

NeFSMA Mitigation Planning Workshop Outline

Goal: Workshop participants will gain a general understanding of hazard mitigation plans and their importance, as well as develop skills to build long-term mitigation strategies to reduce risk within their community.

- **Objective 1:** Participants will define hazard mitigation and identify the benefits of mitigation planning.
- **Objective 2:** Participants will understand the benefits of engagement from community officials, stakeholders, and the public during the planning process.
- **Objective 3:** Participants will develop hazard profiles and identify areas of risk within their community.
- **Objective 4:** Participants will identify mitigation opportunities within their communities

Schedule Overview:

- 15 min – Introduction and Welcome (NEMA/USACE)
- 1 hour – Introduction to Hazard Mitigation Plans (NEMA)
- 15 min – Break
- 1 hour – Developing a Mitigation Strategy (NEMA)
- 15 min – Break
- 1 hour – Funding Your Mitigation Strategy (NeDNR, NEMA, NeDEE, USACE)
- 15 min – Closing Remarks (NEMA/USACE)

Hour 1: Introduction to Hazard Mitigation Plans

- The first part of this workshop will provide an overview to what hazard mitigation plans are and their importance, as well as the status of hazard mitigation plans in the State of Nebraska. Participants will learn about the beginning steps to hazard mitigation planning which includes creating the planning team, identify stakeholders, and conducting a risk assessment.
 - Intro to Hazard Mitigation Plans and the new planning policy changes (15 min)
 - Planning Process (15 min)
 - Workshop Activity: Who is on your planning team? Who are stakeholders you want to invite to participate?
 - Risk Assessment (30 min)
 - Workshop Activity: Identify your top three hazard concerns and develop hazard profiles. Identify community capabilities. Based on the collected information, prioritize your top three hazards.

Hour 2: Developing a Mitigation Strategy

- The second part of this workshop will teach participants how to develop long-term mitigation strategies, focusing on reducing risk from the identified hazards discussed in the first part of the workshop. Participants will also learn how to evaluate the effectiveness of their strategies as they are implemented overtime.
 - Hazard Mitigation Strategies (40 min)
 - Workshop Activity: Develop long-term mitigation goals based of problem statements created in the first part of the workshop.
 - Workshop Activity: Create three mitigation actions that address the goals previously developed. Mitigation actions will follow the “SMART” standard and

will be prioritized based on ease of implementation, multi-objective actions, time, and funding.

- Workshop Activity: Create an implementation strategy by identifying who will be responsible for the mitigation action, potential sources of funding, and creating a timeline to complete the action. (Who, How, When)
- Evaluation/Review of the Mitigation Strategy (20 min)
 - Workshop Activity: Develop a plan to review and evaluate the mitigation strategy. Identify a team responsible for the review and a timeline for when the evaluation will take place.

Hour 3: Funding Your Mitigation Strategy

- The third part of this workshop will provide an overview and case study examples of funding mitigation projects with different agencies in Nebraska. A representative from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR), Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NeDEE), and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will each provide a 10 to 15 minute presentation on their agency's mitigation funding programs and provide success stories for each program.