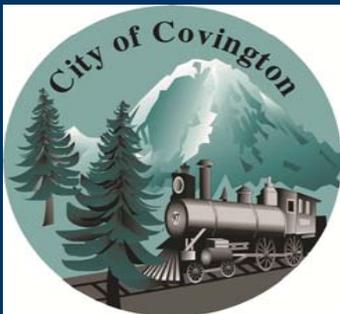


City of Covington Hazard Mitigation Plan

Final Public Meeting
April 3, 2014



Today's Speaker

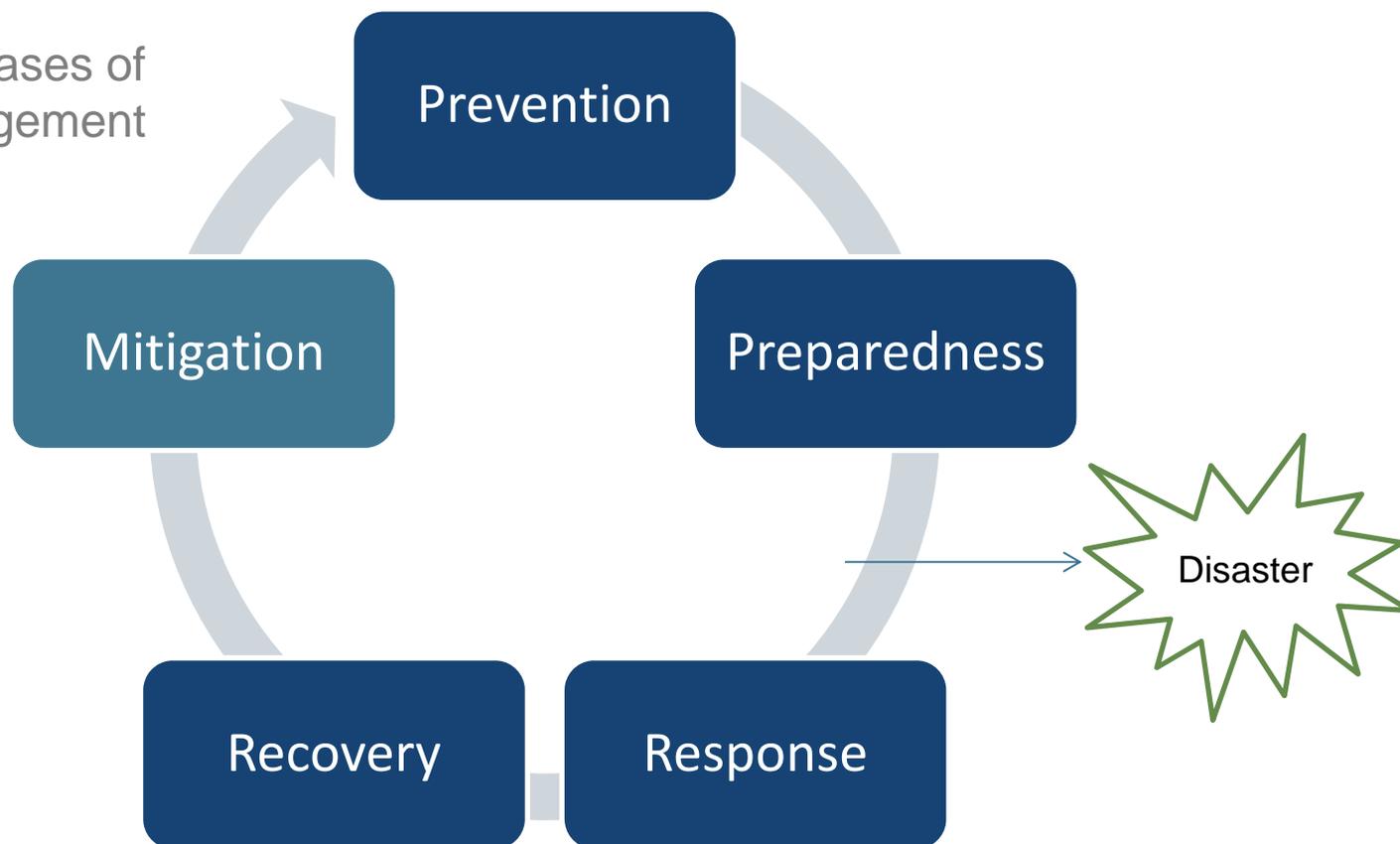
- Rob Flaner, CFM
- Hazard Mitigation Program Manager for Tetra Tech, Inc.
- Consultant to Covington
- 30 Years experience in the field of Emergency Management
- Former FEMA employee
- Has facilitated over 30 hazard mitigation planning efforts over past 10 years

Objectives

- Provide a brief overview of the drivers for planning
- The Covington planning process
- Present the draft Covington Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Directions for public comment

What is Mitigation?

Five Phases of
Emergency Management



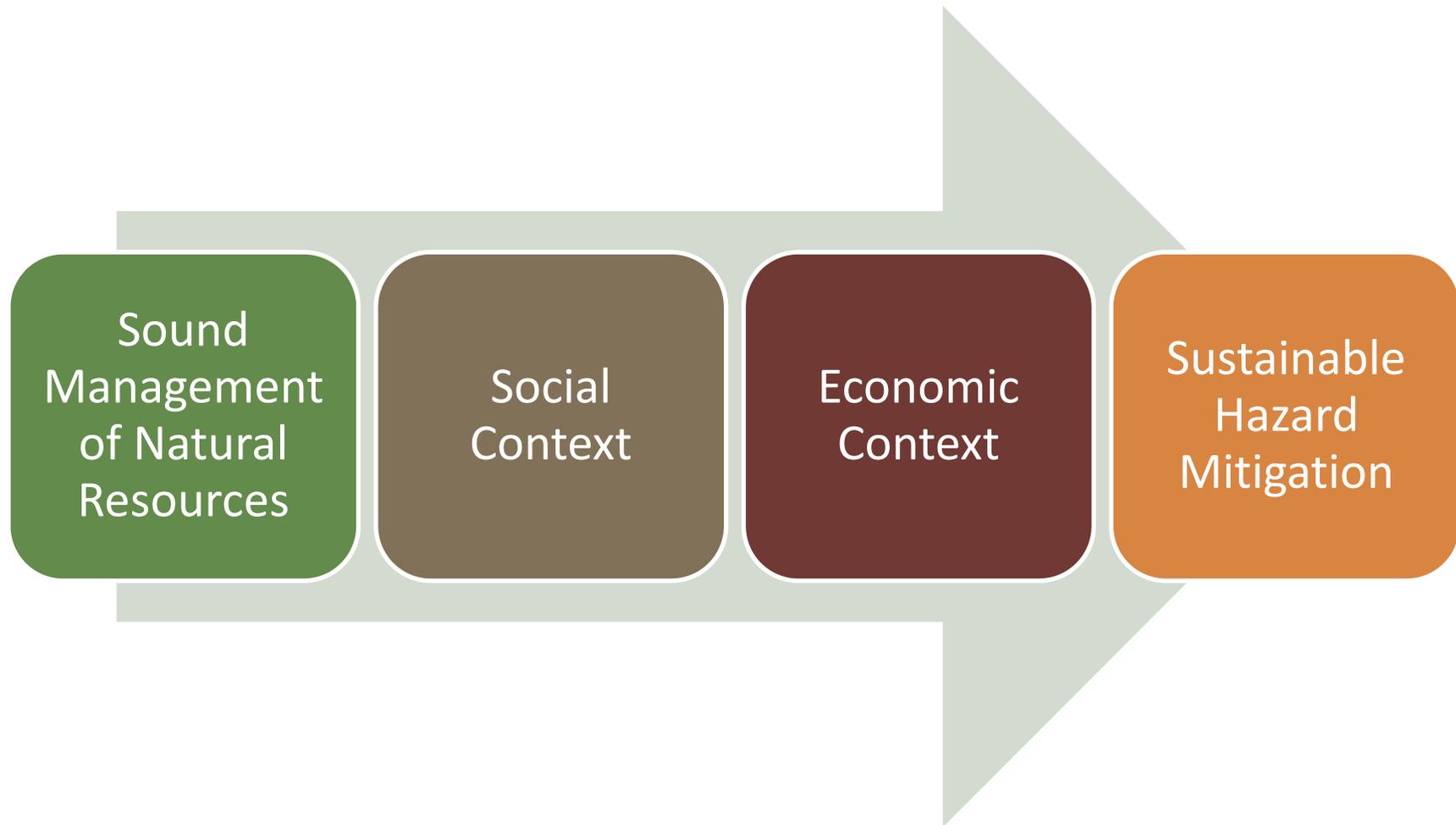
“Sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property”

What is the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA)?

Federal legislation that establishes a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program and new requirements for the national post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

“No Plan, no money”!

Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000



Why do a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- ➔ Grant funding eligibility
- ➔ Pro-active vs. reactive
- ➔ Sustainability
- ➔ Key element in emergency management
- ➔ Can set the course for response and recovery to impacts from natural disasters
- ➔ Requires commitment and support from both the political faction and the constituency

What is required in a Plan?

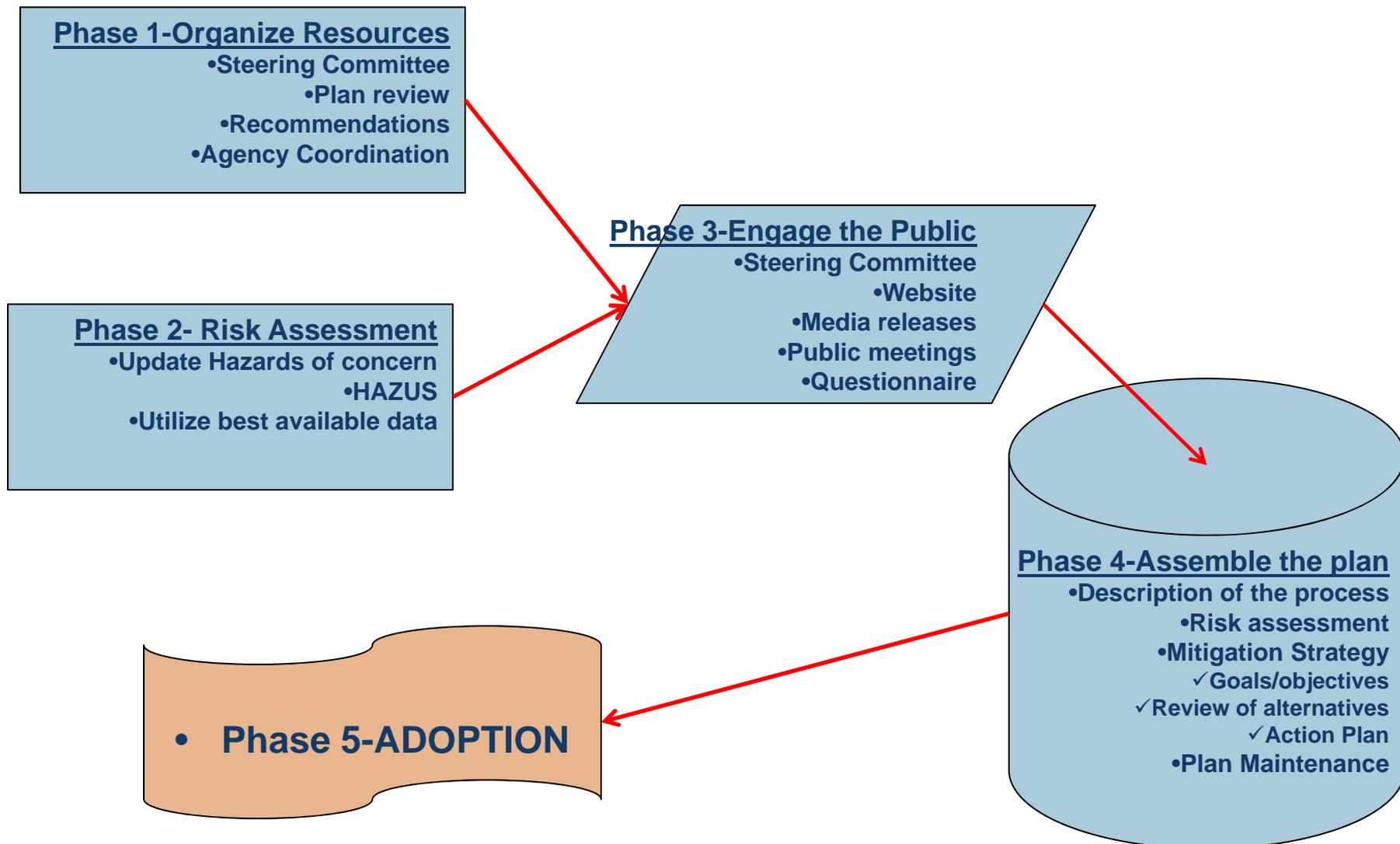
These requirements are comprehensive and include:

- ➔ Organizing resources
- ➔ Engaging the public
- ➔ Performing a comprehensive review of all programs that can support/enhance mitigation
- ➔ Developing a risk assessment
- ➔ Identifying actions
- ➔ Identifying a plan maintenance strategy

The Work Plan

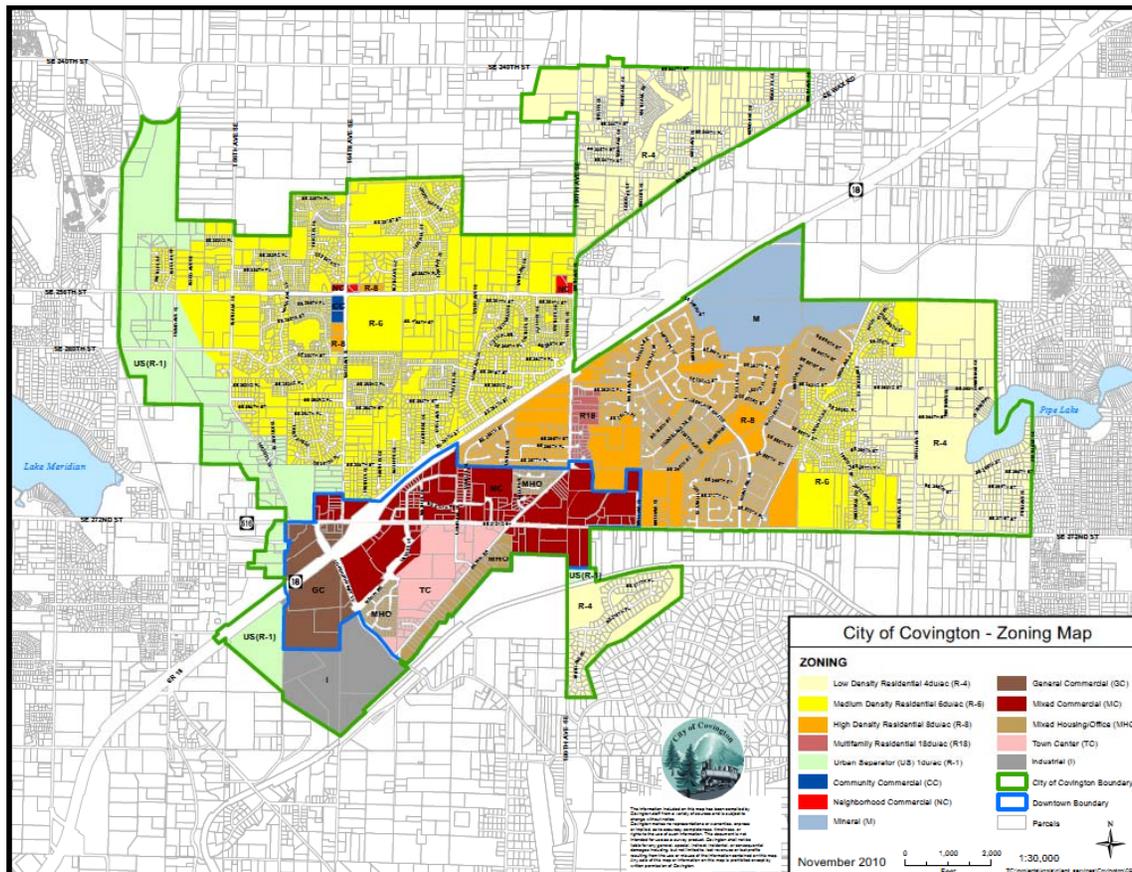
- Primary objectives:
 - To provide multiple program compliance for all planning partners
 - To enhance original plan to better support future grant applications within the planning area
- Approach: To follow the steps prescribed by a Federal Program, known as the Community Rating System (CRS)
- Scope of work has five (5) principal phases

Phases of Plan Development



The Planning Area

The planning area for this effort includes all of the Covington City Limits.



Steering Committee

- Oversaw development of plan
- Multi-disciplined representation
 - *City Staff*
 - *Citizens*
 - *Stakeholders (Business, academia, government)*
- The Steering Committee met eight times from March 2013 through February 2014.

The Guiding Principle

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

Goals and Objectives

- The Steering Committee has identified 7 goals and 12 objectives that will help achieve the guiding principle.
- All of these planning components are linear.

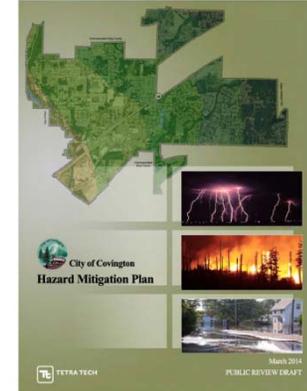
Goals

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 for, respond to, recover from 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. Use 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, 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.

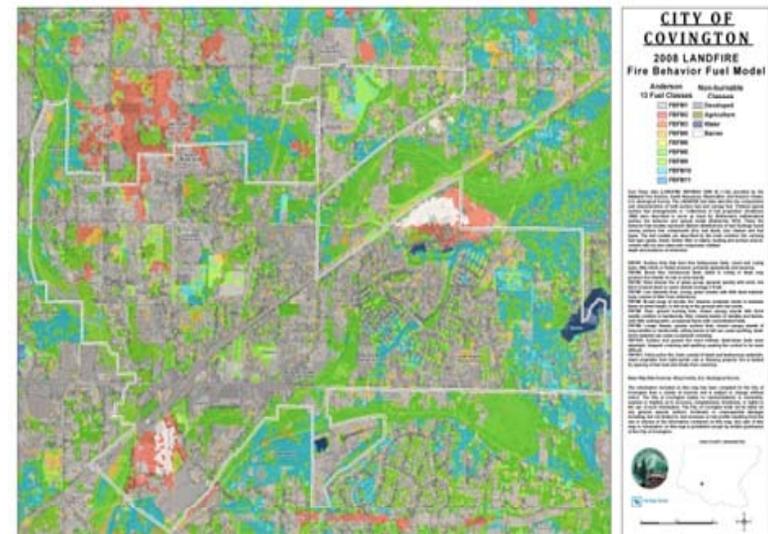
The Draft Plan



- Plan is segregated into 3 parts
 - ✓ ***PART 1— PLANNING PROCESS AND COMMUNITY PROFILE***
 - ✓ ***PART 2— NATURAL HAZARD RISK ASSESSMENT***
 - ✓ ***PART 3— RISK RANKING AND MITIGATION STRATEGY***
- Plan contains over 300 pages and over 20 maps
- Plan identifies and prioritizes over 40 actions
- Plan has a 5-year performance period

The Draft Plan

- The foundation of the plan is a comprehensive risk assessment
 - *Profiles 8 natural hazards of concern that include:*
 - *Dam Failure*
 - *Drought*
 - *Earthquake*
 - *Flood*
 - *Landslide*
 - *Severe Weather*
 - *Volcano (Ash fall)*
 - *Wildfire*



The Draft Plan

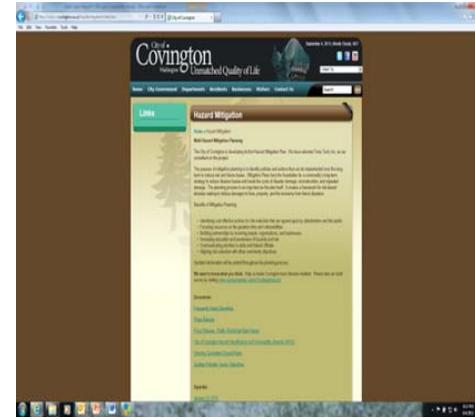
- Does not address non-natural/human caused hazards
- Includes a procedure for ranking risk
- Includes a mitigation catalog
- Includes a strategy for on-going maintenance and continuing public involvement

Public Comment

- Public Comment period will run from Friday, March 21, 2014 through close of business on Friday, April 25, 2014.
- The principle means of receiving comment will be via the website, or...
- The public meeting
- Provide comments to:

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For More Information



Please visit the City Website at:

<http://www.ci.covington.wa.us/hazardmitigation/index.html>

This site includes:

- FAQ's
- Steering Committee meeting agenda's/Minutes
- Copy of the draft plan
- Contact for providing public comment

Next Steps

- Complete public comment period
- Finalize draft plan based on comments
- Submit draft to WAEMD with request for “pre-adoption” review/approval
- WAEMD will forward on to FEMA
- State and FEMA review supposed to be completed within 90 days
- Once pre-adoption approval is granted, start adoption phase
- Anticipate this to be July-August, 2014

Questions?

