

Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Draft Vision Statement

The Outer Banks Region will maintain its unique quality of life and sense of place while planning and preparing for resilience in the face of future hazards. The Region will be prepared for and adaptable to hazards, and when confronted with disaster, the Region will recover stronger and smarter in a planned, balanced, sustainable manner that acknowledges the dynamic nature of hazard risks in a changing climate. Through innovation and collaboration, the Outer Banks Region will ensure a thriving, safe environment for residents and visitors.

Draft Goals & Objectives

Goal 1: Reduce the risk of loss of life and personal injury from hazards.

- **Objective 1.1:** Educate citizens to encourage individual responsibility to protect themselves and their families from hazards.
- **Objective 1.2:** Reduce the risk and impact of future hazards by mitigating risk of development in both known hazard areas and areas expected to face future hazard risk.

Goal 2: Maintain critical facilities and infrastructure and protect them from damage.

- **Objective 2.1:** Retrofit or otherwise protect critical facilities and infrastructure.
- **Objective 2.2:** Increase redundancy of critical systems and services.

Goal 3: Ensure that hazard mitigation practices, construction techniques, policies, and ordinances are integrated for both new development and post-disaster redevelopment to enhance resiliency and enable speedy recovery.

- **Objective 3.1:** Adopt protective development standards and establish post-disaster redevelopment policies.
- **Objective 3.2:** Preserve and protect natural and beneficial floodplain functions and key natural resources.
- **Objective 3.3:** Explore, develop, and implement new pre-disaster opportunities that build community resilience.

Goal 4: Improve inter-jurisdictional cooperation and coordination, especially regarding the reduction of hazard impacts.

- **Objective 4.1:** Coordinate development standards across jurisdictions.
- **Objective 4.2:** Encourage and enable inter-jurisdictional communication.