

Mitigation Planning Resource List

This list provides resources for hazard mitigation planning. These tools help state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments develop hazard mitigation plans and reduce risk.

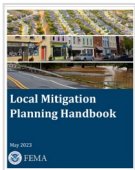
Mitigation plans help to reduce the risk and impact of natural disasters. SLTT governments create these plans, and FEMA approves them. The first step is to identify natural hazard risks. Then, planners form long-term strategies to protect people and property from natural hazards. FEMA has fact sheets that explain mitigation planning for SLTT governments. You can find these fact sheets on FEMA's [Create a Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) webpage. The American Planning Association (APA) also has resources to help with community and mitigation planning. APA surveyed legislation from all 50 states for laws that relate to local natural hazard mitigation. APA used a Cooperating Technical Partners grant from FEMA to do this. To learn more about this project, see the Survey of State Land-Use and Natural Hazards Planning Laws at [the American Planning Association](#).

Need to know the requirements? Start with the regulations and policies.

Many resources explain the laws, regulations, and policies you need to know to create an approved hazard mitigation plan. You can find them on FEMA's [Regulations and Guidance](#) webpage. Key policies include the [Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide](#) (April 2022), [State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide](#) (April 2022), and [Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) (December 2017). For more information, visit the [Create a Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) webpage.

Ready to develop or update your plan? Browse the plan development resources.

FEMA helps SLTT partners build their skills to plan for natural hazards and reduce their risk. These resources can help you [create a hazard mitigation plan](#). Other resources help you build and carry out mitigation plans.



[Local Mitigation Planning Handbook](#) (2023) is for local governments. This guide helps them write, update, and carry out local mitigation plans. It is also available in Spanish. (2023) is for local governments. This guide helps them write, update, and carry out local mitigation plans. It is also available in Spanish.



[State Mitigation Planning Key Topics Bulletins](#) are a series of short documents. They share methods and resources that state officials can use to update their mitigation plans.



[The Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook](#) (2019) helps tribal governments write their plans.



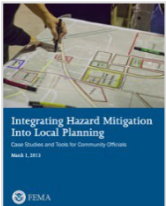
SLTTs can use [Mitigation Ideas](#) (2013) to identify and assess a range of potential mitigation actions. It includes ideas for reducing risk to 16 types of natural hazards.



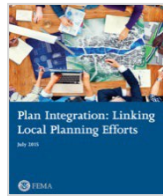
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Ready to use your plan to reduce risks? Learn how to “bake in” mitigation with FEMA resources.

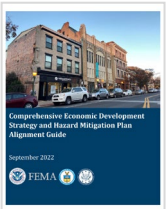
Mitigation works better when it is “baked in” to other community planning processes. It should be a part of other local regulations and policies. FEMA has four resources to help communities add hazard mitigation to other planning efforts.



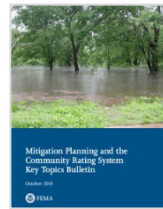
[Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning: Case Studies and Tools for Community Officials](#) (2013) can help you work risk reduction into local plans, policies, codes, and programs.



[Plan Integration: Linking Local Planning Efforts](#) (2015) is a step-by-step guide. It helps communities integrate local plans. It also helps them coordinate between agencies.



[Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Hazard Mitigation Plan Alignment Guide](#) (2022) includes economic development concepts to add to a hazard mitigation plan. It lists hazard mitigation ideas to use in Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies.



[Mitigation Planning and the Community Rating System](#) (2018) shows how communities can align their Community Rating System floodplain management plans with their mitigation plan. It shows how to do this in a single process that meets both programs’ requirements.

Learn more about integrating mitigation planning with these American Planning Association (APA) resources.



[Hazard Mitigation: Integrating Best Practices into Planning](#) (2010) closes the gap between hazard mitigation planning and regulatory land-use processes.



[Subdivision Design and Flood Hazard Areas](#) (2016) presents a comprehensive and integrated approach to protecting floodplains and aligning development with community goals to increase resilience and reduce flood hazard risks.

Interested in learning more? Here are some available trainings.

The APA, in partnership with FEMA, has developed a [Planning, Mitigating, and Advocating for Community Resilience Training](#). This two-part course was created to introduce planners to the critical role they can play in leading mitigation efforts and to dive deep into the suite of planning tools available. The **Local Mitigation Planning Training (L/K-318)** and **State Hazard Mitigation Planning Training (L-329)** cover how to develop mitigation plans. These interactive workshops can be virtual or in-person. FEMA also has an instructor-led **Tribal Mitigation Planning Workshop**. This workshop is available upon request. **IS-318.A** and **IS-329** are online, independent study courses. IS-318.A is for local plans and IS-329 is for state plans. FEMA has posted a series of Mitigation Planning webinars in one convenient [playlist](#). To learn more, visit FEMA’s [Mitigation Planning Training](#) webpage or contact your [FEMA regional office](#).

Need funding assistance? Learn about Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants.

FEMA's HMA gives grants that fund mitigation and risk reduction. These grants support mitigation planning, projects, and planning-related activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property. If you would like this funding, FEMA has resources to help you prepare your grant subapplication. See [Considerations for Local Mitigation Planning Grant Subapplications](#) and [The Tribal Mitigation Planning Grant Application Development Job Aid](#). To learn more, visit the [Hazard Mitigation Grants](#) webpage and the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guide, [Part 11: Capability and Capacity Building](#).

State, tribal, and territorial officials should contact the lead mitigation planner at their FEMA regional office for questions. FEMA encourages local planners to contact their state or tribal officials for help. The best person for them to speak to is the hazard mitigation officer. They may also contact their FEMA regional office. Visit FEMA's website for [contact information](#) for the FEMA regional offices and mitigation officers.