

Frequently Asked Questions

What is hazard mitigation?

Hazard mitigation is any cost-effective and sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life or property from natural, technological, and human-caused hazards.

What is the purpose of hazard mitigation planning?

The purpose of All-Hazard Mitigation Planning is to:

- Identify the hazards that impact Clermont County, including the cities, villages, and townships
- Identify actions and activities to reduce any losses from those hazards
- Establish a coordinated process to implement the Plan

What are the benefits of hazard mitigation planning?

The benefits include:

- Assisting local communities with reducing risks by identifying vulnerabilities and developing strategies to lessen and/or eliminate the effects of a potential hazard
- Building partnerships and reducing duplication of efforts among organizations with similar or overlapping goals
- Creating more sustainable and disaster-resistant communities
- Communicating needs to state and federal officials when funding becomes available, particularly after a disaster
- Increasing public awareness of local hazards and disaster preparedness

What laws govern the hazard mitigation planning process?

State, Indian Tribal, and local governments are required by 44 CFR Part 201 to develop a hazard mitigation plan as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288), as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, provides the legal basis for State, local, and Indian Tribal governments to undertake a risk-based approach to reducing risks from natural hazards through mitigation planning.

What hazards were included in the 2020 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan?

1. Severe storms	8. Dam failure
2. Tornadoes	9. Invasive species
3. Flooding	10. Terrorism
4. Utility failure	11. Extreme temperatures
5. Hazardous materials accident	12. Drought
6. Winter Storms	13. Wildfire
7. Landslides	14. Earthquakes

What mitigation actions were identified in the 2020 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan?

All Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> Back-up power capabilities at critical infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Develop/update continuity of operations plans (COOP) <input type="checkbox"/> Provide disaster preparedness education and outreach <input type="checkbox"/> Develop/update County and jurisdictional Emergency Operation Plans <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain/expand outdoor warning siren system <input type="checkbox"/> Continue code enforcement (fire, building, zoning, floodplain management)
Severe Storms	<input type="checkbox"/> Public education on having multiple means of receiving alerts/warnings <input type="checkbox"/> Update debris management plans for timely debris clearance <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain National Weather Service StormReady certification
Tornadoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Promote Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program <input type="checkbox"/> Identify temporary storm safe locations
Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Improve storm water management systems <input type="checkbox"/> Identify and study poor draining areas to control flooding <input type="checkbox"/> Repair/replace ditching and culverts to control flooding <input type="checkbox"/> Identify and study riverbank stabilization opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Provide guidance to property owners on acquisition/flood proofing <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage residents to purchase flood insurance
Utility Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree trimming along utility lines
Hazardous Materials Accidents	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop wellhead protection plan <input type="checkbox"/> Continue LEPC exercise program <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain LEPC and Tier II reporting <input type="checkbox"/> Update Commodity Flow Study <input type="checkbox"/> Public outreach / education regarding disposal of household hazardous materials
Winter Storms	<input type="checkbox"/> Public education on winter weather safety
Landslides	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop map of landslide prone areas <input type="checkbox"/> Enforce slide-prone area ordinances to limit fill/dumping <input type="checkbox"/> Enforce draining control regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Implement sanitary system codes <input type="checkbox"/> Provide mitigation guidance to property owners <input type="checkbox"/> Implement debris flow measures <input type="checkbox"/> Implement grading to increase slope stability <input type="checkbox"/> Consider vegetation placement and management plans to increase soil stability <input type="checkbox"/> Consider placement of utilities outside of landslide prone areas
Dam Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with ODNR to implement Dam Safety Program <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage dam owners to develop/update Emergency Action Plans <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage dam owners to be prepared to respond should dam fail <input type="checkbox"/> Public outreach / education regarding downstream risks <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate with local communities to ensure they understand the risk
Invasive Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Public outreach / education on hazard identification, behavior, and quarantine <input type="checkbox"/> Public education on not importing/exporting firewood <input type="checkbox"/> Work with ag producers to monitor/minimize nutrient runoff to prevent harmful algal blooms
Terrorism	<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage critical infrastructure to implement protective measures <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate with law enforcement to ensure safety at large public gatherings <input type="checkbox"/> Provide active aggressor guidance
Extreme Temperatures	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide guidance for vulnerable populations <input type="checkbox"/> Provide guidance on utility assistance programs
Drought	<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage property owners to install water reduction equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Develop water storage plans, use ordinances, contingency plans, and delivery system plans <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage farmers to purchase crop insurance
Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/> Public education on smoking hazards and risk of recreational fires <input type="checkbox"/> Public education on extreme fire danger and red flag warnings
Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/> Community outreach to foster awareness of mitigation actions <input type="checkbox"/> Work with the insurance industry too increase public awareness