HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGIES

How do I mitigate a hazard?

TYPES OF MITIGATION STRATEGIES	
TYPE OF STRATEGY	EXAMPLES
Prevention	Planning and zoning
Government administrative or regulatory actions or processes that influence the way land and buildings are developed and built; Public activities to reduce hazard losses	Building Code Development and Enforcement
	Capital Improvement Programs
	Open Space Preservation
	Storm Water Management Regulations
	Drainage System Maintenance
	Beach Maintenance
Property Protection	Acquisition
Actions that involve the modification of existing buildings or infrastructure to protect them from a hazard, or removal from the hazard area	Elevation
	Relocation
	Structural Retrofits
	Flood Proofing
	Storm Shutters
	Shatter-resistant Glass
	Insurance
Public Education & Awareness	Outreach projects
Actions to inform and educate citizens, elected officials, and property owners about potential risks from hazards and potential ways to mitigate them	Real estate disclosure
	Hazard information centers
	School-age and adult education programs
	Library resources
	Technical assistance
	Flood maps and data
Natural Resource Protection	Sediment and erosion control
Actions that, in addition to minimizing hazard losses also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems	Stream corridor restoration
	Watershed management
	Forest and vegetation management
	Wetland restoration and preservation
Emergency Services Measures	Warning
Actions taken during a disaster to minimize its impact	Dam condition monitoring
	Emergency response planning
	Evacuation
	Critical facilities protection
	Health and safety maintenance
Structural Projects	Storm water controls (e.g., culverts)
Actions that involve the construction of structure to reduce the impact of a hazard	Floodwalls / Levees / Seawalls
	Diversions
	Storm Sewers
	Channel Modifications
	Retaining walls
	Safe rooms
	Reservoirs

Sources: Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance, FEMA, July 1, 2008
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