

# Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Update

A **Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)** is “the representation of the jurisdiction's commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards, serving as a guide for decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards” (44 CFR 201.6).

The **Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)** aims to identify and reduce the vulnerability to hazards to protect the health, safety, quality of life, environment, and economy of the communities within Broome County. HMPs must be reviewed and updated every five years and formally adopted by each participating jurisdiction. During the course of this planning project, county and local leaders and the community will work in tandem to identify risks, assess capabilities, and formulate a strategy to reduce disaster vulnerability.

Broome County and its jurisdictions are **required to have a FEMA-approved HMP** to remain eligible to apply for and receive grant funding through certain pre- and post-disaster programs.

Over the next year, Broome County and its jurisdictions will be updating the current HMP. **The objectives of this planning process are:**

- Provide the public opportunities throughout the planning process to provide input and feedback.
- Conduct a thorough risk assessment using the most recent and best available data.
- Formulate hazard mitigation goals, objectives, and actions as they relate to reducing loss of life and property from natural hazards.
- Reduce long-term impacts and damages to human health and structures, and reduced repair costs.
- Obtain state and federal approval of the HMP.
- Eligibility for federal funds for pre-disaster mitigation planning before disaster strikes.

**We want to hear from you!** Complete this survey and tell us what hazards you think impact Broome County.

