

MITIGATION STRATEGY

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Mitigation Goals

Based on the results of the risk and capability assessments, the Planning Team was able to develop and prioritize the mitigation strategy. At the Mitigation Workshops held July 27-28, 2011, Planning Team members refined the mitigation strategy for the Plan Update, choosing to maintain the overall goal of reducing and eliminating the long-term risk of loss of life and property damage from the full range of disasters.

Goal 1

Protect public health and safety in the region.



Objective 1.1

Maintain critical facilities.

Objective 1.2

Maximize the utilization of the latest technology to provide adequate warning, communication, and mitigation of hazard events.

Objective 1.3

Reduce the danger to, and enhance protection of, high risk areas during hazard events.

Objective 1.4

Protect critical facilities and services.

Goal 2

Protect new and existing properties.

Objective 2.1

Reduce repetitive losses to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Objective 2.2

Use the most cost-effective approach to protect existing buildings and public infrastructure from hazards.

Objective 2.3

Enact and enforce regulatory measures to ensure that development will not put people in harm's way or increase threats to existing properties.

Goal 3

Build and support partnerships to enhance mitigation to continuously become less vulnerable to hazards.

Objective 3.1

Build and support local partnerships to continuously become less vulnerable to hazards.

Objective 3.2

Build a cadre of committed volunteers to safeguard the community before, during and after a disaster.

Objective 3.3

Build hazard mitigation concerns into City planning and budgeting processes.

Goal 4

Leverage outside funds for investment in hazard mitigation.

Objective 4.1

Maximize the use of outside sources of funding.

Objective 4.2

Maximize participation of property owners in protecting their properties.

Objective 4.3

Maximize insurance coverage to provide financial protection against hazard event.

Objective 4.4

Prioritize mitigation projects based on cost-effectiveness, and starting with those sites facing the greatest threat to life, health and property.

Goal 5

Increase the understanding of residents for the need for mitigation, and steps they can take to protect people and properties.

Objective 5.1

Heighten public awareness of the full range of natural and man-made hazards they face.

Objective 5.2

Educate the public on actions they can take to prevent or reduce the loss of life or property from all hazards.

Objective 5.3

Publicize and encourage the adoption of appropriate hazard mitigation measures.