

**Burlington County, NJ – Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Update
Public Risk Assessment Review | Meeting Minutes**



Purpose of Meeting:	Public Risk Assessment Review
Location of Meeting:	Teleconference
Date of Meeting:	November 9, 2023 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burlington County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristen Carr, OEM Deputy Coordinator • Tetra Tech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chris Huch, Project Manager ○ Jessica Stokes, Lead Planner

Agenda Summary: The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the hazard mitigation planning, the hazard mitigation planning process, review the risk assessment results, including the hazard ranking, and note any public feedback.

Item No.	Description	Action item(s):
1	Introductions	-
2	<p>Hazard Mitigation Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation describes actions taken to help reduce or eliminate the long-term risks/damages cause by hazards • Having an HMP permits eligibility for FEMA pre- and post-disaster grant funding • Must meet FEMA’s new 2023 guidelines, which include an increase in participation, discussions on climate change and socially vulnerable populations, increased documentation needs, and to show how existing capabilities are integrated into the plan. 	-
3	<p>Planning Process Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazard mitigation planning is an eight-step process, including: the planning process itself, the risk assessment, public and involvement strategy, mitigation strategy, plan maintenance, plan update and deliverables, plan adoption, and project management and coordination. • The risk assessment is an important element of the plan because it provides a basis for your policy and helps to identify what is most important to address to increase resiliency. • To complete the risk assessment, we need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review and update the hazards of concern ○ Update assets – critical facilities and community lifelines ○ Look at the impacts of each hazard since the last HMP ○ Analyze the risk to each asset ○ Review the findings 	-
4	<p>Risk Assessment Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk is defined as a function of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hazard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Source of potential danger or adverse condition ○ Exposure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manmade or natural features that are exposed to the hazard ○ Vulnerability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Damage susceptibility of the exposed features ○ Adaptive Capacity (or capability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plans/policies ▪ Response/recovery ▪ Financial resources 	-



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the Risk Assessment is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To get a better understanding of the risks you face ○ View the initial results based on available data ○ Utilize quantitative data (population/structures exposed, structural damages within hazard zones) when available ○ Integrate qualitative community input (such as unmapped flood areas) to adjust results ○ Encourage local community input to adjust relative rankings 	
5	<p>Preliminary Risk Assessment Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of the results from the risk assessment for each hazard. Results were a combination of qualitative and quantitative data. 	-
6	<p>Hazard Rankings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The calculated probability of a hazard occurring based on historical data • Impacts to people, property, and the economy based on GIS data and analysis of exposure. • The degree to which climate change will affect future occurrences based on best available data. • The degree to which existing capabilities (the ability of your community to respond to the hazard based on ordinances, mitigation strategies and procedures, and readiness) decrease overall risk. • Ranking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High: Severe Weather ○ Medium: Extreme Temperature, Dam Failure, Severe Winter Weather, Disease Outbreak, Drought, Flood ○ Low: Wildfire, Earthquake 	-
7	<p>Meeting Wrap-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you live in Burlington County? Consider taking the Public Survey! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://bit.ly/45c7Gol • Do you work in Burlington County? Consider taking the Stakeholder Survey! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://bit.ly/49IUeka 	-
8	<p>Questions/Discussion</p>	-