



# Section 3. Mitigation Vision, Goals, and Objectives

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## Vision

The **overall goal** of this Hazard Mitigation Plan is to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life and property damage from the full range of disasters. The mitigation **vision** for a safe, secure and sustainable community is:

- A city with buildings located outside of hazardous areas and built to withstand the natural and man-made hazards that threaten them;
- An informed citizenry and active volunteer cadre protecting their families, homes, workplaces, communities and livelihoods from the impact of disasters.
- A city integrating hazard mitigation concerns into decisions on growth and future development;
- A city where increasing resistance to disaster is an integral part of the livability and sustainability of the community;
- City Departments integrating cost-effective mitigation programs into routine planning and budgeting decisions;
- A smart city investing in mitigation while leveraging State, Federal and private resources; and
- A partnership of local, State and Federal governments, voluntary agencies, business and industry and individual citizens focused on preventing or reducing the loss of life and property from the full range of hazards.





# Goals and Objectives

## Overall Goal

**To reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life and property damage from the full range of disasters.**

### GOAL 1

**Increase public understanding, support and demand for hazard mitigation.**

- Objective 1.1 Heighten public awareness of the full range of natural and man-made hazards they face.
- Objective 1.2 Educate the public on actions they can take to prevent or reduce the loss of life or property damage from all hazards.
- Objective 1.3 Publicize and encourage the adoption of appropriate hazard mitigation measures.

### GOAL 2

**Protect public health and safety.**

- Objective 2.1 Advise the public about health and safety precautions to guard against injury and loss of life from hazards.
- Objective 2.2 Maximize the utilization of the latest technology to provide adequate warning, communication and mitigation of hazard events.
- Objective 2.3 Reduce the danger to, and enhance protection of, dangerous areas during hazard events.
- Objective 2.4 Protect critical facilities and services.



### **GOAL 3**

#### **Protect existing and new properties.**

- Objective 3.1 Reduce repetitive losses to the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Objective 3.2 Use the most cost-effective approaches to protect existing buildings and public infrastructure from hazards.
- Objective 3.3 Enact and enforce regulatory measures to ensure that development will not put people in harm's way or increase threats to existing properties.

### **GOAL 4**

#### **Build and support local capacity and commitment to become continuously less vulnerable to hazards.**

- Objective 4.1 Build and support local partnerships to become continuously less vulnerable to hazards.
- Objective 4.2 Build a cadre of committed volunteers to safeguard the community before, during, and after a disaster.
- Objective 4.3 Build hazard mitigation concerns into City planning and budgeting processes.

### **GOAL 5**

#### **Promote growth in a sustainable manner.**

- Objective 5.1 Incorporate hazard mitigation into the long-range planning and development activities.
- Objective 5.2 Promote beneficial uses of hazardous areas while expanding open space and recreational opportunities.
- Objective 5.3 Utilize regulatory approaches to prevent creation of future hazards to life and property.



## **GOAL 6**

### **Maximize the resources for investment in hazard mitigation.**

- Objective 6.1 Maximize the use of outside sources of funding.
- Objective 6.2 Maximize participation of property owners in protecting their properties.
- Objective 6.3 Maximize insurance coverage to provide financial protection against hazard events.
- Objective 6.4 Prioritize mitigation projects, based on cost-effectiveness and starting with those sites facing the greatest threat to life, health and property.