

# Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Meeting 2: Public Meeting – Currituck

Time & Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Outer Banks Wildlife Center, Corolla

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## Introductions

David Stroud and Abby Moore, consultants from Wood, facilitated the meeting. There were 8 attendees recorded on the sign-in sheet.

## Presentation Highlights

David discussed trends in disaster response and recovery and explained reasons to plan. He also reviewed the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 planning requirements, which include a four-phase planning process: organize resources, risk assessment, develop a mitigation plan, and adoption and implementation. The consultant team at Wood blends this with the process of the Community Rating System (CRS) Floodplain Management Planning. This completed Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) will meet the requirements of all three FEMA programs.

The consultant team and the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) decided on a list of hazards to profile in the plan based on past plans, historical occurrences, and local knowledge. Based on this discussion, the following hazards will be profiled: Flooding, Hurricane and Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards (Erosion, Rip Current, Nor'easter, Sea Level Rise), Severe Winter Weather, Extreme Heat, Earthquake (Tsunami), Wildfire, Drought, Severe Thunderstorm, Hazardous Materials Incident, Terrorism, Cyber Threat, Transportation Infrastructure Failure, and Radiological Incident.

## Project Schedule

The anticipated project schedule was presented. The draft Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment will be presented to the planning committee and posted online for committee and public review in late July. The final draft plan will be presented in September, and additional public meetings will be held to gather public feedback.

## Plan Website

Abby introduced the website for the planning process, which will be a tool for public outreach with information on throughout the planning process. The website is [www.OBX-HMP.com](http://www.OBX-HMP.com). The site contains upcoming meetings announcements, meeting agendas and minutes, the public survey, draft documents of the plan update, information on the identified hazards, and opportunities to provide feedback. All members of the public are encouraged to take the public survey, which will close on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Discussion and Adjournment

Following the presentation, a question was raised regarding the inclusion of emergency management and evacuation procedures in the plan. It was noted that this plan seeks to address hazards in the pre-event phase as opposed to response, but that the planning committee may develop some mitigation actions related to emergency services.