

HAZARD MITIGATION

Planning Fact Sheet



Burton Planning Services

Hazard mitigation planning is critical to ensuring communities are prepared for natural and man-made disasters. Burton Planning Services can help you update your plan:

What Is Hazard Mitigation?

Hazard Mitigation is an action taken to reduce or eliminate risk to people and property from natural and man-made disasters. Hazard Mitigation planning is a process used by State and local governments to identify the risks and vulnerabilities associated with disasters and develop mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate risks (FEMA, 2017).

What does Burton Planning Services Do?

Burton Planning Services (BPS) strives to make communities livable, healthy, and sustainable. The company is DBE/MBE/WBE and EDGE certified. BPS is also a licensed engineering firm with a multi-disciplinary staff of 15 professionals. BPS planners are skilled in leading mitigation planning processes, providing targeted assistance in identifying hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, as well as performing loss estimates. BPS staff have experience in facilitating public meetings and goal setting and prioritization. Staff are also familiar with the emergency management and multi-hazard mitigation concepts that are important to developing creative strategies for successful hazard mitigation plans.

Do You Have A Plan?

95% of Ohio's 88 counties have a hazard mitigation plan

56% of those hazard mitigation plans are out-dated

43% of those out-dated plans are more than 10 years old

What Can We Provide?

We understand that every community has its own unique needs when preparing for natural and man-made disasters. With our expertise, we are committed to providing a comprehensive range of hazard mitigation solutions in-line with the client's vision. Being a small business has several key advantages:

FLEXIBILITY: We are flexible and quickly adapt to a client's needs

TIMELINESS: We provide high quality results in a timely manner

EXPERTISE: We have experienced multi-disciplinary people on staff to provide superior solutions

COMMITMENT: We are passionate about what we do and committed to our clients

RELATIONSHIP: There are no "middle men" or sales people – we work with our clients from start to finish

COST EFFECTIVENESS: A small business operates without a large overhead, so services are performed in a cost effective manner

How Are These Plans Updated?

1. Plans are updated via county staff and/or consultants
2. Plans are made possible through EMA funding, general funds, and others, including the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)— Federal funding is available for up to 75% of the eligible activity costs.



Plan Development



GIS Data Analysis



Graphic Design



Public Involvement