



## Creating Strategies for Flood Preparedness South Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan

*This program is one of 12 featured in our Creating Strategies for Flood Preparedness profile series. The flood assistance/preparedness programs highlighted in this series represent state and local efforts across the country to make homes and communities flood resilient and to aid in recovery efforts after flooding events. When possible, each program's background information, funding, impact, eligibility, services, and challenges/lessons learned are summarized in the series. These examples can be used as models for other states and local agencies as they consider local possibilities to develop, fund, and implement their own programs.*



**Program Background.** The [South Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) documents the state's natural hazard mitigation goals, actions, and initiatives. The plan also outlines the policies, procedures, and philosophies that guide development and implementation of all hazard mitigation activities for the state of South Carolina.



**Funding.** The South Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan is funded through various changing funding streams. Ongoing funding comes from three Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) streams: the [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(HMGP\)](#), [Pre-Disaster Mitigation \(PDM\)](#), and [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#).



**Impact.** The [2018 South Carolina Mitigation Plan](#) has seven mitigation goals, each with over a dozen mitigation actions. South Carolina has successfully completed several of the mitigation actions, including the development of a database to track and map retrofits of homes, the retrofitting of Region IV coastal buildings, and the completion of a three-year Regional Food and Agriculture Criticality Assessment.



**Program Eligibility.** The [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#) must approve any mitigation project before it may be implemented; each project must (1) benefit the larger community; (2) comply with all other, local, state, and federal regulations; (3) be cost-effective; and (4) complement the state and local government mitigation strategy. For some projects, local government matching funds are required.

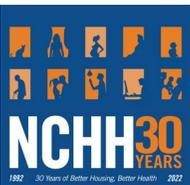


**Program Services.** The South Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan contains a risk and vulnerability assessment that includes threats related to climate change, such as rising sea levels, drought, floods, wildfires, extreme heat, severe storms, hurricanes, coastal erosion, and storm surges.

For additional information about the South Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan, visit [South Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan—2018 Update](#).

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