

# Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Meeting 2: Public Meeting – Dare, Kill Devil Hills

Time & Date: Thursday, June 6, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Kill Devil Hills Town Hall Meeting Room

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## Introductions

Drew Pearson, Dare County Emergency Management Director, kicked off the meeting with a brief introduction and a discussion of the importance of hazard mitigation planning. David Stroud and Abby Moore, consultants from Wood, facilitated the rest of the meeting. There were 22 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

- ▶ There was a question on disaster costs and discussion on the additional costs that are not accounted for in these numbers. (The costs in the presentation were stated to be FEMA relief costs, however the presented numbers actually show total estimated costs including federal, state, local, and individual costs as well as economic impacts. However, these estimates are still likely an underestimate of actual estimated impacts.)
- ▶ In reviewing data sources for the risk assessment, it was noted that many costs are not accounted for in insurance estimates. For example, damages to piers and docks are generally not reported or covered by insurance but occur frequently and can be substantial. The group discussed that permits may be a source of data on the cost to rebuild piers/docks but that gathering and analyzing this data may be outside the scope of this assessment. However, the planning team can use this public input to supplement quantitative data on losses and provide a more complete picture of estimated losses.