



Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning

- Natural hazards such as winter storms, floods and hurricanes, are a part of the world around us.
- We must consider these hazards to be legitimate and at times a significant threat to human life, safety, and property.
- The concept of and practice of reducing risks to people and property from known hazards is generally referred to as a hazard mitigation.

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- The Northern Piedmont Region includes Forsyth, Caswell, Davie, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin counties and the municipal governments within those counties.
- A regional Hazard Mitigation plan integrates the plans of several counties and municipalities into a single plan.
- Jurisdictions work together in the planning process to develop a mitigation strategy based on their risk to similar hazards, saving time and resources and making the plan easier to develop and implement.

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- Hazard mitigation plans are required by NCEM and FEMA so the participating jurisdictions can remain eligible for certain types of FEMA hazard mitigation funding and for smaller “State-declared” disasters.
- The plan identifies the hazards that could impact the region and identified Mitigation Actions that can be implemented to reduce vulnerability to those hazards and increase community resiliency.
- This most recent 2020 update included the addition of manmade and technological hazards to the plan (the previous plans only focused on natural hazards) –infectious disease is also now included as a hazard.