



FEMA



Summary: Mitigation Planning Technical Assistance

Audience

The primary intended audience for this guidance is FEMA Regional staff who will be tasked with assessing the existing or anticipated needs of its end-users (local and tribal jurisdictions) and defining and ordering the delivery of mitigation planning technical assistance in response to those needs.

Purpose

This guidance provides the foundational guidance for mitigation planning assistance activities that will be part of flood risk projects within Risk MAP. Each year FEMA Regions must identify projects and a high-level cost estimate of the technical assistance that might be needed for those projects so that they can be properly sequenced. This guidance is intended to describe the process for selecting activities that FEMA's Production and Technical Services (PTS) contractors and Cooperating Technical Partners (CTPs) can perform as part of mitigation planning technical assistance.

The assistance provided through this guidance document focuses on building the capability of FEMA's primary end-users to plan for and reduce risk through hazard mitigation planning and training activities. While the level of such activities may vary, they should be offered as part of every Risk MAP project as it will help communities increase awareness and take action. It is expected the identification of needs will occur early in the process of a Risk MAP project, and FEMA Regions will coordinate with the PTS contractors and CTPs on the timing of when such activities can be delivered during the project. The assistance would supplement any training or technical assistance being provided by the Regions, as necessary.

Through implementation of this guidance, it is expected that local and tribal jurisdictions will have access to a variety of technical assistance and training activities tailored to their project and community which help to ensure flood risk datasets and products are incorporated into hazard mitigation plans, mitigation outreach initiatives and other community planning activities. The long term benefits of this process include increasing a community's capability to implement hazard mitigation strategies and actions without the need for costly outside support or technical assistance. Additional savings would likely be realized as community awareness increases through improved risk assessments and stronger mitigation strategies resulting in implementation of mitigation action.

Risk MAP Guidance

This document is a component of Risk MAP Guidance. The Risk MAP program is managed by FEMA to develop flood risk information and work with communities to help them understand and act on the data to manage the risks. Risk MAP Guidance defines the product and process standards and best practices for the program:

- Standards are contained in the document "Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping" (G&S document) which primarily contain standards, but currently substantial best practice information are also included.
- Procedure Memos supersede portions of the G&S document or address new issues not currently covered. In most cases they will be integrated into the G&S document over time.
- Operating Guidance describes best practices that support the Risk MAP standards.

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