



County of Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

FACT SHEET

The Maui Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is developing an update to the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan serves as an essential strategy for reducing current and future risks to natural hazards and improving the emergency preparedness of the county's three islands. Updates are required every five years. This update is scheduled for completion in Summer 2020.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update will focus on the identification, assessment, and mitigation of natural hazards such as wildfires, coastal erosion, and tropical storms. The plan will result in a list of mitigation actions or projects the County can take to save lives and reduce damages. It will also double as a creditable "floodplain management plan" under FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS), helping the County maintain its current CRS rating of Class 7.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Requirements Met

Once approved by FEMA, the plan makes the County eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation project grant funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs and other non-emergency disaster assistance.

Hazard Mitigation Plans

Hazard Mitigation Plans form the foundation for a long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, rebuilding, and repeated damage.



Fire in Central Maui

Steering Committee Representation

- American Red Cross
- Department of Education
- Department of Health
- Department of Public Works
- Department of Transportation – Highways
- Feed My Sheep
- Hawaii Healthcare Emergency Management
- Hawaiian Homelands, Division of Forestry and Wildlife
- Maui Electric
- Maui Emergency Management Agency
- Maui Fire Department
- Maui Hero Project
- Maui Planning Department
- Maui Visitor's Bureau
- Office of Economic Development
- Pacific Disaster Center
- University of Hawaii Manoa

Get Involved Today!

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Visit the Project Web Page

<https://www.mauicounty.gov/1832/Multi-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan>

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Hurricane Lane Flooding on Puu Way

is currently under development and will reflect COVID-19 as a new public health hazard to the county.

Covid-19 and the Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Maui County Hazard Mitigation Plan includes consideration of infectious disease and pandemics as part of the Public Health Hazard. In alignment with the State Hazard Mitigation Plan and federal hazard mitigation requirements, public health concerns are addressed at a high level within the mitigation plan, meaning a broad number of public health impacts are recognized as having previously occurred and possible in the future. The Maui County Hazard Mitigation Plan also provides an opportunity for county officials and the public to recommend potential mitigation measures to generally lessen the impacts of these events. This plan

Maui County Emergency Management (MEMA) addresses infectious disease and pandemic concerns through a number of plans and policies such as the County Emergency Operations Plan. These outline the necessary procedures, personnel and steps to manage emergency situations such as the COVID-19 and other disaster impacts. As each emergency is unique, our procedures are adapted to meet the specific aspects of the event in coordination with local, county, state, and federal officials and partners.

Purpose of Mitigation Plan Update

- Develop County Mitigation Plan Update for FEMA Approval
- Revise Risk and Vulnerability Assessment with Best Available Data
- Update Mitigation Strategy with Feasible Actions to Reduce Risk
- Maintain Community Rating System (CRS) Status to keep Flood Insurance Costs Down

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Winter Storm Causes Ice and Snow on Haleakala

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