

City of Covington Hazard Mitigation Plan

Guiding Principle

Leverage partnerships and available resources and mitigate known risks to preserve the quality of life within the City of Covington.

Goals

1. Protect life and property.
2. Maintain economic viability during and after a hazard event.
3. Maintain, enhance and restore the natural environment's capacity to deal with impacts of natural hazard events.
4. Promote the development and implementation of cost effective hazard mitigation projects.
5. Increase the public's awareness of the impacts from hazard events.
6. Improve the community's emergency management capability.
7. Promote hazard resilient development through the use of best available data and science.

Objectives

1. Educate the public on the risk from natural hazards and increase awareness, preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery activities.
2. Consider the use of incentives for hazard mitigation to minimize the impacts of natural hazards on current and future land uses.
3. Establish a partnership among all levels of government and the business community to improve and implement methods to protect private property and delivery of services.
4. Integrate hazard mitigation goals and policies into the City's Comprehensive Plan.
5. Create a public outreach strategy that informs the public on the risk exposure to natural hazards and ways to increase the public's capability to prepare, respond, recover and mitigate the impacts of these events.
6. Pursue implementation of all feasible risk reduction measures that reduce the natural hazard risk exposure to both public and private property.
7. Utilize the best available data, science and technologies to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of natural hazards, the vulnerability of building types, and community development patterns and the measures needed to protect life safety and critical facilities.
8. Retrofit, purchase, or relocate structures based on one or more of the following criteria: level of exposure, repetitive loss history, and previous damage from natural hazards.
9. Seek natural hazard mitigation projects that minimize or mitigate their impacts on the environment.
10. Strengthen codes, land use planning and their enforcement, so that developments avoid or withstand the impacts of natural hazards.
11. Maintain and restore critical functions of identified critical facilities through proactive planning.
12. Seek ways to improve emergency management capacity and capability within the whole community.