

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING



Hazard mitigation planning is critical to ensuring communities are prepared for disasters. BPS is exceptionally qualified to update existing or create new plans that incorporate all hazards.



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).



WHO WE ARE

Burton Planning Services (BPS) was formed in 2008 by company President, Kimberly Burton, and is based out of Westerville, Ohio. Our mission is to provide clients with sustainable solutions that are timely, affordable, and customized for the client's specific needs. BPS has 10 professional staff, including planners, engineers, and environmental specialists. We value being a small business because it enables us to be more flexible and adaptable for our clients. We operate without a large overhead, so we can offer lower-cost services; and we do not have intermediary sales people – our professional staff work directly with our clients from start to finish.

DOES YOUR PLAN NEED UPDATED?

26%

of counties within Ohio have an out-dated hazard mitigation plan.

22%

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



WHAT WE DO

Our in-house hazard mitigation team offers a full range of skillsets for preparing hazard mitigation plans. BPS understands the importance of staying current with federal and state regulations and requirements in order to provide high-quality plans with customized mitigation strategies. We also incorporate public concerns so that the plans best address the priorities of the public and educate residents on local hazards.



HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING CAPABILITIES

We have the capabilities to perform all aspects of developing a hazard mitigation plan, including:

- History & demographics
- Planning process & public involvement
- Hazard risk assessments
- Hazus GIS modeling (Levels 1 & 2)
- Hazard mitigation goals & actions
- Plan schedule & maintenance
- Administration (local match tracking, SHARPP reporting, etc.)



OUR APPROACH

- ★ **Customized:** all communities are unique, so our work is customized to represent your community's specific mitigation needs and goals.
- ★ **Implementable:** a disconnect often occurs between planning and implementation, so we work with your county to develop a set of customized mitigation actions that are implementation-oriented.
- ★ **Comprehensive:** the hazards that threaten each community might change over time, so we consider a comprehensive range of hazards for our clients to ensure that all possible factors are accounted for and geared specifically for the county we are assisting, including natural, technological, and man-made hazards.

MEET OUR HAZARD MITIGATION TEAM



The BPS Small Business Advantage



Flexibility



Timeliness



Expertise



Commitment



Relationship



Cost Effectiveness



Kimberly Burton, P.E. AICP, CTP, LEED AP ND | *President*

Ms. Burton is the President of BPS and has over 20 years of experience in hazard mitigation, community & transportation planning, and environmental studies. She has completed numerous county-wide hazard mitigation plans in Ohio, both for BPS and in her role as an Associate Professor of Practice for the Ohio State University. Outside of Ohio, she has also collaborated on several resiliency and natural hazard mitigation efforts, including for Franklin TN, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Belize.



Rich Roths, AICP | *Senior Hazards Planner*

Mr. Roths is a certified planner with over 40 years of professional experience in hazard mitigation and disaster recovery planning, emergency management, flood insurance programs and community rating systems, and floodplain and earthquake management. Mr. Roths has a Master's degree in Urban Planning and has received Outstanding Service Awards from the Association of State Floodplain Managers and Ohio Floodplain Management Association.



Anna van der Zwaag, CTA | *Associate Planner*

Ms. van der Zwaag is an Associate Planner with a background in environmental & hazard mitigation planning, public health, community planning, and public engagement. She has prepared hazard mitigation plans for Clermont, Marion, and Guernsey counties and has extensive experience in utilizing a variety of community engagement techniques, from participating in public meetings to coordinating social media outreach.



Brett Morris, LEED Green Associate | *Associate Planner*

Mr. Morris is an Associate Planner who specializes in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). He is certified as an LEED Green Associate. Mr. Morris is skilled at completing Level 1 and Level 2 HAZUS analyses to estimate potential damages to buildings and crops, as well as coordinating with stakeholder and public meeting events. He has prepared county-wide hazard mitigation plans for Clermont and Marion counties.



Elvin Pinckney | *Senior Environmental Specialist*

Mr. Pinckney is a Senior Environmental Specialist with over 40 years of experience in federal and state-level environmental studies and public involvement. Mr. Pinckney is an expert at engaging stakeholders and members of the public. Throughout his career, he has coordinated and participated in numerous public meetings, including for hazard mitigation planning efforts.