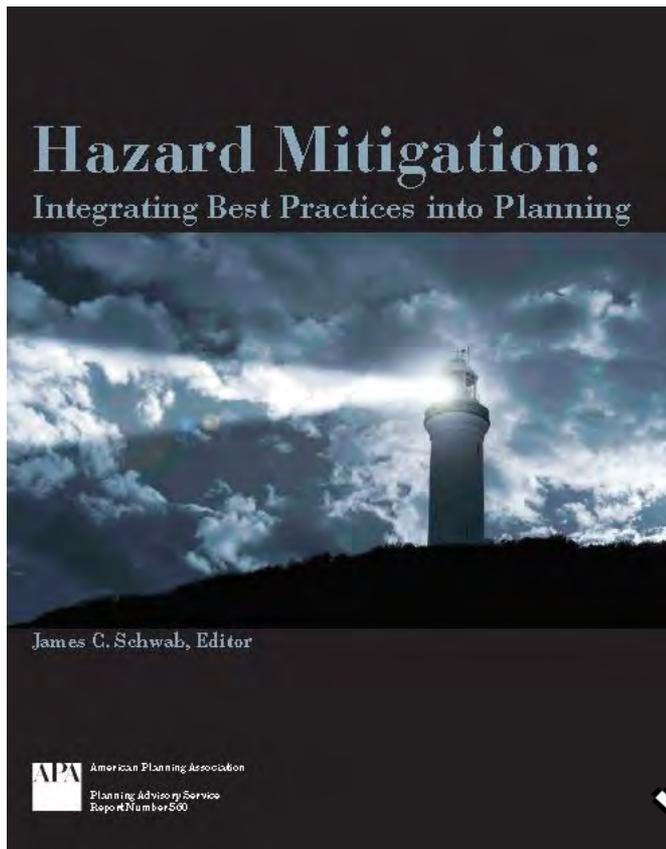


## Two Primary Ways to Effectively Accomplish Plan Integration (cont.)

2. Encourage collaborative planning and implementation and inter-agency coordination
  - Involve key community officials with the authority to execute policies and programs to reduce risk
  - Collaborate across departments and agencies to help share knowledge and build relationships



# Hazard Mitigation: Integrating Best Practices into Planning



- Planning Advisory Service Report published by the American Planning Association in partnership with FEMA
- Chapter 5: Integrating Hazards into the Implementation Tools of Planning (by David R. Godschalk, FAICP)



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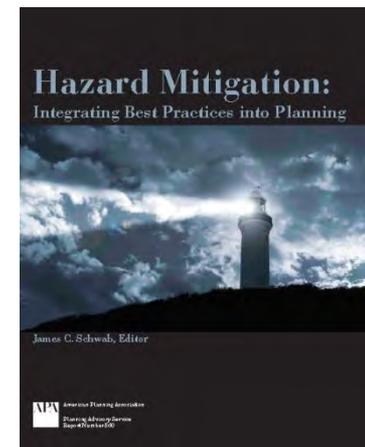


# Goals of Integrating Hazards into Planning

Making sure only appropriate development with its risk minimized is allowed in known hazard areas

Keeping hazards from affecting existing developed areas

Strengthening existing development to resist hazards



# How to Plan Resilient Communities Through Integration

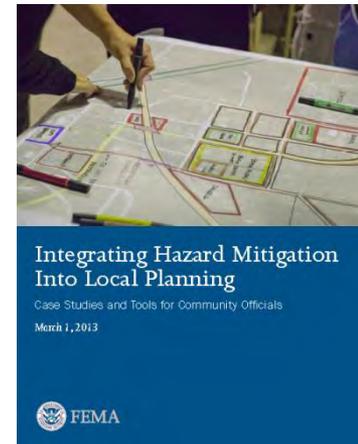
**Step 1: Assess Your Community's Planning Framework with a Lens for Resilience**

Step 2: Inform and Engage Local Leadership, Staff, and Stakeholders

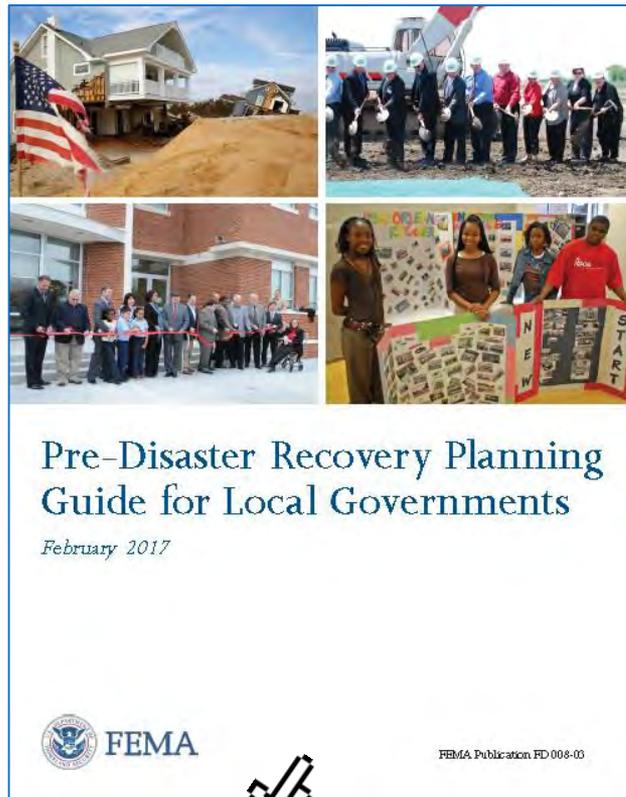
Step 3: Establish an Integration Agenda of Resilient Community Principles and Actions

Step 4: Be Opportunistic!

Step 5: Monitor, Measure, Report, Repeat



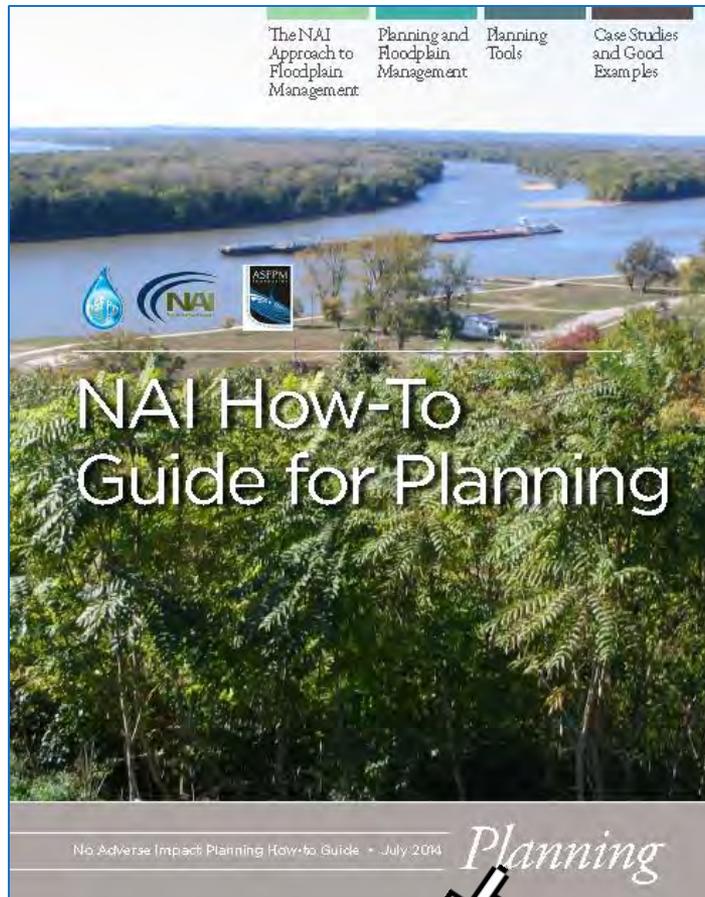
# Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Guide for Local Governments



“The best way to integrate mitigation activities is to link the recovery plan with the local **hazard mitigation plan**”

[click to access Guide]

# NAI How-To Guide for Planning



- Identifies ways a community can incorporate the *No Adverse Impact* (NAI) concepts into its planning activities
- NAI floodplain management takes place when the actions of one property owner are not allowed to adversely affect the rights of other property owners

[click to access guide]



# INTEGRATING HAZARD MITIGATION INTO LOCAL PLANNING

## Common Barriers

# Common and/or Perceived Barriers to Integrating Mitigation into Local Planning

1. Lack of awareness of hazard risks and mitigation solutions (limited actionable data)
2. Mitigation not seen as a community priority (see #1)
3. Lack of political will to implement solutions (see #1)
4. Lack of incentives for integrated planning
5. Lack of capacity or resources (scarcity or competing)
6. Insufficient framework for intergovernmental coordination
7. Lack of essential networking
8. Perceived threat to growth and/or property rights



# Recommendations for Local Planners

- Become conversant with natural hazards and existing community vulnerabilities
- Build support for mitigation with local leaders
- Make disaster prevention and multi-objective approach a core value of the community
- Consider future conditions – physical and natural



Continued

# Recommendations for Local Planners (cont.)

- Implement a sustained, holistic approach
- Pre-plan for post-disaster redevelopment
- Take advantage of all the available resources



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# Tips, Tricks, Trials and Tribulations of Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning

NHMA Disaster Risk Reduction



# Friendly Reminders

- NFIP = National Flood Insurance Program
- NAI = No Adverse Impact
- CRS = Community Rating System
- NPDES = National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
  
- NHMA = Natural Hazard Mitigation Association
- ASFPM = Association of State Floodplain Managers
- APA = American Planning Association
- HMDR = Hazard Mitigation/Disaster Recovery Division of APA
- NDPTC = National Disaster Preparedness Training Center

# I Have No Idea Where to Begin

*What If I Do Good Stuff and Nothing Happens?*

# Start With Basic Challenges

- Public Interest *...Feed It*
- Partnerships *...Foster Them*
- Opportunities *...Take Them*
- Political Will *...Build It*
- Resources *...Use Them*

# Public Interest

*“Why should I care? We’ve got 99 more years on this 100-year flood...”*

## Planning Commission

- Training Opportunities
- Discussion Items
- Workshops

## General Public

- Social Media
- Outreach Programs

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## FEMA FLOOD MAP



# Partnerships

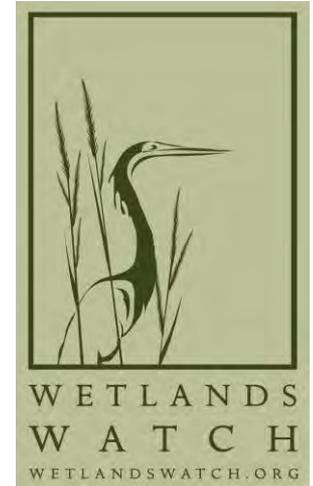
*“Where’d you get \*your\* civil engineering degree – Kmart?”*

## Internal

- Public Works
- Emergency Services
- Finance

## External

- Federal Agencies
- Developers
- Non-Governmental Agencies



# Opportunities

*“Well, \*now\* what do we do?”*

## During Review

- Pre-development Meetings
- Rezoning and Policy Reviews
- Pre-Cons

## After Events

- Impacts Still Felt
- Attention Is Focused
- Handle with Care

# Before Climate Change Initiatives...

- 1989: Zoning Map Revisions
  - Placed lower-density zones on the oceanfront, saving the zones with most density for the higher ground directly behind
- 1991: Floodplain Regulations
  - Rewritten to accommodate 3 ft freeboard
- 1992: Beach Management Plan
  - **Encouraged** “retreat from the beach” to protect properties from beach erosion and flooding
- 1992: Coastal Protection Overlay Zone
  - To “control erosion, preserve and maintain a recreational beach, safeguard property and promote public safety.”

*We learned from experience – Hugo, 1989.*



# Current Status

- Comprehensive Plan (2011)
  - *“The Comprehensive Plan recognizes that we live in an active tourism community and in a coastal area that will be heavily impacted by rising sea levels associated with global climate change.”*
- Hazard Mitigation and Floodplain Management Plan (2010, 2015)
  - *“It is likely that the impacts of coastal erosion will increase in severity due to future episodic storm events as well as the anticipated slow onset, long-term effects of climate change and sea level rise. ... It should also be noted that anticipated sea level rise will increase the probability and intensity of future tidal flooding events in years to come.”*

## Comprehensive Plan Goals Include...

### Reduce the city's carbon footprint.

- *Action: The Planning and other appropriate departments, working with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies will develop a climate action plan including strategies such as solar power and wind energy that reduces electricity demand, **since virtually all of the city's electricity comes from coal, and most experts believe coal must be phased out as a fuel source by 2030 or dangerous climatic events, like rising sea level, droughts, fires, etc. may become unstoppable.***

### Develop a plan for the effects of sea level rise.

- *Action: The Planning and other appropriate departments, will work with Federal, State and local agencies addressing the issue of sea level rise and make plans for the impacts of rising sea levels.*

# Who Wrote That?



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**Business Owners and Business Managers  
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**Please RSVP—918-1050 Before April 24**  
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You will also have an opportunity  
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City's Comprehensive Plan Rewrite

1,136 hours in committee meetings

# Political Will

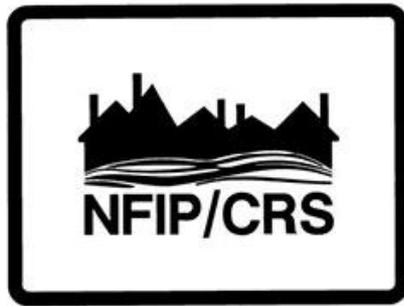
*“Climate change? Can we call it storm surge instead?”*

## Make Friends

- Talk Dollars to Make Sense
- Programs that Have Multiple Returns
- Champion the Good

## Convert Challengers

- Stay Updated
- Follow Local News, Social Media
- Know When to Pull Back



# Community Rating System

# The Community Rating System

- The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

## How Does It Work?

- 3.8 million policyholders in 1,391 communities participate in the CRS by implementing local mitigation, floodplain management, and outreach activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.
- Although CRS communities represent only 5 percent of the over 22,000 communities participating in the NFIP, more than 69 percent of all flood insurance policies are written in CRS communities.

## CRS Classes and Premium Discounts

Class	Points	SFHA	Non-SFHA
1	4,500	45%	10%
2	4,000	40%	10%
3	3,500	35%	10%
4	3,000	30%	10%
5	2,500	25%	10%
6	2,000	20%	10%
7	1,500	15%	5%
8	1,000	10%	5%
9	500	5%	5%
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Top CRS Communities include:

- Roseville, CA – Class 1
- Tulsa, OK – Class 2
- King County, WA – Class 2
- Fort Collins, CO – Class 2
- Thurston County, WA – Class 2
- Pierce County, WA – Class 3
- City of Ocala, FL – Class 3
- Louisville/Jefferson Co, KY – Class 3
- Charleston County, SC – Class 4
- Maricopa County, AZ – Class 4
- Palm Coast, FL – Class 4
- Charlotte, NC – Class 4

*A recent study estimated that the savings associated with a one point increase in CRS Activity 420 Open Space Preservation is, on average, \$3,532 per community per year ([Highfield & Brody, 2013](#)).*



# Other Benefits

- Citizens and property owners in CRS communities have increased opportunities to learn about risk, evaluate their individual vulnerabilities, and take action to protect themselves, as well as their homes and businesses.
- CRS floodplain management activities provide enhanced public safety, reduced damage to property, and reduced response costs
- Technical assistance in designing and implementing some activities is available to community officials at no charge
- CRS communities have incentives to maintain and improve their flood programs over time.
- Communities can evaluate the effectiveness of their flood programs against a nationally recognized benchmark.

# Resources

*“You got any of them maps I can have?”*

- <http://crsresources.org/>
- Sample ordinances
- Planning guide
- Planning checklist
- Grant guides



## 2017 CRS Coordinator's Manual

The objective of the Community Rating System (CRS) is to recognize communities that are doing more than meeting the minimum NFIP requirements to help their citizens prevent or reduce flood losses. The CRS also provides an incentive for communities to initiate new flood risk reduction activities. The *CRS Coordinator's Manual* is the guidebook for the CRS and sets the criteria for CRS credit and classification. It explains how the program operates, what is credited, and how credits are calculated. Although it is primarily a reference for CRS activities and credits, it can also help guide communities that want to design or improve their floodplain management programs.

📄 DOWNLOAD THE 2017 COORDINATOR'S MANUAL

- Master List of Elements – 2017 *Coordinator's Manual*
- CRS Credits Crosswalk – 2007 to 2017 *Coordinator's Manual*
- Summary of Changes in 2017 *Coordinator's Manual*



- Find the NAI Guidebooks at [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org)
- No membership needed to download the resources on site
- NAI Tools include:
  - Hazard Identification and Floodplain Mapping (2018)
  - Education and Outreach (2015)
  - Planning (2015)
  - Regulations and Development Standards (2017)
  - Mitigation (2016)
  - Infrastructure (2016)
  - Emergency Services (2017)





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**DIGITALCOAST**

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# MORE THAN JUST DATA

Dive into the Digital Coast to Get the Data, Tools, and Training Communities Need to Address Coastal Issues.

*Public-Private Partnership*



## What is Digital Coast?

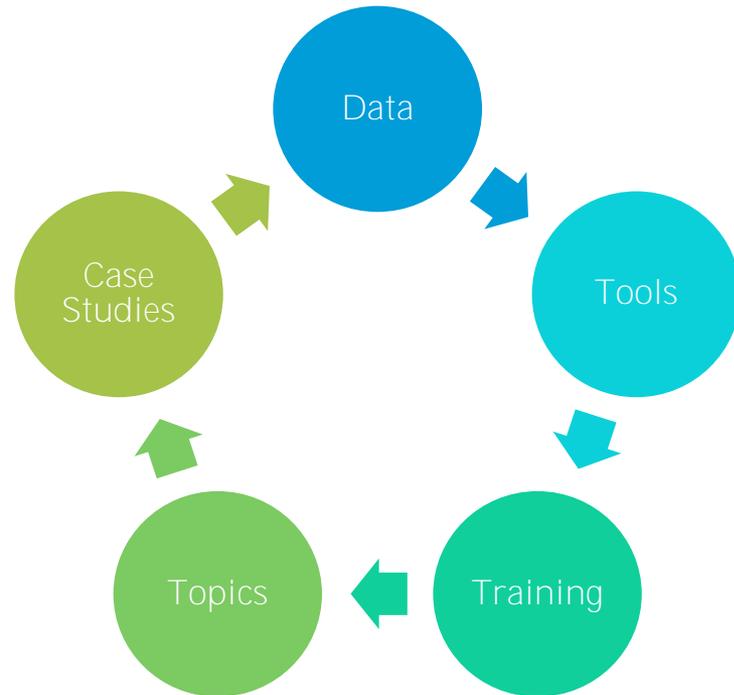
This NOAA-sponsored website is focused on helping communities address coastal issues and has become one of the most-used resources in the coastal management community. The dynamic Digital Coast Partnership, whose members represent the website's primary user groups, keeps the effort focused on customer needs.

Top **5** [Popular](#) [Staff Picks](#) [New](#)

1. Sea Level Rise Viewer
2. Data Access Viewer
3. Introduction to Lidar
4. Historical Hurricane Tracks

# Digital Coast - for Decision Makers

- Provides data for those comfortable with GIS
- **Provides tools for those who don't** work with GIS regularly
- Training programs available online and in person
- Topics are suites of related data and tools to accomplish a common goal (risk communication, coastal storms, water quality, etc)
- **“Stories” (Case Studies) show how** others are using Digital Coast



# Links

- [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)
- [www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast](http://www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast)
- <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning-resources>
- <http://coastalresilience.org/>
- <http://stormsmartcoasts.org/>
- Your local Riverkeeper
- <http://nhma.info/>
- <http://www.firewise.org/>
- <http://www.tsunamiready.noaa.gov/>
- <http://www.weather.gov/stormready/>
- <http://www.weather.gov/wrn/>
- <https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/raining/>

Element Name	Possible Points
<a href="#">322.g. Natural Floodplain Functions (MI7)</a>	20 points
<a href="#">332.a. Outreach Projects (OP)</a>	200 points
<a href="#">332.d. Stakeholder Delivery (STK)</a>	50 points
<a href="#">412.e. More Restrictive Floodway Standard (FWS)</a>	140 points
<a href="#">422.a. Open Space Preservation (OSP)</a>	1,450 points
<a href="#">422.b. Deed Restrictions (DR)</a>	50 points
<a href="#">422.c. Natural Functions Open Space (NFOS)</a>	350 points
<a href="#">422.d. Special Flood Related Hazards Open Space (SHOS)</a>	150 points
<a href="#">422.e. Coastal Erosion Open Space (CEOS)</a>	750 points
<a href="#">422.f. Open Space Incentives (OSI)</a>	250 points
<a href="#">422.g. Low Density Zoning (LZ)</a>	600 points
<a href="#">422.h. Natural Shoreline Protection (NSP)</a>	120 points
<a href="#">432.a. Development Limitations (DL)</a>	1,330 points
<a href="#">432.i. Special Flood-Related Hazard Regulations (SHR)</a>	100 points
<a href="#">432.n. Coastal Erosion Hazard Regulations (CER)</a>	370 points
<a href="#">442.d. Erosion Data Maintenance (EDM)</a>	20 points
<a href="#">452.a. Stormwater Management Regulations (SMR)</a>	380 points
<a href="#">452.b. Watershed Master Plan (WMP)</a>	315 points
<a href="#">452.c. Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations (ESC)</a>	40 points
<a href="#">452.d. Water Quality Regulations (WQ)</a>	20 points
<a href="#">512.c. Natural Floodplain Functions Plan (NFP)</a>	100 points
<a href="#">Activity 520</a>	
<a href="#">522.a. Buildings Acquired or Relocated (bAR),</a> <a href="#">522.b. Buildings on the Repetitive Loss List (bRL), and</a> <a href="#">522.c. Severe Repetitive Loss Properties (bSRL)</a>	2,250 points
<a href="#">542.c. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)</a>	70 points

## Example: Green (Open) Space Possible Points



# NHMA Local Initiative: Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Ambassador Curriculum

- Focuses on supporting community leaders from the private and public sector to engage and lead community-level DRR dialogue by providing:



- Educational resources
- Self-study curricula
- Training workshops (First Pilot 2015)
- Webinars

# NHMA Local Initiative: Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Ambassador Curriculum

**Curriculum development** is underway with continued NHMA member expertise and contractor support made possible by the FEMA CTP Grant.

**The goal** of the DRR Ambassador Curriculum is to facilitate DRR efforts for the “Whole Community” by:

1. Engaging in discussion of how disasters can be reduced through local action
2. Sharing insights among local leaders and technical experts to enable the development of cross-functional solutions
3. Acquiring the best-available information, knowledge of best practices, and analytic tools to enable better-informed decisions before, during, and after disasters

**The target audience** includes those involved in community development decision-making, such as local community staff, volunteer and stakeholder groups, and federal and state officials.

**Varied delivery methods** will provide multiple options for access by the target audience. DRR Ambassador modules will be available via webinars presented by NHMA or partner organizations, presented in conferences and/or classrooms by qualified instructor(s), or downloadable for individual study from the NHMA website.

# NHMA Local Initiative: Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Ambassador Curriculum

## DRR AMBASSADOR CURRICULUM AT-A-GLANCE

<b>I. Disaster Risk Reduction for a Safe and Prosperous Future</b>	
1	Introduction to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association and Disaster Risk Reduction Ambassador Curriculum *
2	Introduction to Disaster Risk Reduction as a Foundation of Whole Community Resilience *
3	Leadership for Disaster Risk Reduction *
4	Whole Community Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation *
5	Approaching the Challenge of Disaster Risk Reduction *
<b>II. Forming a Community's Vision for Disaster Risk Reduction</b>	
6	Starting with Assets and Community Vision *
7	Achieving Community Buy-in: Win-Win Approaches *
8	Leveraging Resources to Improve Disaster Risk Reduction *
<b>III. Realizable, Practical, and Affordable Approaches for Moving from a Vision for Disaster Risk Reduction to a Strategy</b>	
9	Best Practices and Options for Disaster Risk Reduction *
10	Hazard Mitigation Planning Process *
11	Beyond Codes and Low-Impact Development
12	The Floodplain Management Process Model *
<b>IV. Resources and Tools for Implementing a Community's Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy</b>	
13	Climate and Weather Tools and Trends
14	Risk Assessment Basics *
15	Legal and Policy Opportunities *
16	Linking Catastrophe Insurance to Disaster Risk Reduction *
<b>V. Resources for Hazard-Specific Disaster Risk Reduction</b>	
17	Living with Water: Inland and Coastal Flooding
18	Design for Flood Resilience: Flood Basics and Floodplain Management *
19	Design for Flood Resilience: Flood Resistant Design and Case Studies *
20	Floodplains, Floodways and Wetlands: Understanding the Limitations of FEMA Flood Maps *
21	Wildfire Mitigation
22	The Wildfire-Flood Connection
23	Severe Thunderstorm / Tornado Safe Rooms *
24	From Policy to Engineering: Earthquake Risks

# Thank You!



**DISASTER  
RISK REDUCTION**  
Ambassador Curriculum

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