

# SOUTHEASTERN NC

## REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2025 UPDATE



## Background

The Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan aims to assess, reduce, and prepare for the impact of natural and man-made hazards in the region. The 2025 Plan Update involves the identification of vulnerabilities and prioritization of mitigation strategies to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from a hazardous event. Through collaboration and coordination, the Plan Update seeks to engage stakeholders, raise awareness, and facilitate measures to mitigate risk and build a safer, more resilient region for current and future generations.

## What is Mitigation?

FEMA defines Hazard Mitigation as:  
**“Sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from hazards.”**



1

EXISTING

Mitigate hazard impacts on existing development in our communities (i.e. houses, businesses, infrastructure, critical facilities)

2

FUTURE

Ensure future development is conducted in a manner that does not increase vulnerability (i.e. strategic planning, policy, and procedures)

## Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 represents a major shift from reactive response to proactive prevention requiring local communities to develop/maintain hazard mitigation plans.

- **Revitalized Federal Planning Requirements**
  - State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- **Federal Grant Funding Eligibility**
  - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
  - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

**\*\*Plans should be updated every 5 years to remain current.**



## Mitigation Techniques

1. Prevention – Planning and Zoning, Building Codes, Floodplain Regulations
2. Property Protection –Aquisition, Relocation, Elevation
3. Natural Resource Management – Floodplain Protection, Watershed Management, Riparian Buffers
4. Structural Projects – Reservoirs, Levees/Dams, Channel Modification
5. Emergency Services – Warning Systems, Evacuation Planning, Shelters
6. Public Education and Awareness – Outreach Projects, Real Estate Disclosures, Hazard Map Information

# Task 1 Scope: Plan Development

Subtas	Status	Notes
Task 1.1: Planning Process	In Progress	Involves internal kickoff, planning team meetings (3 minimum), and public meetings (2 minimum).
Task 1.2: Risk Assessment	In Progress	Update previously developed risk assessment with latest data for hazard profiles and risk assessment techniques.
Task 1.3: Capability Assessment	In Progress	Project team to update previous capability assessment survey from last update. Communities to confirm changes and revise as needed.
Task 1.4: Mitigation Strategy	Not Started	Update status of existing mitigation actions from previous plan and propose new actions based on need.
Task 1.5: Plan Maintenance Procedures	Not Started	Includes analysis of previous methods/schedules of plan monitoring, evaluating, and updating.

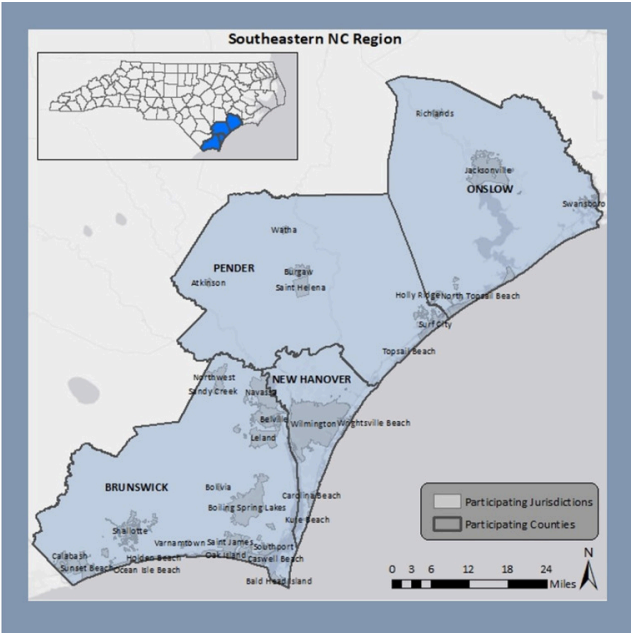
## Project Website



### Southeastern NC Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Welcome to the official website for the Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update!

Last updated: Q2 2025



The project team has developed a Project Website where all information pertaining to the plan update will be hosted, including meeting minutes & presentations as well as the Public Survey!



## Your Role in the Process

- Tell us who should be involved in the process.** Have we missed anyone? This can include community groups, non-profits, businesses, etc.
- Share the project website to your county/municipal page.** We're actively updating this site, so sharing/promoting is all you need to do!
- Complete the survey and encourage others to do so.** Print copies and place them in community buildings. Let us know if translation is needed.
- Determine location, date, and times for meetings in a timely fashion.** Our aim is to send invites out with at least 2 weeks notice.
- Review your Capability Assessment.** Identify new capabilities or adjust existing capabilities. Efforts underway should be noted.
- Review your Mitigation Plan.** Provide a detailed status update on each action and brainstorm new actions that address existing gaps/weaknesses.
- Collaborate amongst other agencies/departments.** This update spans beyond EM and will benefit from the cross-sectoral collaboration/expertise.
- Reach out to smaller jurisdictions to ensure their participation.** Whether actively present or represented through the county, this will help expedite the update and adoption process.

Thank you!

Thank you for your participation in the Southeastern NC Regional HMP 2025 Update!