



CITY OF BOSTON

# Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) Update

## WHAT RISKS DOES BOSTON FACE?

As a coastal and dense New England city, Boston is vulnerable to:



flooding



winter weather



sea level rise



heat and urban heat islands



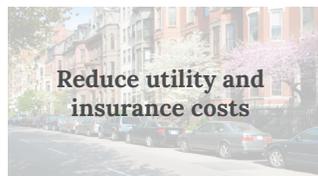
and more

## WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

The City of Boston Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is updating the 2014 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to document progress and identify new projects to reduce risks. OEM is also staying coordinated with related efforts like Climate Ready Boston East Boston & Charlestown and the Boston Heat Resilience Plan.

## HOW CAN HAZARD MITIGATION HELP MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

Natural hazards and climate change can increase our day-to-day stresses. Hazard mitigation strives to reduce our everyday challenges and identify projects that:



## DEFINITIONS



**RESILIENCE** is the ability of a system to prepare for extreme events and ideally “bounce forward” after impacts to become greener, healthier, and more equitable.



**NATURAL HAZARDS** can include flooding, extreme wind events, winter weather, earthquakes, fires, extreme temperatures, drought, and more.



**HAZARD MITIGATION** is the effort to reduce impacts from natural hazards through planning, policy, education, infrastructure projects, and more.



**A NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (NHMP)** is a strategy to reduce risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural hazards, to protect homes, businesses, and the critical infrastructure that keeps our City running.

## GET INVOLVED!

Your experiences of previous natural hazard events are critical to understanding vulnerability across Boston neighborhoods. For more information on natural hazard mitigation planning and opportunities for participation:



Visit [tinyurl.com/BostonNHMP](https://tinyurl.com/BostonNHMP) for the latest information on natural hazard mitigation planning



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