



SECTION 2. PLANNING PROCESS

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This section includes a description of the planning process used to update the 2019 Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), including how it was prepared, who was involved in the process, and how the public was involved. To ensure that the plan meets the requirements of the DMA 2000 and that the planning process would have the broad and effective support of the participating jurisdictions, regional and local stakeholders, and the public, an approach to the planning process and plan documentation was developed to achieve the following goals:

- The HMP is multi-jurisdictional and considers natural and human-caused hazards facing the Planning Area, thereby satisfying the natural hazards mitigation planning requirements specified in the DMA 2000.
- Burlington County is the plan participant.
- The HMP was developed following the process outlined by the DMA 2000, FEMA regulations, and prevailing FEMA and NJOEM guidance. Following this process ensures all the requirements are met and support HMP review.

The Burlington County HMP update was written using the best available information obtained from a wide variety of sources. Throughout the HMP update process, a concerted effort was made to gather information from local and regional agencies and staff, as well as stakeholders, federal and state agencies, and the residents of the Planning Area. The HMP Planning Partnership solicited information from local agencies and individuals with specific knowledge of certain hazards and past historical events, as well as considering planning and zoning codes, ordinances, and other recent planning decisions. The hazard mitigation strategies identified in this HMP have been developed through an extensive planning process involving local, county, and regional agencies, Planning Area residents, and stakeholders.

This section describes the mitigation planning process, including (1) Organization of the Planning Process; (2) Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement; (3) Public Participation; (4) Incorporation of Existing Data, Plans, and Technical Information; (5) Integration with Existing Planning Mechanisms and Programs; and (6) Continued Public Involvement.

2.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Many parties supported the preparation of this HMP update: County officials, municipal officials, the Planning Partnership, stakeholders, and the planning consultant. This planning process does not represent the start of hazard risk management in the Planning Area; rather it is part of an ongoing process that various state, county, and local agencies, and individuals have continued to embrace. A summary of the past and ongoing mitigation efforts is provided in Section 6 (Mitigation Strategy), as well as in Volume



II Section 9 (Jurisdictional Annexes), to give a historical perspective of the Planning Area and local activities implemented to reduce vulnerability to hazards.

This section of the HMP identifies how the planning process was organized with the many “planning partners” involved and outlines the major activities that were conducted in the development of this HMP update.

2.2.1 Organization of the Planning Partnership

A contract planning consultant (Tetra Tech, Inc. referred herein as Tetra Tech) was selected to guide Burlington County through the HMP update process. A contract between Tetra Tech and Burlington County was executed in June 2023. Specifically, Tetra Tech, the contract consultant, was tasked with the following:

- Assisting with the organization of the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership.
- Assisting with the development and implementation of a public and stakeholder outreach program.
- Data collection.
- Facilitation and attendance at meetings (Steering Committee, Planning Partnership, stakeholder, public and others).
- Review and update of the hazards of concern, hazard profiling and risk assessment.
- Assistance with the review and update of mitigation planning goals and objectives.
- Assistance with the review of past mitigation strategies progress.
- Assistance with the screening of mitigation actions and the identification of appropriate actions.
- Assistance with the prioritization of mitigation actions.
- Authoring of the draft and final plan documents.

To facilitate plan development, Burlington County developed a Planning Partnership to provide guidance and direction to the HMP update effort and to ensure the resulting document will be embraced both politically and by the constituency within the planning area (Table 2-1). Specifically, the Planning Partnership was charged with the following:

- Attending and participating in Planning Partnership meetings.
- Represent their jurisdiction throughout the planning process and ensure participation expectations are met by their jurisdiction.
- Support and promote the public involvement process.
- Assisting with the development and completion of certain planning elements, including:
 - Reviewing and updating the hazards of concern.
 - Developing a public and stakeholder outreach program.
 - Assuring that the data and information used in the plan update process are the best available.
 - Reviewing and updating the hazard mitigation goals.
 - Report on progress of mitigation actions identified in prior or existing HMPs, as applicable.
 - Identifying and screening of appropriate mitigation strategies and activities.



- Reviewing and commenting on plan documents prior to submission to NJOEM and FEMA.
- Adopt, implement, and maintain the plan update.

Table 2-1. Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Planning Partnership

Organization	Name	Title	Steering Committee Member	Planning Partnership Member
Burlington County	Division of Emergency Management			
	Darryl Williams	OEM Coordinator	X	X
	Kristen Carr	OEM Deputy Coordinator	X	X
	Madison Hoff	Assistant Planner	X	X
	Bob Carr	Fire Marshal	X	X
	County Administration			
	Todd Wirth	Management Specialist	X	X
	Department of Health			
	Herbert Conway	Director	X	X
	Monquie Davis	Assistant Health Officer	X	X
	Department of Public Information			
	Dave Levinsky	Public Information Officer	X	X
	Department of Public Works			
	Joe Birckley	Director	X	X
	Department of Resource Conservation			
	Mary Pat Robbie	Director	X	X
	Division of GIS			
	David Rickert	GIS Specialist 2	X	X
	Merrilee Torres	GIS Specialist 1, GIS Supervisor	X	X
	Division of Solid Waste			
Jerome Sheehan	Director	X	X	
Department of Information Technology				
Kevin Savage	Director		X	
Jalen Singleton	Data Specialist		X	
Bass River (Twp)	Sally Bourguignon	OEM Coordinator		X
Beverly (C)	Kevin J. Richards	OEM Coordinator		X
	Rich Wolbert	Public Safety		X
	Rakesh Darji	Floodplain Administrator		X
Bordentown (C)	James E. Lynch, Jr.	OEM Coordinator		X
	Brian Maugeri Sr.	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
Bordentown (Twp)	Nichaolas S. Buroczi	OEM Coordinator		X
	Nathan Roohr	Captain of Police		X
	Eric Holliday	Committeeman/Committee Liaison to OEM		X
	Robert McFarland	Fire District #2 Chief		X
	Tom Komlosi	Fire District #1 Acting Chief		X
	Michael Theokas	Township Administrator		X
	Maria S. Carrington	Township Clerk		X
	Robert Salmons	Township Construction Official		X
	Adam Spundarelli	Public Works Supervisor		X
Mark Siegle	Township Director of Community Development		X	



Organization	Name	Title	Steering Committee Member	Planning Partnership Member
	Fred Turek	Township Engineer - Turek Consulting LLC		X
	Dean Buhrer	Director of Public Works		X
Burlington (C)	Frank S. Caruso	OEM Coordinator		X
	David C. Mudge	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Craig E. Leshner Sr.	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Kenneth Shine	Sewer/Drainage Engineer		X
	Johanna Conyer	Business Administrator		X
	Bill Kirchner	City Engineer - Environmental Resolutions Inc.		X
	Bill Harris	Director of Housing and Economic Development		X
	Barry W. Conaway	Mayor		X
	William Curry	Director of Public Works		X
	Allison S Iannaccone	CFM		X
	Zoraida Pagan	Administrative Secretary		X
Burlington (Twp)	Deborah M. Painter	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Matthew Tomaszewski	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	David C. Ekelburg	OEM Coordinator		X
	Bruce Painter	Public Safety Director		X
	Mary E. Field	Township Clerk		X
	Anthoy Tappanese	Housing Inspector		X
	E.L. Pete Green	Mayor		X
	George Coolidge	Director of Public Works		X
	Joseph S. Augustyn	Planner		X
	Scott Hatfield	Township Engineer		X
	Jon Lamont	Construction Code Official		X
Chesterfield (Twp)	Louis Bainbridge	OEM Coordinator		X
	Michael Davison	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
Cinnaminson (Twp)	Danny Norman	OEM Coordinator		X
	William Obuchowski	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Kevin Gauntt	Superintendent of Public Works		X
	Julia Edmondson	Chief Financial Officer/Purchasing Agent		X
	Lisa Passione	Municipal Clerk		X
	Michael Minton	Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer		X
	Ernest McGill	Mayor		X
	Eric Schubiger	Township Administrator		X
	Richard Calabrese	Chief of Police		X
	Joseph Barbadoro	Township Engineer		X
Dean Jerginan	OEM		X	
Delanco (Twp)	Bill Reutter	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Robert Viereck	OEM Coordinator		X
	Matthew Bartlett	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Beverly Russell	Municipal Clerk		X
	Harry Fox	Township Engineer		X



Organization	Name	Title	Steering Committee Member	Planning Partnership Member	
	Janice Lohr	Municipal Clerk		X	
	Michael Lunemann	Building Department		X	
	Ed Ruggiano	Code Enforcement		X	
	Richard Schwab	Township Administrator		X	
	John Fenimore	Superintendent of Public Works		X	
	Scott Taylor	Township Planner		X	
	Christopher Noll	Township Engineer		X	
	Michael Lunemann	Construction Official		X	
Delran (Twp)	Joseph Cunningham Jr.	OEM Coordinator		X	
Eastampton (Twp)	Bob Carr	OEM Coordinator	X	X	
	Kim-Marie White	Township Manager	X	X	
	Stacey Arcari	Township Engineer		X	
	Joseph Iacovitti	Chief of Police		X	
	Darrin Elbertson	Code Enforcement		X	
	Nicholas Peditto	Code Enforcement		X	
	Brad Regn	Construction Official		X	
	Bill Angelaccio	Public Works Foreman		X	
	Fredrick P. Rodi	Public Works Director		X	
	Mark A. Remsa	Township Planner		X	
	Kathy Newcomb	Zoning Official		X	
	Eugene Oberfrank	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X	
	Edgewater Park (Twp)	Joseph T. Pullion	Township Administrator		X
		Alyssa Meredith	Emergency Management Coordinator		X
Chief Brett Evans		Police Chief		X	
Patricia Clayton		Township Clerk		X	
Harry Moscatiello		Construction Official		X	
Jim Bernard		Public Works Superintendent		X	
Edward Fox		Township Planner - Environmental Resolutions Inc.		X	
Rakesh Darji		Township Engineer		X	
Evesham (Twp)	Carl Bittenbender	OEM Coordinator		X	
Fieldsboro (B)	David R. Hansell	OEM Coordinator		X	
Florence (Twp)	Philip Drangula	OEM Coordinator		X	
Hainesport (Twp)	William Challender	Emergency Management Coordinator		X	
	George Myers	Deputy OEM Coordinator		X	
	Janice Ludden	Chair Environmental Commission		X	
	Paula Kosko	Municipal Clerk		X	
	Irene Barry	Code Enforcement Officer		X	
	Gerard Clauss	Mayor		X	
	Joe Crain	DPW Foreman		X	
	Scott Taylor	Planner - Taylor Design Group		X	
	Martin Miller	Engineer - Alaimo Group		X	
	Ray Holshue	Construction Official		X	
Lumberton (Twp)	Colleen Ekey	OEM Coordinator		X	
	Ryan Engle	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X	



Organization	Name	Title	Steering Committee Member	Planning Partnership Member
	Bobbie Quinn	Township Administrator		X
	Meredith Riculfy	Incoming Township Administrator		X
	Ryan Tuno	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Thomas Shover	Public Works Foreman		X
	Leah Furey	Township Planner		X
	Rakesh Darji	Township Engineer		X
	Bradley Regn	Construction Official		X
Mansfield (Twp)	Douglas Borgstrom	OEM Coordinator	X	X
	Matthew Konowicz	Township Fire Department	X	
	George Senf	Emergency Management Assistant Coordinator		X
	Ashley Jolly	Deputy Clerk		X
	Linda Semus	Municipal Clerk		X
	Edward Ruggiano	Zoning Official		X
	Michael Fitzpatrick	Administrator		X
	Frank Parkerson	Public Works Foreman		X
	Edward Fox, III	Planner - Environmental Resolutions Inc.		X
	Douglas Johnson	Engineer - Remington & Vernick Engineers		X
Alexander Belonzi	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X	
Maple Shade (Twp)	Susan Danson	OEM Administrator	X	X
Medford (Twp)	Robert Dovi	OEM Coordinator		X
	Clifford Rickards	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	William Dunleavy	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Jeffrey Wagner	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Beth Portocalis	Executive Assistant to the Manager and Open Space Coordinator		X
	Katherine Burger	Municipal Clerk		X
	Charles Watson	Mayor		X
	Ronnie Fowler	Director of Public Works		X
	Scott Taylor	Township Planner - Taylor Group		X
	Chris Noll ERI	Township Engineer/ERI		X
	Richard Falasco	Construction Official Construction Department		X
	Ryan Hofmann	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	George Jackson	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
Medford Lakes (B)	Franis J. Babinchock	OEM Coordinator		X
	Mark J. McIntosh	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
Moorestown (Twp)	James Carruthers	OEM Coordinator	X	X
	Kevin Abernant	Township Manager		X
Mount Holly (Twp)	Lee Eckert	OEM Coordinator		X
	Josh Brown	Township Manager		X
	Sherry Marnell	Township Clerk		X
	Tim Lawrence	Public Works Director		X



Organization	Name	Title	Steering Committee Member	Planning Partnership Member
	Ed Fox	Township Planner		X
	Rick Alaimo	Township Engineer		X
	Paul Hardifer	Construction Official		X
Mount Laurel (Twp)	Christopher Burnett	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Stephen Riedener	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Jay Appleton	OEM Coordinator		X
New Hanover (Twp)	Patrick Murphy	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Kyle Tuliano	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
North Hanover (Twp)	Richard Mellor	EMC/Police		X
	Brendan O'Donnell	Deputy Mayor		X
	Mary Picariello	Township Clerk		X
	Jef Jones	Construction Official		X
	David Forsyth Jr.	Mayor		X
	Ed Fox	Township Planner		X
	Joseph Hirsh	Township Engineer		X
	Benjamin Palombi	Deputy EMC		X
	Alexandra DeGood	Zoning Officer		X
	Palmyra (B)	Ronald Lindemuth	OEM Coordinator	
Tracy Kilmer		OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
John Skowronski		OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
Richard Dreby		OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
Pemberton (B)	Chad Bozosi	OEM Coordinator		X
	Matthew Wilson	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Kathy Smick	Municipal Clerk		X
	Edward Hunter	Chief of Police		X
	Terry Jerome	Councilman		X
	Herold Griffin	Mayor		X
	Steve Phillips	Coordinator/Public Works		X
	Jim Mullan	Engineer/Planner		X
	Hugh Dougherty	Engineer		X
	Pennoni Engineers	Engineers		X
Pemberton (Twp)	Craig L. Augustoni	OEM Coordinator		X
	Michele Brown	Assistant to Mayor		X
	Amy Cosnoski	Township Clerk		X
	Rosemary Flaherty	Community Development Director		X
	Daniel Hornickel	Township Business Administrator		X
	Tom McNaughton	Director of Public Works		X
	Adam Gee	Community Development Department		X
Riverside (Twp)	George Conard Jr.	OEM Coordinator		X
Riverton (B)	Andrew Beuschel	OEM Coordinator		X
Shamong (Twp)	John Lyons	OEM Coordinator		X
	William Carrig	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Joseph Reinhart	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Ed Toussaint	Code Official		X
	Mike DiCroce	Mayor		X



Organization	Name	Title	Steering Committee Member	Planning Partnership Member
	Gary Welsh	DPW Supervisor		X
	Susan Onorato	Twp Administrator		X
	Joe Hirsh	Engineer		X
Southampton (Twp)	Eamonn Fitzpatrick-Ruth	OEM Coordinator		X
	Donna Fascenda	Administrative Assistant		X
	Michael Mikulski	Mayor		X
	Cliff Spencer	Code Enforcement		X
	Kathleen D. Hoffman	Administrator/Clerk		X
	Ryan Hagerthey	Public Works Supervisor		X
	ERI Inc. Ed Fox	Engineer		X
	Alaimo Co. William Long	Township Engineer		X
	Joseph Collis	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Keith Harrison	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Springfield (Twp)	Eric Trout	OEM Coordinator	X
Tabernacle (Twp)	John T. Harbourt	OEM Coordinator		X
	Phyllis Worrel	Deputy OEM Coordinator		X
Washington (Twp)	David Simpson	OEM Coordinator		X
	Craig Farnsworth	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
Westampton (Twp)	Lt Brian Ferguson	OEM Coordinator		X
Willingboro (Twp)	Wayne J Comegno	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	John T. Carroll Jr	OEM Coordinator		X
	Brian D. Wood Sr.	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	John T. Carroll III	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Rose A. Lunstead	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Jim Anderson	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
Woodland (Twp)	Michael Huber	OEM Coordinator		X
Wrightstown (B)	Donald Cottrell	OEM Coordinator		X
	James Ingling	OEM Deputy Coordinator		X
	Freda H. Gorman	Municipal Clerk		X
	Dave Smith	Borough Maintenance Department		X
	Malvika Apte	Joint Land Use Board Planner		X
	Kris Kluk	Borough Engineer		X
	Harry Case	Construction Official		X
American Water	Gary Gehringer	Environmental Program Lead	X	X
Bordentown Regional School District	Dr. Trudy Atkins	Superintendent	X	X
Burlington City Public Schools	Dr. James Flynn	Director of Planning/Research and Evaluation, Operations, and State & Federal Programs, School Safety Specialist	X	X
Burlington Township School District	Lauren Riedinger	Vice Principal	X	X
Holy Cross Preparatory Academy	David Moffa	Principal	X	X



Organization	Name	Title	Steering Committee Member	Planning Partnership Member
Northern Burlington County Regular School District	Matthew Konowicz	Director of Instruction for Agriscience, Applied Technology, Business & Technology, Visual & Performing Arts	X	X
Rowan College Burlington County Public Safety	Andrew Eaton	Director of Public Safety	X	X

Appendix B (Participation Matrix) identifies those individuals who represented the planning partners during this planning effort and indicates how they contributed to the planning process.

2.2.2 Planning Activities

Members of the Planning Partnership, as well as key stakeholders, convened and/or communicated regularly to share information and participate in workshops to identify hazards; assess risks; review existing inventories of and identify new critical facilities; assist in updating and developing new mitigation goals and strategies; and provide continuity through the process to ensure that natural hazards vulnerability information and appropriate mitigation strategies were incorporated. All members of the Planning Partnership and Planning Partnership had the opportunity to review the draft plan and supported interaction with other stakeholders and assisted with public involvement efforts.

A summary of Planning Partnership meetings held, and key milestones met during the development of the HMP update is included in Table 2-2 that also identifies which DMA 2000 requirements the activities satisfy. Documentation of meetings (e.g., agendas, sign-in sheets, meeting notes) are in Appendix C (Meeting Documentation). Table 2-2. Summary of Mitigation Planning Activities / Efforts identifies only the formal meetings held during plan development and does not reflect all planning activities conducted by individuals and groups throughout the planning process. In addition to these meetings, there was a great deal of communication between Burlington County, committee members, and the contract consultant through individual local meetings, electronic mail (email), and by phone.

Table 2-2. Summary of Mitigation Planning Activities / Efforts

Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
June 20, 2023	2	<u>Pre-Kick Off Meeting with Burlington County</u> : Plan timing and administration, data needs and sharing, hazards of concern, dates, and next steps	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, Tetra Tech
August 22, 2023	2	<u>Steering Committee Meeting #1</u> : The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Steering Committee members and contract consultant, provide an overview of the hazard	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, Burlington County Administration, Burlington County Department of Health, Burlington County Department of Public Information,



Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
		mitigation planning process, identify the 2024 hazards of concern, discuss potential changes to the plan’s goals and objectives, and to begin the information gathering processes.	Burlington County Department of Public Works, Burlington County Department of Resource Conservation, Burlington County Division of GIS, Burlington County Division of Solid Waste, Burlington County Department of Information Technology, Eastampton (Twp), Mansfield (Twp), Maple Shade (Twp), Moorestown (Twp), Springfield (Twp), American Water, Bordentown Regional School District, Burlington City Public Schools, Burlington Township School District, Holy Cross Preparatory Academy, Northern Burlington County Regular School District, Rowan College Burlington County Public Safety, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Tetra Tech
August 29, 2023	2, 3c, 4a	<u>Planning Partnership Meeting #1:</u> The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Planning Partnership and contract consultant, provide an overview of the hazard mitigation planning process, and to begin the information gathering processes and update the hazards of concern.	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, Burlington County Administration, Burlington County Department of Public Information, Beverly (C), Bordentown (C), Bordentown (Twp), Burlington (C), Burlington (Twp), Chesterfield (Twp), Cinnaminson (Twp), Delanco (Twp), Eastampton (Twp), Edgewater Park (Twp), Evesham (Twp), Florence (Twp), Hainesport (Twp), Lumberton (Twp), Medford Lakes (B), Moorestown (Twp), Mt. Laurel (Twp), Palmyra (B), Pemberton (Twp), Riverside (Twp), Riverton (B), Shamong (Twp), Southampton (Twp), Tabernacle (Twp), Westampton (Twp), Willingboro (Twp), Wrightstown (B), New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Tetra Tech
October 24, 2023	2, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4b	<u>Steering Committee Meeting #3:</u> The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the hazard mitigation planning process, discuss public and	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, Burlington County Department of Health, Burlington County Department of Public Information,

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Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
		stakeholder outreach efforts, review the risk assessment results, including the hazard ranking, and introduce the SWOO exercise to the Steering Committee.	Burlington County Department of Public Works, Burlington County Division of GIS, Burlington County Division of Solid Waste, Eastampton (Twp,) Mansfield (Twp), Moorestown (Twp), Springfield (Twp), American Water, Bordentown Regional School District, Holy Cross Preparatory Academy, FEMA Region 2, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Northern Burlington County Regular School District, Rowan College Burlington County Public Safety, Burlington County Institute of Technology, Tetra Tech
October 30, 2023	2, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4a, 4b	<u>Planning Partnership Risk Assessment Meeting:</u> Welcome and Introductions, In-Kind Tracking, Project Report and Status Review, Public and Stakeholder Outreach, Risk Assessment Overview, Schedule, Next Steps	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, FEMA Region 2, Beverly (C), Bordentown (C), Burlington (C), Burlington (Twp), Chesterfield (Twp), Delanco (Twp), Delran (Twp), Eastampton (Twp), Edgewater Park (Twp), Evesham (Twp), Florence (Twp), Lumberton (Twp), Medford (Twp), Moorestown (Twp), Mount Holly (Twp), Mount Laurel (Twp), New Hanover (Twp), Palmyra (B), Pemberton (Twp), Riverton (B), Shamong (Twp), Southampton (Twp), Woodland (Twp), Wrightstown (Twp), Tetra Tech
October 30, 2023	2, 3c, 3d, 3e, 4a, 4b	<u>Mitigation Strategy Workshop:</u> Welcome and Introductions, In-Kind Tracking, Project Report and Status Review, Mitigation Strategy, Schedule, Next Steps	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, FEMA Region 2, Beverly (C), Bordentown (C), Burlington (C), Burlington (Twp), Chesterfield (Twp), Delanco (Twp), Delran (Twp), Eastampton (Twp), Edgewater Park (Twp), Evesham (Twp), Florence (Twp), Lumberton (Twp), Medford (Twp), Moorestown (Twp), Mount Holly (Twp), Mount Laurel (Twp), New Hanover (Twp), Palmyra (B), Pemberton (Twp), Riverton (B), Shamong (Twp), Southampton (Twp), Woodland (Twp), Wrightstown (Twp), Tetra Tech



Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
November 9, 2023	1b, 2	<u>Public Risk Assessment Meeting:</u> The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public with an overview of the hazard mitigation planning process, present the preliminary results of the risk assessment, and encourage public input and participation. The meeting was recorded and posted on the public project website for those that were unable to attend.	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, members of the public, Tetra Tech
February 15, 2024	2	<u>Draft Plan Review Presentation:</u> Overview of entire plan and sections; confirmed plan maintenance schedule	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, Burlington County Department of Health, Burlington County Division of GIS, Mansfield (Twp), Moorestown (Twp), Springfield (Twp), Burlington County High School, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Northern Burlington County Regular School District, Rowan College Burlington County Public Safety, Tetra Tech
February 20, 2024	1b, 2	<u>Public Draft Plan Review Presentation:</u> The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft 2024 Burlington County HMP, review the FEMA Approval Process, and address any questions or comments.	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, Public and Stakeholders, Bordentown (C), Burlington (C), Chesterfield (Twp), Cinnaminson (Twp), Delanco (Twp), Lumberton (Twp), Mansfield (Twp), Medford (Twp), Medford Lakes (B), Moorestown (Twp), Palmyra (B), Riverside (Twp), Shamong (Twp), Southampton (Twp), Westampton (Twp), Willingboro (Twp), Wrightstown (B), New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Tetra Tech
February 20, 2024	1b, 2	Draft HMP posted to public project website; all plan participants were notified and asked to assist with the public outreach including social media. Neighboring communities and stakeholders were notified of the posting as well.	Burlington County Division of Emergency Management, Public and Stakeholders, Planning Partnership
TBD	2	HMP submitted to NJOEM and FEMA Region II	NJOEM, FEMA Region II



Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
Upon plan approval by FEMA	1a	Plan adoption by resolution by the governing bodies of all participating jurisdictions	All Plan Participants

TBD = to be determined.

Each number in column 2 identifies specific DMA 2000 requirements, as follows:

- 1a – Prerequisite – Adoption by the Local Governing Body
- 1b – Public Participation
- 2 – Planning Process – Documentation of the Planning Process
- 3a – Risk Assessment – Identifying Hazards
- 3b – Risk Assessment – Profiling Hazard Events
- 3c – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Identifying Assets
- 3d – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Estimating Potential Losses
- 3e – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Analyzing Development Trends
- 4a – Mitigation Strategy – Local Hazard Mitigation Goals
- 4b – Mitigation Strategy – Identification and Analysis of Mitigation Measures
- 4c – Mitigation Strategy – Implementation of Mitigation Measures
- 5a – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan
- 5b – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Implementation through Existing Programs
- 5c – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Continued Public Involvement

2.3 STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT

Stakeholders are the individuals, agencies, and jurisdictions that have a vested interest in the recommendations of the HMP, including all planning partners. Diligent efforts were made to assure broad regional, county, and local representation in this planning process. To that end, a comprehensive list of stakeholders was developed with the support of the Planning Partnership. Stakeholder outreach was performed early on, and continually throughout the planning process. This HMP update includes information and input provided by these stakeholders where appropriate, as identified in the references.

This subsection discusses the various stakeholders that were invited to participate in the development of this HMP update, and how these stakeholders participated and contributed. This summary listing cannot possibly represent the total of stakeholders that were aware of and/or contributed to this HMP update, as outreach efforts were being made, both formally and informally, throughout the process by the many planning partners involved in the effort, and documentation of all such efforts is impossible. Instead, this summary is intended to demonstrate the scope and breadth of the stakeholder outreach efforts made during the plan update process:

- All Planning Partnership meetings were open to the public and advertised via the Planning Area’s HMP website (<https://www.burlingtoncountynjhmp.com>).
- The Planning Partnership was provided outreach materials to post on their websites, social media platforms, and distribute printed materials.
- Distributed a stakeholder survey and neighbor survey to provide input regarding vulnerabilities, capabilities, and mitigation projects.
- Posted draft plan on the Burlington County HMP website and advertised using social media platforms.



Email correspondence to regional stakeholders and neighboring communities to review the draft HMP and provide input.

2.3.1 Federal, State, and County Agencies

The following describes the various departments and agencies that were involved during the planning process.

Federal Agencies

Please see Appendix B (Participation Documentation) for further details regarding federal agency participation. All responses to the stakeholder surveys may be found in Appendix D (Outreach).

FEMA Region II: Provided updated planning guidance and conducted plan review.

Information regarding hazard identification and the risk assessment for this plan update were requested and received or incorporated by reference from the following agencies and organizations:

- National Climatic Data Center (NCDC)
- National Hurricane Center (NHC)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- Storm Prediction Center (SPC)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

State Agencies

Please see Appendix B (Participation Documentation) for further details regarding state agency participation. All responses to the surveys may be found in Appendix D (Outreach).

- New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM): Administered the planning grant; provided updated planning guidance; provided review of the draft HMP update.

The following stage agencies were invited to take the stakeholder survey and provide input to the planning process:

- New Jersey Pinelands Commission
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
 - Watershed and Land Management
 - Dam Safety



- Flood
- State Park Service

County Agencies and Departments

Several planning area agencies and departments were represented on the Planning Partnership and involved in the HMP update planning process. Appendix B (Participation Matrix) provides further details regarding regional and local stakeholder agencies. All responses to the stakeholder surveys are in Appendix D (Outreach). Refer to Section 5 (Capability Assessment) for details on each department and their roles during the HMP update and their overall responsibilities in the planning area.

- Burlington County Administration
- Burlington County Agriculture Development Board
- Burlington County Department of Health
- Burlington County Department of Public Information
- Burlington County Department of Public Works
- Burlington County Department of Resource Conservation
- Burlington County Division of Emergency Management
- Burlington County Division of GIS
- Burlington County Division of Solid Waste
- Burlington County Department of Information Technology
- Burlington County Planning Board
- Burlington County Stormwater Management Committee

2.3.2 Regional and Local Stakeholders

All Planning Partnership meetings were announced on the Burlington County HMP project website and posted on social media to invite residents and stakeholders. In addition, Planning Partnership representatives emailed regional and local stakeholders requesting their participation in stakeholder sector-specific surveys to provide input on vulnerable assets, capabilities, and current/potential future mitigation projects; and invited to provide input on the draft HMP. Refer to Appendix C (Participation Documentation) for further details regarding regional and local stakeholder agency attendance at meetings and Appendix D for additional details on the public and stakeholder outreach, including responses received to the surveys.

Academia

Schools, universities, and other academia institutions were invited to attend planning process meetings and asked to complete the stakeholder survey.

- Bordentown Regional School District
- Burlington City Public Schools
- Burlington Township School District



- Holy Cross Preparatory Academy
- Northern Burlington County Regular School District
- Rowan College at Burlington County

The following provided input during the process:

- Burlington County Superintendent of Schools: Completed the stakeholder survey

Business, Commercial, and Non-Profit Interests

The following businesses, commercial industries, and non-profits in the planning area were invited to take the stakeholder survey and provide input to the planning process:

- AECOM
- American Legion
- American Red Cross of Southern New Jersey
- Boy Scouts of America, Garden State Council
- Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Cross County Connections
- Delaware River Basin Commission
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
- Food Bank of South Jersey
- Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ (GSCSNJ)
- Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve (JC NERR)
- McCollister's Transportation Group Inc.
- NJ Future
- Sustainable Jersey

The American Red Cross completed the stakeholder survey. The American Red Cross of the New Jersey region supports the state during disasters by providing assistance to those in need.

Emergency Services

All municipalities requested their local emergency service providers (police, fire, and EMS) were invited to take the stakeholder survey and provide input to the planning process. In addition, the following county and regional emergency service providers were invited to take the stakeholder survey and provide input to the planning process:

- American Red Cross of Southern New Jersey
- Burlington County Animal Response Team
- Burlington County Community Emergency Response Team
- Burlington County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)/Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)



The following emergency service providers completed the stakeholder survey.

- Beverly City Fire District
- Beverly City Public Safety
- Delanco Township Fire Department
- Delanco Township Police Department
- Evesham Township Fire District
- Evesham Township Office of Emergency Services
- Mount Laurel Fire Department
- Vincent Fire Company

The following emergency service providers provided input during the planning process during annex development:

- Mansfield Township Fire Department
- Riverton Borough Police Department
- Delran Township Fire Department
- Edgewater Park Township Police Department
- Evesham Township Fire District
- Evesham Township EMS
- Mansfield Township Fire Department
- New Hanover Township Police Department
- North Hanover Township Police Department
- Pemberton Borough Fire Department
- Pemberton Township Fire Department
- Westampton Township Police Department

Healthcare

Healthcare facilities and providers located in the planning area were invited to take the stakeholder survey and provide input to the planning process, including:

- Buttonwood Behavioral Health Hospital
- Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation
- Virtua Health – Virtua Marlton
- Virtua Health – Virtua Willingboro Hospital
- Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County

Transportation

County and local highway and public works departments were notified of the stakeholder survey and invited to provide input on the draft HMP. Additional transportation stakeholders invited to take the stakeholder survey and provide input included the following:



- Burlington County Bridge Commission
- BurLINK Bus System
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- NJ DOT
- NJ TRANSIT
- SEN HAN Transit
- South Jersey Transportation Authority

Responses were received from the following agencies and incorporated into municipal annexes:

- Beverly City Public Safety
- Delanco Township Public Works
- Medford Township Public Works

Utilities

Utility providers in the planning area were invited to take the stakeholder survey and provide input to the planning process, including the following:

- NJ American Water
- PSE&G
- Municipal utility providers

Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority noted support for socially vulnerable communities. Edgewater Park Sewerage noted prior impacts from Superstorm Sandy and concerns with lightning from severe weather events impacting services. This input was incorporated into the corresponding municipal annexes.

County and Adjacent Municipalities

Burlington County conducted outreach to keep the counties and surrounding municipalities apprised of the project, invite jurisdictions to take the neighboring community survey, and allow the opportunity to provide input to this planning process. These efforts have included direct outreach to every bordering municipality to Burlington County (including those across the Delaware River in Pennsylvania) and the following:

- Atlantic County (NJ) Office of Emergency Management
- Bucks County (PA) Emergency Management Agency
- Camden County (NJ) Office of Emergency Management
- Mercer County (NJ) Office of Emergency Management
- Monmouth County (NJ) Division of Emergency Management
- Ocean County (NJ) Office of Emergency Management
- Philadelphia County (PA) Office of Emergency Management



Other Stakeholders

Dam Operators: Agencies that were identified as the owner of one or more high hazard potential dams located in Burlington County were requested to assist in the development of the HMP through the following requested information:

- Do you have information, data, or resources you would like to provide the County regarding concerns with your dam's risk to failure as a result of deficiencies or exposure to hazards such as flooding, geologic impacts, and severe storms?
- Do you have concerns with the safety of your dam due to changing climate conditions?
- Are there any concerns with your emergency action plan including warning time, evacuation needs, etc.?
- Have you recently started/completed any repairs/improvements to your dam?
- Do you have any potential mitigation actions (planning, structure and infrastructure, education and outreach, natural system, etc.) that would involve your dam that should be considered for inclusion in the HMP mitigation strategy?

Military Installations: Burlington County asked representatives of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst to take the stakeholder survey and provide input to the planning process.

Socially Vulnerable Populations and Underserved Communities Support: Each Burlington County Department was asked to identify personnel who interact with the socially vulnerable populations in the County. Information was requested to identify the needs of these communities, how information is distributed to the populations, and any actions which could be taken to assist socially vulnerable populations become more resilient to natural hazards. County Departments that work closely with socially vulnerable populations and underserved communities include:

- Burlington County Animal Response Team
- Burlington County Community Emergency Response Team
- Burlington County Health Department
- Burlington County Human Services
- Burlington County Sheriff's Department
- Burlington County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)/Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

In addition, the following groups and agencies that provide support to and work with socially vulnerable populations and underserved communities were invited to complete a stakeholder survey and review the draft plan:

- American Legion
- American Red Cross of Southern New Jersey
- Boy Scouts of America, Garden State Council
- Catholic Charities



- Food Bank of South Jersey
- Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ (GSCSNJ)

Beverly City Public Safety noted their agency supports an overburdened community with a large senior population, limited English proficiency, and economically disadvantaged individuals and families. Support includes providing resources for information and providing assistance for the most vulnerable/those impacted during and after hazard events.

Medford Township Public Works noted their agency supports neighborhoods that house senior citizens, apartments, and townhouses that have been identified as needing additional assistance during and after hazard events.

The Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority noted they help customers contact the State to apply for assistance programs and support water testing for underserved communities.

The Mount Laurel Fire Department noted they provide emergency services and community outreach services for socially vulnerable populations.

The American Red Cross in the NJ region noted they are trained to assist all individuals, especially those who are considered vulnerable during and after disasters.

The Vincent Fire Company which services the Township of Southampton noted they are aware of the location of socially vulnerable populations which would need additional assistance during disaster events.

2.3.3 Stakeholder Survey Summary

The following provides a summary of the results and feedback received by stakeholders who completed the survey. Feedback was reviewed by the Planning Partnership and integrated where appropriate in the plan.

Stakeholder Survey

The stakeholder survey was designed to help identify general needs for hazard mitigation and resiliency within Burlington County from their perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the mitigation plan. It was distributed beginning in October 2023 to identified stakeholders, including the various county and municipal departments and agencies in the County. As of December 1, 2023, 15 stakeholders completed the survey, representing the following sectors: academic/research, community-based organizations, emergency services, hospitals/medical services, non-profit organizations, public works, and utility providers. A large homeowners association also completed the survey. The following provides a summary of responses. For all survey results, refer to Appendix D (Public and Stakeholder Outreach).

A majority of respondents (47 percent) indicated that they provide emergency services within the County, followed by public works and utility providers (13 percent each), then academia, community-based organizations, and non-profit organizations (7 percent each).



57 percent of respondents indicated that they work with or help support socially vulnerable populations. This includes interacting with senior citizens, those with limited English proficiency, and those with financial challenges. Support includes education and outreach, assistance with applying to support programs, and emergency response.

67 percent of respondents stated that their buildings/facilities/structures have been impacted by a hazard event, including flooding, high winds, and lighting.

A majority of respondents (82 percent) stated that response capabilities are their primary concern regarding hazards, followed by likelihood of specific hazard events (55 percent), and vulnerability of specific facilities (45 percent). Respondents identified different capabilities they have to help Burlington County and its residents address hazards, primarily focused on disaster and emergency response services.

Neighbor Survey

The neighbor survey was sent to the surrounding municipalities and counties of Burlington County due to their proximity to and because effects of hazard events that impact the Planning Area would be similar to that of their neighbors. As of December 1, 2023, eight responses were received representing Bristol Township and Fall Township in Bucks County, PA; Berlin Township and Cherry Hill Township in Camden County, NJ; Lacey Township and Manchester Township in Ocean County, NJ; and the City of Philadelphia, PA. The following provides a summary of responses. For all survey results, refer to Appendix D (Public and Stakeholder Outreach).

- 50 percent of respondents noted that shared service or mutual aid agreements were in place between their jurisdiction and Burlington County municipalities for emergency staff for evacuations/disaster response.
- The majority of respondents (80 percent) noted their jurisdiction has access to contact information for Burlington County's emergency operation centers.
- Respondents noted information on emergency response operations are shared between their jurisdiction and Burlington County.
- Respondents noted potential for future collaboration on emergency management operations and hazard mitigation including a potential regional hazard mitigation workshop and establishing communication avenues for fire, EMS, and police across county and state boundaries.

2.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

In order to facilitate better coordination and communication between the Planning Partnership and citizens and to involve the public in the planning process, it was determined that meeting dates and locations will be made available to the public via the Burlington County HMP website (<https://www.burlingtoncountynjhmp.com>) and social media; and the draft HMP available on the Burlington County HMP website. The participating partners also feel that community input on the HMP



will increase the likelihood of hazard mitigation becoming one of the standard considerations in the evolution and growth of the Planning Area.

The Planning Partnership has made the following efforts toward public participation in the development and review of the HMP:

- A dedicated website was created for this project (<https://www.burlingtoncountynjhmp.com>). The website went live in August 2023 and was continuously updated throughout the planning process. The public website contains a project overview, meeting announcements, draft documents for review and comment, and a link to the public and stakeholder surveys.
- An online StoryMap was developed to provide information regarding the hazard mitigation planning process and provide an opportunity for virtual public participation ([STORYMAP LINK](#)).
- All hazard mitigation Planning Partnership meetings that were open to the public were advertised on the Burlington HMP website and various social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter). Additional examples of municipal outreach are presented in Appendix D.
- An online natural hazards preparedness public survey was developed to gauge household preparedness that may impact the Planning Area and to assess the level of knowledge of tools and techniques to assist in reducing risk and loss of those hazards. The questionnaire asked quantifiable questions about citizen perception of risk, knowledge of mitigation, and support of community programs. The questionnaire also asked several demographic questions to help analyze trends. The questionnaire was available on the public website from January 2023 through December 2023, and further advertised on additional Planning Partnership websites and on printed materials. Responses were collected and provided back to plan participants for consideration in the mitigation action development (92 responses in total). Appendix D summarizes public input received through the website, the online survey, and other sources.
 - Results from the natural hazards preparedness survey were used to inform the action plans of the planning partners. To address the most requested types of projects that residents wanted local and county agencies to be doing, many planning partners included actions to improve and strengthen infrastructure, improve the damage resistance of utilities, buy out flood prone properties, improve protective structures, and provide greater control over development in high hazard areas.
- All plan participants were encouraged to post links to the project webpage and citizen survey. In addition, all participants were requested to advertise the availability of the project website, citizen survey and stakeholder surveys via local homepage links, and other available public announcement methods (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, email blasts). Refer to Appendix D which highlights these local efforts.
- A public meeting was held on November 9, 2023 to introduce the planning process, present the public with the results of the risk assessment, and ask for input on the plan. The meeting was recorded and posted on the planning project website for those that were unable to attend.



- Residents within the Planning Area were provided opportunity to comment on the draft HMP before submittal to FEMA. A public meeting was held on February 20, 2024 to present the draft plan, announce the draft plan review period, and ask for input from the public. The HMP was posted on the HMP public website on February 21, 2023 for review. All Planning Partnership participants were requested to assist with advertising the plan was posted via their websites and social media. Public comments received through March 25, 2023 were distributed to Planning Partnership for their consideration.
- Additional examples of public outreach efforts, and results of surveys distributed, are presented in Appendix D (Public and Stakeholder Outreach Documentation).

2.4.1 Public Survey Responses

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- Survey respondents indicated they were from the City of Beverly, Township of Bordentown, City of Burlington, Township of Cinnaminson, Township of Delanco, Township of Eastampton, Township of Edgewater Park, Township of Evesham, Township of Mansfield, Township of Medford, Township of Moorestown, Township of Mount Laurel, Township of Mount Holly, Township of Pemberton, Township of Shamong, and Township of Southampton.
- The majority of respondents have lived in Burlington County for over 20 years (52 percent), own their residence (93 percent), and live in a single family home (84 percent).
- The majority of residents were over the age of 61 (48 percent).
- Of the 16 respondents that indicated their home was located in a floodplain, 12 indicated they did not have flood insurance.
- A majority of respondents (71 percent) indicated that they receive emergency information through the internet, followed by television news (68 percent) and then mass notification systems (63 percent).
- 22 percent of respondent said yes when asked if their home was damaged from a hazard event. Damages reported were related to hail, wind, flooding, and extreme temperature (heat and cold).

Residents were asked to identify problem areas and potential mitigation actions. This information was provided to the applicable jurisdiction for consideration in mitigation strategy development.



2.5 INCORPORATION OF EXISTING PLANS, STUDIES, REPORTS, AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The Burlington County HMP strives to use the best available technical information, plans, studies, and reports throughout the plan process to support hazard profiling; risk and vulnerability assessment; review and evaluation of mitigation capabilities; and the identification, development, and prioritization of county and local mitigation strategies.

The asset and inventory data used for the risk and vulnerability assessments is presented in the County Profile (Section 3). Details of the source of this data, along with technical information on how the data was used to develop the risk and vulnerability assessment, is presented in the Risk Assessment, specifically in Section 4.2 Methodology and Tools, as well as throughout the hazard profiles in Section 4.3 (Hazard Profiles). Further, the source of technical data and information used may be found within the References section.

Plans, reports, and other technical information were identified and provided directly by the Planning Partnership, and numerous stakeholders involved in the planning effort, as well as through independent research by the planning consultant. The Planning Partnership was tasked with updating the inventory of their Planning and Regulatory capabilities in Section 9 (Annexes) and providing relevant planning and regulatory documents, as applicable. Relevant documents, including plans, reports, and ordinances were reviewed to identify the following:

- Existing local and regional capabilities.
- Needs and opportunities to develop or enhance capabilities, which may be identified within the mitigation strategies.
- Mitigation-related goals or objectives considered in the review and update of the overall Goals and Objectives in Section 6 (Mitigation Strategy).
- Proposed, in-progress, or potential mitigation projects, actions, and initiatives to be incorporated into the updated County and local mitigation strategies.

The following local regulations, codes, ordinances, and plans were reviewed during this process to develop mitigation planning goals, objectives, and strategies that are consistent across local and regional planning and regulatory mechanisms to accomplish complementary and mutually supportive strategies:

- Master/Comprehensive Plans
- Building Codes
- Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances
- NFIP Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances
- Site Plan Requirements
- Stormwater Management Plans
- Emergency Management and Response Plans



- Land Use and Open Space Plans
- Capital Plans
- State of New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Plan (2019)
- Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (2019)

2.6 INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING PLANNING MECHANISMS AND PROGRAMS

Effective mitigation is achieved when hazard awareness and risk management approaches and strategies become an integral part of public activities and decision-making. Within the Planning Area there are many existing plans and programs that support hazard risk management, and thus it is critical that this hazard mitigation plan integrate and coordinate with, and complement, those mechanisms.

Section 5 (Capability Assessment) provides a summary and description of the existing plans, programs, and regulatory mechanisms at all levels of government (federal, state, county, and local) that support hazard mitigation within the Planning Area. Within each annex in Section 9, the Counties, Cities, and entities identified how they integrate hazard risk management into their existing planning, regulatory, and operational/administrative framework (integration capabilities) and how they intend to promote this integration (integration actions). In addition, as noted above, a summary of the plan reviews indicating relevant goals and mitigation actions is provided in Appendix E. This information provided input to identify integration of mitigation concepts into the operations of the Planning Area.

A further summary of these continued efforts to develop and promote a comprehensive and holistic approach to hazard risk management and mitigation is presented in Section 7 (Plan Maintenance).

2.7 CONTINUED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Burlington County is committed to the continued involvement of the public in the hazard mitigation process. This HMP update will be made available for review on the HMP public website. Each jurisdiction's elected official shall be responsible for receiving, tracking, and filing public comments regarding this HMP update. Further details regarding continued public involvement are provided in Section 7 (Plan Maintenance).

A notice regarding annual updates of the plan and the location of plan copies will be publicized annually after the annual plan evaluation meeting (refer to Section 7 – Plan Maintenance) and posted on the Burlington County website at <https://co.burlington.nj.us/462/All-Hazards-Mitigation-Plan>.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the HMP update as a part of the annual mitigation planning evaluation process and the next five-year mitigation plan update. The HMP Coordinator (currently Kristen Carr, Burlington County Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator) is responsible for coordinating the plan evaluation portion of the meeting, soliciting feedback, collecting, and reviewing the comments, and ensuring their incorporation in the 5-year plan update as appropriate; however,



members of the Planning Partnership will assist the HMP Coordinator. Additional meetings may also be held as deemed necessary. The purpose of these meetings would be to provide the public an opportunity to express concerns, opinions, and ideas about the HMP.

After completion of this HMP update, implementation and ongoing maintenance will continue to be a function of the Planning Partnership. The Planning Partnership will review the plan and accept public comment as part of an annual review and as part of five-year mitigation plan updates.

A notice regarding annual updates of the plan will be publicized annually after the HMP Committee's annual evaluation and posted on the public web site.

Kristen Carr has been identified as the ongoing HMP Coordinator (see Section 7), and is responsible for receiving, tracking, and filing public comments regarding this HMP update. Contact information is:

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