

Bucks County

Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan:

What Municipalities Need to Know

Municipalities nationwide are required to prepare **pre-disaster hazard mitigation plans** in order to qualify for post-disaster relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 shifts the focus from post-disaster action to pre-disaster planning.

Here's what you need to know:

Bucks County is taking the lead in preparing a countywide hazard mitigation plan to address natural hazards, such as hurricanes, flooding, and severe weather. The plan will do the following:

- Identify the most likely natural disasters to affect the County of Bucks
Example: Flooding
- Identify actions that can be taken to reduce damages to life and property
Example: Set up program to keep new building out of floodplains and to buy or elevate buildings subject to repeated flooding
- Implementation
Example: Strengthen floodplain ordinances; continue the county's flood mitigation project along the Neshaminy Creek



What you can do:

1. You can participate with the county plan by responding to the recent letter sent to your township manager or administrator, asking for township participation. If you do this, we will prepare the plan, submit it to your township, and give you the opportunity to adopt it. In our letter to you, we asked for your input on the natural hazards facing your community so that the plan can address those that are important to your area.
2. You can choose to prepare your own plan for submission to FEMA.
3. You can attend public meetings on this plan to help you decide. Public meetings will be held:

November 2, 2005	November 17, 2005	December 8, 2005	December 21, 2005
Bucks County	Bucks County	Bucks County	Bucks County
Commissioners' Meeting	Planning Commission	Planning Commission	Commissioners' Meeting
10:00 am	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	10:00 am
Warminster Township Building	1260 Almhouse Road Doylestown Township	1260 Almhouse Road Doylestown Township	Location To be Announced

Questions: The Bucks County Planning Commission is taking the lead on this project with the assistance of the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency. For more information, contact the BCPC at 215-345-3400.