

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Hazard Mitigation Plan

FEMA defines hazard mitigation as:

A series of actions and policies designed to reduce and/or eliminate the impacts of naturally occurring disasters on people and property.



About the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Hazard Mitigation Plan Project

On April 24, 2019, the Tribal Council approved the Office of Emergency Management's plan to hire the Horsley Witten Group, Inc. to assist with the development of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Hazard Mitigation Plan utilizing FY 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program funding secured by the Director, Emergency Management.

Why is this important? Hazard mitigation planning enables Indian tribal governments to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters, and develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events. Further information is available on FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Planning page: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning>.

A hazard mitigation plan should be considered a living document that must grow and adapt, keeping pace with a community's growth and change. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) places high priority on the continuation of the planning process after the initial submittal, requiring communities to seek and receive re-approval from FEMA in order to remain eligible for financial assistance.

The approach for this plan development is premised on four primary methods, all geared towards meeting the requirements of the DMA 2000 Public Law 106-390, October 10, 2000:

- Planning Process—Outreach and Stakeholder Coordination
- Risk Assessment—Identifying Hazards and Estimating Losses
- Mitigation Strategy— Identifying Mitigation Actions and Implementation Strategies
- Plan Maintenance—Implementation, Evaluation and Revision/Update

Contacts

Nelson Andrews Jr.
Director, Emergency Management
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
483 Great Neck Road
Mashpee, MA 02649
Nelson.AndrewsJr@mwtribe-nsn.gov
Office: (508) 477-0208 Ext. 103

Carl Simons
Project Manager
Horsley Witten group, Inc.
90 Route 6A, Unit #1
Sandwich, MA 02563
csimons@horsleywitten.com
Office: (508) 833-6600

[Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved!](#)