

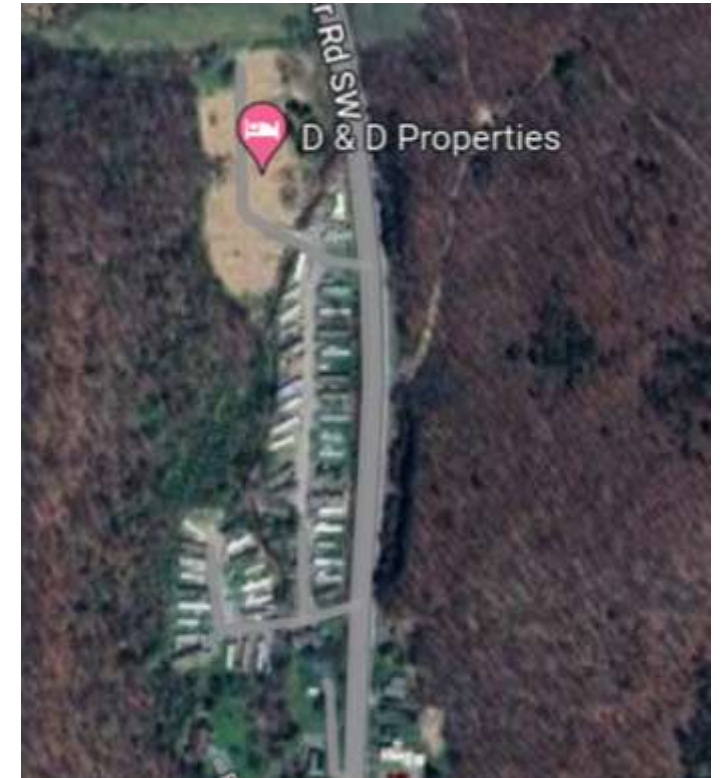
# 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan



A tanker truck carrying 87  
gasoline caused a section of I-95  
in Philadelphia to collapse after  
intense fire. June 2023

## Why Plan?

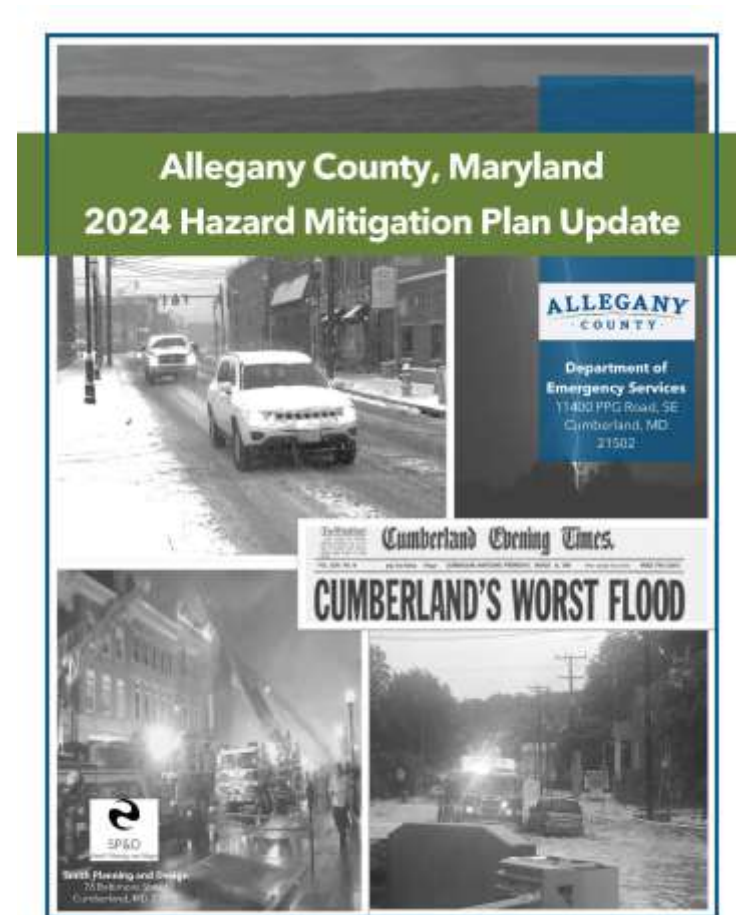
- Hazard mitigation is any action taken to permanently reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from the effects of hazards.
- Participating in hazard mitigation planning provides the community with the foresight to plan ahead and take actions to reduce its hazard



## From the *Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000*

The purpose of the Stafford Act, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, is “to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from natural disasters.”

Section 322 of the act specifically addresses mitigation planning and requires state and local governments to prepare multi-hazard mitigation plans as a precondition for receiving FEMA mitigation project grants.





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# Hazard Rankings

Identified Hazard	Types of Events	Ranking
Flood	Riverine; Flash (Hurricane/Tropical Storm)	High
Winter Storm	Winter Storm; Extreme Cold	High
Wildfire*	Woods; Brush Fires	High
HazMat Transportation*	HazMat	High
Emerging Infectious Diseases*	Epidemic; Pandemic	High
Severe Weather	Thunderstorm; Lightning Strike; Hail; Fog	Medium-High
Tornado*	Tornado; High Winds; Funnel Clouds	Medium-High
Excessive Heat	Excessive Heat; Drought	Medium
Cold Weather	Excessive Cold; Snow; Ice; Wind	Medium



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## Mitigation Action

### Items

1. Maintain and enhance Allegany County's Department of Emergency Service's capacity to continuously make Allegany County less vulnerable to hazards, specifically for those hazards rated as medium-high and high.
2. Build and support municipal capacity and commitment to become continuously less vulnerable to hazards.
3. Improve coordination and communication with other relevant organizations.
4. Increase public understanding, support, and demand for hazard mitigation.
5. Protect existing and future properties (residential, commercial, public, and critical facilities).
6. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner.
7. Promote sustainable development to improve the quality of life.
8. Prevent destruction of forests and structures in the Urban Wildland Interface.