

Project Contacts and Resources

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Cape May County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2009

Reducing Losses to Natural Hazards



Purpose

The Cape May County Department of Engineering and the Department of Emergency Management are leading the creation of a comprehensive hazards-mitigation plan for the County and its 16 municipalities. The creation of this plan will allow the County and its participating municipalities to be eligible for future mitigation funding from FEMA. This is an opportunity for the County to create a detailed plan that will address a variety of potential hazards that could affect some or all of our citizens.

The goal of the plan is to identify projects that can reduce damages from future natural hazards. The plan will include a risk assessment and a hazard-mitigation strategy. The primary hazards in Cape May County include coastal storms, coastal erosion and flooding, but other hazards being considered include severe storms, severe winter storms and wildfire.

The study will focus on existing and future buildings, infrastructure and critical facilities that might be impacted. Critical facilities include shelters and hospitals; infrastructure includes power-generation facilities, water utilities, roadways, railroads and communication systems.

What sort of mitigation projects may be included in this Plan?

A broad range of mitigation initiatives are being developed at the local and county level, including:

- Bridge and roadway elevations
- Drainage improvement and storm-water management projects
- Elevation and/or acquisition of vulnerable structures (including private residences for interested owners)
- Installing or elevating bulkheads
- Beach and dune protection projects
- Storm-proofing critical facilities

Where can I review the draft Plan and provide input if I choose?

Sections of the Interim Draft Plan are currently available for download and review, as available, at www.capemaycountyhmp.com. By November 1, 2009, the complete Draft Plan will be available for review at the above website, and will be available in hard-copy for review at your town hall (see town clerk). The website has email links and other contact information to receive public comment. Please see the front of this brochure for additional contact information.

Can I get funding to mitigate my property?

Possibly, once this Plan is approved by FEMA and adopted by your municipality. Property owners are frequently eligible to receive funding to elevate the structure above flood levels, or have their property acquired. Other potentially grant eligible projects include installing or raising the height of bulkheads. Generally the property must have a history of NFIP damage claims. The property owner may be responsible for up to 25% of the project costs. Interested property owners should contact their local or county contacts identified on the front of this brochure.

A note about NFIP Flood Insurance:

The vast majority of structures in Cape May County are vulnerable to flooding... it is not a question of if, but when and how severe. NFIP flood insurance is available to everyone. Standard home-owner policies typically do NOT cover flood damage. Federal grants to mitigate vulnerable properties are typically only awarded to those who participate in, and have made claims against, the NFIP.

If you don't have flood insurance, get it! If you have it and suffer flood damage, use it! If you can, mitigate your property!