

Cumberland County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Capability Assessment Survey

Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, policies, programs, and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible. Only one worksheet should be completed per jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction: Cumberland County and Municipalities

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- 1. Planning and Regulatory Capability:** Please indicate whether the following planning or regulatory tools and programs are currently in place or under development for your jurisdiction by placing an "X" in the appropriate box, followed by the date of adoption/update. Then, for each particular item in place, identify the department or agency responsible for its implementation and indicate its estimated or anticipated effect on hazard loss reduction (Supports, Neutral or Hinders) with the appropriate symbol and also indicate if there has been a change in the ability of the tool/program to result in loss reduction. Finally, please provide additional comments or explanations in the space provided.

Tool/Program	Status			Dept. / Agency Responsible	Comments:
	In Place	Date Adopted or Updated	Under Development		
<i>EXAMPLE: Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>					
Hazard Mitigation Plan	X	2014		CCPD and CCDPS	Five-year (2019) multi-jurisdictional update underway.
Emergency Operations Plan	X	2013		CCDPS	Cumberland County EOP (2013), plus each municipality has its own All-Hazards EOP. See attached matrix.
Disaster Recovery Plan	X	2010		CCDPS	Disaster Recovery Plan developed for Carlisle Borough, South Middleton Township, and North Middleton Township.

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Evacuation Plan	X			CCDPS	Cumberland County EOP, plus each municipality has its own All-Hazards EOP.
Continuity of Operations Plan	X	2005		Cumberland County DPS.	Cumberland County COOP Plan. No municipalities have adopted a COOP Plan.
NFIP	X			Municipalities	See NFIP Capability Assessment.
NFIP-CRS				Municipalities	See NFIP Capability Assessment.
Floodplain Regulations	X			Municipalities	Each municipality participates in the NFIP and has adopted a floodplain ordinance.
Floodplain Management Plan				Municipalities	Each municipality participates in the NFIP and has adopted a floodplain ordinance.
Zoning Regulations	X			Municipalities	Zoning is administered by each municipality. See attached matrix.
Subdivision Regulations	X			Municipalities	Subdivision regulation is administered by each municipality. See attached matrix.
Comprehensive Land Use Plan (or General, Master or Growth Mgmt. Plan)	X	2017		County Planning Department and municipalities.	County Comprehensive Plan, plus municipal Comprehensive Plans (see attached matrix).
Open Space Management Plan (or Parks/Rec or Greenways Plan)	X	2013		County Planning Department.	County Land Partnerships Plan (2013) and Cumberland Countywide Greenway Study (2000)

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<i>Stormwater Management Plan / Ordinance</i>	X	2010		County Planning Department	County Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan
<i>Natural Resource Protection Plan</i>	X	2013		Cumberland County Planning Department	County Land Partnerships Plan (2013) and Cumberland Countywide Greenway Study (2000) Big Spring River Conservation Plan (June 2007) Middle Conodoguinet Creek Watershed (2004) Yellow Breeches Rivers Conservation Plan & Watershed Assessment (2005)
<i>Capital Improvement Plan</i>	X	2014		Cumberland County Planning Department	County Bridge Capital Improvement Plan
<i>Economic Development Plan</i>	X	2000		Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation	Greater Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce Downtown Carlisle Association Borough of Shippensburg Industrial Development Association (IDA) Shippensburg Area Development Corp. West Shore Chamber of Commerce

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<i>Historic Preservation Plan</i>	X	2011		Cumberland County Planning Department	County and municipal comprehensive plans address cultural resource protection/preservation objectives. In addition, a number of municipalities have established historic districts and several have organized Historic Architectural Review Boards to administer and enforce historic resource protection regulations.
<i>Farmland Preservation</i>	X	2013		County Planning Department and County Agricultural Land Preservation Board	County Land Partnerships Plan (2013)
<i>Building Code</i>	X	2004		All 33 municipalities have “opted-into” enforcing the UCC instead of “opting-out” and relinquishing their enforcement duties to either the PA Department of Labor or a third party code enforcement agency.	Statewide Enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code began in April 2004. See http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=553835&mode=2

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<i>Fire Code</i>	X	2004		All 33 municipalities have “opted-into” enforcing the UCC instead of “opting-out” and relinquishing their enforcement duties to either the PA Department of Labor or a third party code enforcement agency.	Statewide Enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code began in April 2004. See http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=553835&mode=2
<i>Other</i>					N/A

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2. **Administrative and Technical Capability:** Please indicate whether your jurisdiction maintains the following staff members within its current personnel resources by placing an "X" in the appropriate box. Then, if YES, please identify the department or agency they work under and provide any other comments you may have in the space provided or with attachments.

Staff/Personnel Resources	Yes	No	Department / Agency	Comments
<i>Planners (with land use / land development knowledge)</i>	X		Cumberland County Planning Department	In addition to the County Planning Department, a number of the county's municipalities employ AICP certified planners.
<i>Planners or engineers (with natural and/or human caused hazards knowledge)</i>	X		Cumberland County Planning Department and Conservation District.	The County Planning Department employ's a certified AICP planner and the County Conservation District employs a licensed professional engineer. In addition, all of the county's municipalities either employ a professional engineer or have selected an engineer of record.
<i>Engineers or professionals trained in building and/or infrastructure construction practices (includes building inspectors)</i>	X		Municipal code enforcement officers.	All 33 municipalities have "opted-into" enforcing the UCC.
<i>Emergency manager</i>	X		County EMC and Municipal EMCs	The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires all counties and municipalities to have a Governor-appointed Emergency Management Coordinator.
<i>Floodplain manager</i>	X		Municipalities	

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<i>Land surveyors</i>	X		Municipalities	All of the county's municipalities either employ a professional engineer or have a selected an engineer of record that can provide land surveying services.
<i>Scientists or staff familiar with the hazards of the community</i>	X		Cumberland County Planning Department and Department of Public Safety	
<i>Personnel skilled in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and/or FEMA's HAZUS program</i>	X		Cumberland County GIS Department	
<i>Grant writers or fiscal staff to handle large/complex grants</i>	X		Cumberland County Planning Department, Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation, Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities	
<i>Other</i>				

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3. **Financial Capability:** Please indicate whether your jurisdiction has access to or is eligible to use the following local financial resources for hazard mitigation purposes (including as match funds for State of Federal mitigation grant funds). Then, identify the primary department or agency responsible for its administration or allocation and provide any other comments you may have in the space provided or with attachments.

Financial Resources	Yes	No	Department / Agency	Comments
Capital improvement programming	X		Cumberland County Planning Department	
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	X		Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.	
Special purpose taxes		X		
Gas / electric utility fees		X		
Water / sewer fees	X		Municipal sewer and water authorities	
Stormwater utility fees	X		Hampden Township, Borough of Carlisle	
Development impact fees	X		Municipalities	Municipalities have the authority under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 of 1968 as reenacted and amended) to enact regulations that impose exactions on developments for transportation, parks and recreation, and open space impacts.
General obligation, revenue, and/or special tax bonds	X		County Industrial Development Authority	
Partnering arrangements or intergovernmental agreements		X		

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<i>Other</i>				
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4. **Education and Outreach:** Identify education and outreach programs and methods already in place that could be used to implement mitigation activities and communicate hazard-related information. Then, identify the primary department or agency responsible for its administration or allocation and provide any other comments you may have in the space provided or with attachments.

Program/Organization	Yes	No	Department / Agency	Comments
Firewise Communities Certification				White Rock Acres Development in Monroe Township is the only community in Cumberland County which established a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and participates in the <i>Firewise</i> program.
StormReady Certification	X			Cumberland County and Carlisle Barracks participate in the <i>StormReady</i> program; however, there are no participating local municipalities.
Natural disaster or safety related school programs	X		Cumberland County Department of Public Safety	
Ongoing public education or information program (e.g. responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, environmental education)	X		Cumberland County Department of Public Safety, Cumberland County Planning Department, and Cumberland County Cooperative Extension	
Public-private partnership initiatives addressing disaster-related issues	X		Cumberland County Department of Public Safety and the South Central Task Force	

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<i>Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.</i>	X		LeTort Regional Authority, Clean Air Board of Central PA, various watershed protection groups, etc.	
<i>Other</i>				

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5. **Self-Assessment of Capability:** Please provide an approximate measure of your jurisdiction's capability to effectively implement hazard mitigation strategies to reduce hazard vulnerabilities. Using the following table, please place an "X" in the box marking the most appropriate degree of capability (Limited, Moderate or High) based upon best available information and the responses provided in Sections 1 through 4 of this survey.

Area	Degree of Capability		
	Limited	Moderate	High
<i>Planning and Regulatory</i>			X
<i>Administrative and Technical</i>			X
<i>Financial</i>			X
<i>Education and Outreach</i>			X