

Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning

Natural hazards happen.

Disasters occur when they impact people, property, and the environment.

Statewide Planning Goal 7

Oregon's Statewide Planning Goal 7, *Areas Subject to Natural Hazards*, directs local governments to adopt comprehensive plans to reduce risk to people and property from natural hazards.

State and Local Hazards Mitigation Planning

DLCD implements Goal 7 in part by maintaining and updating *Oregon's Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP)*.

DLCD also assists cities, counties, tribes, and special districts with drafting, maintaining, and updating their own NHMPs. Through collaboration with state and federal agencies, DLCD can provide access to data, information, and other resources.

What does a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan do?

A natural hazard mitigation plan describes the hazards a community is most likely to face, identifies their potential impacts on people and property, and establishes a strategy to reduce those impacts.

Integrating information from NHMPs into other plans, programs, policies, and regulations is an important next step for reducing risk before a hazard event.

Is funding available for mitigation planning?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides grants for drafting and updating NHMPs. Among other criteria, communities whose NHMPs will expire soon receive priority for assistance from DLCD.

For contacts and more information visit DLCD's Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning Program web page:

<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/NH/Pages/Mitigation-Planning.aspx>

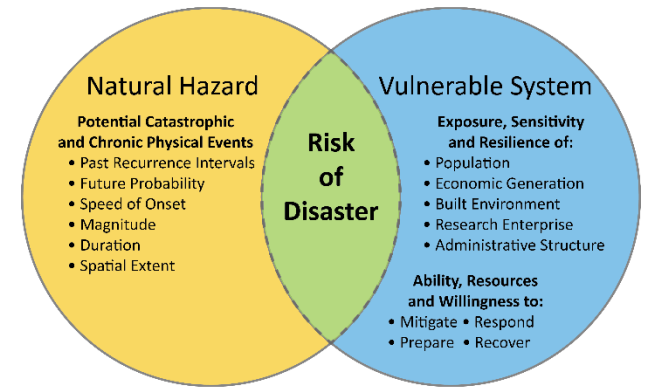
The *2015 Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* identifies eleven natural hazards in Oregon:

- Coastal Hazards
- Droughts
- Dust Storms
- Earthquakes
- Wildfires
- Floods
- Landslides
- Tsunamis
- Volcanic Eruptions
- Windstorms
- Winter Storms

Your community may face some or all of these, or other natural hazards. Over time, climate change may influence the frequency and severity of some of these natural hazards. It may also cause your community to experience a natural hazard that has not occurred there before.



Understanding Risk



Modified from USGS Fact Sheet, Understanding Risk and Resilience to Natural Hazards

Disasters occur as an interaction between natural systems, the built environment, and social systems.

We can't predict when natural hazards will occur or the extent to which they will affect communities. However, with careful planning and collaboration it is possible to reduce the losses that can occur from natural hazards.

Using NHMPs in Comprehensive Planning

With hazard inventory information and risk analysis, goal setting, identification and prioritization of mitigation actions, NHMPs provide information for a city's or county's comprehensive plan.

Integrating NHMPs with comprehensive plans, emergency operations plans, stormwater management manuals, and other governance documents helps ensure that hazard mitigation will be considered in decision-making processes and development projects, making communities safer and more resilient.