



WHAT IS AN NHMP?

A Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) is a planning strategy to aid municipal, county, and state governments in understanding how to reduce the risks, vulnerabilities, and impacts associated with natural hazards to better protect people, homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

GOAL OF THIS NHMP

- Implement **strategic and equitable** hazard mitigation planning
- Build a **comprehensive and adaptable** planning approach focused on minimizing risks
- Guide **long-term, effective** resilience planning

DEFINITIONS



NATURAL HAZARDS are environmental phenomena that have the potential to impact societies and the human environment.



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



RESILIENCE is the ability to withstand and swiftly recover from an extreme event. Ideally, resilient systems “bounce forward” to create healthier, greener, and more equitable systems and spaces.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING?



Increasing public awareness of natural hazards.



Directing resources towards greatest vulnerabilities.



Efficiency through collaboration.



Unlocking federal funding opportunities.

WHAT RISKS DOES BOSTON FACE?

Boston is most affected by natural hazards related to flooding and extreme temperatures due to its coastal location and urban conditions. However, this Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan **evaluates 15 hazards** to provide a comprehensive assessment of risk.



Coastal Flooding and Storm Surge



Average/Extreme Temperatures



Changes in Groundwater



Flooding from Precipitation



Severe Winter Weather/ Nor'easters



Hurricanes/ Tropical Storms

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