

Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Guiding Principle:

Through partnerships, reduce the vulnerability to natural hazards in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and economy of the communities within Kittitas County

Goals:

1. Protect life, property and the environment
2. Continuously build and support local capacity to enable the public to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from the impact of hazards and disasters
3. Establish a hazard and disaster resilient economy
4. Promote public awareness, engage public participation and enhance partnerships through education and outreach
5. Encourage the development and implementation of long-term, cost-effective mitigation projects

Objectives:

1. Reduce natural hazard-related risks and vulnerability to populations, critical facilities and infrastructure within the planning area
2. Minimize the impacts of natural hazards on current and future land uses by encouraging use of incentives for hazard mitigation (i.e. NFIP, CRS)
3. Prevent (or discourage) new development in hazardous areas or ensure that if building occurs in high-risk areas that it is done in such a way as to minimize risk
4. Integrate hazard mitigation policies into land use plans within the planning area
5. Update the plan annually to integrate local hazard mitigation plans and the results of disaster- and hazard-specific planning efforts
6. Educate the public on the risk exposure to natural hazards and ways to increase the public's capability to prepare, respond, recover and mitigate the impacts of these events
7. Utilize the best available data, science and technologies to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of natural hazards, the vulnerability of building types, and community development patterns and the measures needed to protect life safety
8. Retrofit, purchase, or relocate structures in high hazard areas including those known to be repetitively damaged
9. Establish a partnership among all levels of government and the business community to improve and implement methods to protect property
10. Encourage hazard mitigation measures that result in the least adverse effect on the natural environmental and that use natural processes