







# Benefits of Hazard Mitigation

- Prevent injury and loss of life
- Prevent damage to community assets
- Reduce exposure to risk from natural hazards
- Reduce costs of disaster response/recovery
- Advance other community objectives



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# Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000)

"to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from natural disasters."

 Section 322 specifically addresses mitigation planning and requires state and local governments to prepare hazard mitigation plans as a precondition for receiving FEMA mitigation project grants.

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### **Updated Policies**

- On April 19, 2022, FEMA released the updated state and local mitigation planning policies.
- These updated policies will be in effect for all mitigation plans approved on or after:

April 19, 2023.



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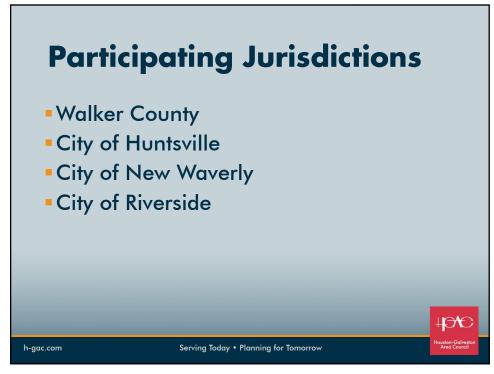
## **Updated Policies**

- Defines who local governments must include in the planning process.
- Requires local governments to include the effects of climate change and other future conditions in the risk assessment.
- Recognizes the important role of adopting and enforcing building codes and land use/development ordinances
- Facilitates stronger alignment with other FEMA mitigation program & incorporates new FEMA grant programs

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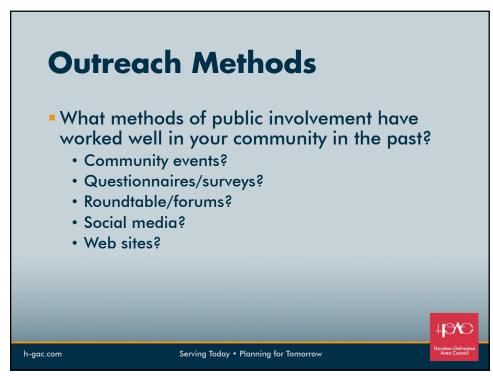




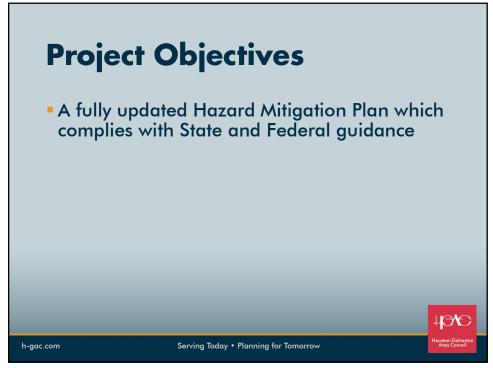
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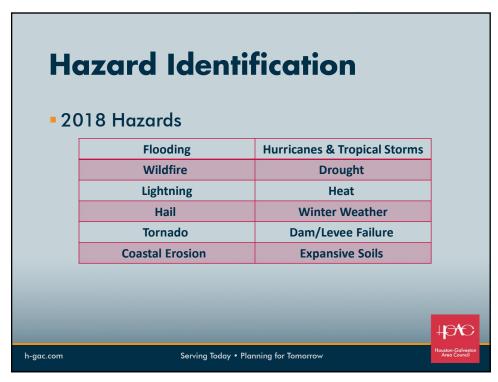
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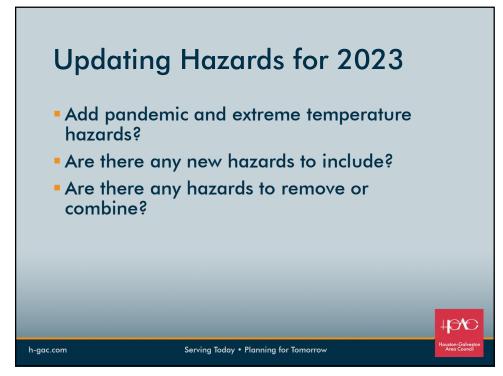
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#### **Hazard Identification**

- HAZUS is a nationally applicable standardized methodology that contains models for estimating potential losses from earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and tsunamis.
- HAZUS uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to estimate physical, economic, and social impacts of disasters.

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#### **Next Steps**

- Provide any additional stakeholder contacts
- Sign & return commitment letter
  - Hazard Mitigation Committee members
- Determine meeting #2 date for hazard identification
  & risk assessment
  - All
- Run HAZUS
  - H-GAC Staff

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