



# Hazard Mitigation Plan

**What is the purpose of the HMP?** A regional Hazard Mitigation plan provides local communities with the tools to prepare themselves for potential natural disasters. Taking action beforehand can reduce potential loss of life and property in the event of a disaster.

**How is it funded?** Through Federal, state, local, and sub-recipient funding. Correct. The TJPDC local portion is mostly funded by tracking and reporting local staff time and travel, but some cash is usually needed as well. The split is usually 75% federal, 20% state and 5% local.

**How often is it required to be updated?** These plans are updated every 5 years.

**What components are mandatory?** The entirety of the plan (for localities and regional levels) must be maintained and updated on a 5-year basis.

**Is it mandatory?** Yes. Local governments to develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving (being eligible for) certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. Jurisdictions must update their hazard mitigation plans and re-submit them for FEMA approval every five years to maintain eligibility.



## What are the benefits for the member localities that participate?

- Increase education and awareness around threats, hazards, and vulnerabilities;
- Build partnerships for risk reduction with governments, organizations, businesses, and the public;
- Identify long-term, thorough strategies and achieve risk reduction;
- Align risk reduction with other state, tribal, or community objectives;
- Identify implementation actions to focus resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities; and
- Connect priorities to potential funding sources
- Increase investment in mitigation actions.

**What happens if the plan is not updated?** If the plan is not updated, our localities will not be able to apply for certain local funding assistance for non-emergency hazard mitigation projects.

**How is it developed?** The TJPDC works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and other local emergency managers to develop and maintain regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans.

FEMA and VDEM put together regional work groups that can help with updating the plan. The TJPDC must let the public know and offer a comment period of at least 30 days. They also must meet with the localities and work with them on the updates. TJPDC have had a working group made up of representatives of each locality. The roster is included in the appendices of the last update, along with minutes of the meetings.

**How is it adopted?** Once the initial preparation work is done by TJPDC and the member localities (also once the public meetings and workshops are done), VDEM approves it prior to it being sent to FEMA.



**(434) 979-7310**



**info@tjpd.org**



**<http://www.tjpd.org>**