



Annex P: Hazard Mitigation Executive Summary

Primary	Public Infrastructure
Support	County Judge's Office, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Marshal's Office, Community Services, Tax Office, County Attorney's Office
Coordination	None

The purpose of this annex is to address mitigation as a long-term, on-going process, and identify planning and implementation actions applicable to both pre-incident and post-incident situations. This annex describes the organization of the local Hazard Mitigation Team (HMT), and assigns tasks, and responsibilities for coordinated hazard mitigation planning and implementation activities and actions. Annex P also explains the methodologies and progressive steps as to how we plan to identify the hazards that affect us and to systematically reduce the identified levels of risk and vulnerability to these hazards. Finally, this annex explains our active partnership, and participation in countywide/regional mitigation planning and implementation activities.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

This annex is not intended to describe in detail all aspects of our mitigation program. The achievement of hazard mitigation objectives is a high governmental priority, and all departments will seek out and implement risk reduction measures.

Hazard mitigation is a function that requires the coordination of a variety of multi-disciplined on-going activities. The County Judge, as the Emergency Management Director, is responsible for the overall emergency management program, and has designated the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management as the agency with primary responsibility for hazard mitigation. The Emergency Management Coordinator of the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management has been designated as the Hazard Mitigation Coordinator (HMC) and serves as the single manager/coordinator for this function for this jurisdiction.

The Hazard Mitigation Team consists primarily of representatives of local government, but also includes partners that represent industry and the private sector. The HMT organization provides the flexibility to involve all team members in the problem solving process, or to involve only those team members who possess the specific skills needed to mitigate a hazard specific condition.

REFERENCES

- Division of Emergency Management (DEM), *State of Texas Emergency Management Plan*.
- DEM, *State of Texas Hazard Analysis*
- DEM, *State of Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
- DEM-21, *Mitigation Handbook*.
- Local Hazard Analysis
- Local Hazard Mitigation Action Plan
- See Section 1.4 and Appendix I of the Basic Plan for general authorities.
- Applicable Commissioners Court orders and/or city ordinances appointing members of the local Hazard Mitigation Team (HMT).
- Applicable Commissioners Court orders pertaining to mitigation, floodplain management, zoning regulations, land management, and/or construction standards, etc.