

Hazard Mitigation Goals and Objectives

- 1. Increase capabilities within Dubuque County entities to mitigate the effects of hazards by enhancing existing or designing and adopting new policies that will reduce the damaging effects of hazards.**
 - 1.1. Reduce repetitive property losses due to flood, wildfire, winter storms, and other hazards.
 - 1.2. Protect critical facilities, infrastructure, and utility systems.
 - 1.3. Encourage the incorporation of mitigation measures into repairs, redevelopment, and capital improvement projects for governments, businesses, education institutions, and the public.
 - 1.4. Identify funding opportunities for future mitigation measures.
- 2. Protect the most vulnerable populations, buildings, and critical facilities within Dubuque County through the implementation of cost effective and technically feasible mitigation projects.**
 - 2.1. Educate property and business owners on affordable mitigation and preparedness measures that can be taken to reduce property loss.
 - 2.2. Assure that vulnerable buildings and critical facilities within Dubuque County are identified, cataloged, and that vulnerability assessments are completed for each identified facility.
 - 2.3. Assure that vulnerable populations such as the elderly, homeless, low income or those with limited English proficiency are included in educational programs regarding preparedness or mitigation.
 - 2.4. Enhance the capabilities to collect, analyze, update, and exchange data and information to support risk assessment and mitigation needs.
- 3. Improve the level of responder, government, business, and citizen awareness and preparedness for disaster.**
 - 3.1. Identify and develop needed training and exercises for targeted responder, government and citizen audiences.
 - 3.2. Strengthen outreach and partnerships with the private sector, nonprofit organizations and the public.
 - 3.3. Improve public understanding of hazards and risk by providing public awareness, preparedness, and mitigation information through various channels of communication.
- 4. Develop programs to assure that response agencies, governments, educational institutions, and local businesses are able to operate during times of disaster.**
 - 4.1. Promote the development of emergency response plans, including continuity of operations plans, among local response agencies, governments, educational institutions and local businesses.
 - 4.2. Provide education, training, and exercise opportunities for local entities to prepare for and test their ability to operate during times of disaster.
- 5. Coordinate a multi-jurisdictional approach to integrate hazard mitigation and land use planning.**
 - 5.1. Create maps to identify hazardous areas.
 - 5.2. Incorporate hazard mitigation into zoning, subdivision, and building codes where applicable.
 - 5.3. Develop policies and ordinances to steer development away from hazardous areas.

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- 5.4. Review land for potential hazards before subdivision approval.
- 5.5. Consider providing incentives for building in non-hazardous areas.
- 5.6. Preserve and enhance protective features of the natural environment including wetlands, vegetation on steep slopes, and other natural areas that promote ground water infiltration.
- 5.7. Retrofit buildings and facilities at risk in redeveloping areas.
- 6. Coordinate future transportation plans with appropriate hazard mitigation plans including the Regional Evacuation Plan and the Incident Management Manual.**
 - 6.1. Prioritize which roads and bridges that shall remain passable during an emergency or evacuation.
 - 6.2. Identify alternative routes if prioritized roads and bridges become impassible.
 - 6.3. Train all personnel in emergency response procedures and protocols, and conduct annual refresher training.
 - 6.4. Establish ongoing means of redundant communication with fire, sheriff, and police departments and the County Emergency Management Agency to ensure sharing of crime and security information among all concerned.
 - 6.5. Work with public safety agencies including law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and emergency management regarding security and emergency preparedness plans.
 - 6.6. Define transit systems role in non-transit emergencies.
 - 6.7. Review evacuation plans in the region, focusing on transit security plans.