

Goals and Objectives for the Mitigation Plan

The Greenville County Disaster Mitigation Committee established a number of goals and objectives to guide its work in the development of the Mitigation plan of 2004. The goals and objectives helped to focus the efforts of the group in the mitigation planning effort to achieve an end result that matches the unique needs, capabilities and desires of Greenville County.

The goals and objectives selected by the Disaster Mitigation Committee for the planning process, which were adopted again in the plan Update, are listed below. The goals and corresponding objectives are listed below:

- 1) County government will have the capability to develop, maintain, and utilize hazard information**
 - a) Data and information needed for defining hazards, risk areas and vulnerabilities in the community will be obtained
 - b) The capability to effectively utilize available data and information related to mitigation planning and program development will be available
 - c) The effectiveness of mitigation initiatives implemented in the community will be measured and documented
 - d) There will be a program to derive mitigation "lessons learned" from each significant disaster event occurring in or near the community

- 2) The County will have the capability to initiate and sustain emergency response operations during and after a disaster**
 - a) Communications systems supporting emergency services operations will be retrofitted or relocated to provide for effective communication during times of disaster
 - b) Designated evacuation shelters will be retrofitted or relocated to ensure their operability during and after disaster events
 - c) Emergency services organizations will have the capability to detect emergency situations and promptly initiate emergency response operations
 - d) Local emergency services facilities will be assessed and County-owned

- service facilities will be retrofitted or relocated to withstand the structural impacts of disasters
- e) Response capabilities will be available to protect visitors, special needs individuals, and the homeless from a disaster's health and safety impacts
- 3) The continuity of County government operations will not be significantly disrupted by disasters**
- a) Measures will be implemented to alert County personnel of impending disasters and corresponding action plans
 - b) Train key County employees in disaster response and operations
- 4) The policies and regulations of County government will support effective hazard mitigation programming throughout the County**
- a) County government will establish and enforce building and land development codes that are effective in addressing the hazards threatening the community
 - b) County government will protect high hazard natural areas from new or continuing development
 - c) Land use policies, plans and regulations will discourage or prohibit inappropriate location of structures or infrastructure components in areas of higher risk
 - d) Reconstruction and rehabilitation of structures and utilities in the County will incorporate appropriate hazard mitigation techniques
 - e) Regulations will be established and enforced to ensure that public and private property maintenance is consistent with minimizing vulnerabilities to disaster
 - f) The County will participate fully in the National Flood Insurance Program and the associated Community Rating System
- 5) Residents of the County will have homes, institutions, and places of employment that are less vulnerable to disasters**
- a) Programs for removal, relocation or retrofitting of vulnerable structures and utilities in hazard areas will be established and implemented
 - b) The vulnerability to disasters of schools, libraries, museums, and other institutions important to the daily lives of the community will be minimized
- 6) The economic vitality of the County will not be significantly threatened by a disaster**
- a) County government emergency response and disaster recovery plans will appropriately consider the needs of key employers in the community
 - b) County government will encourage community businesses and industries to make their facilities and operations disaster resistant
 - c) County government will implement programs to address public perceptions of community condition and functioning in the aftermath of a disaster
- 7) The availability and functioning of the County's infrastructure will not be significantly disrupted by a disaster**
- a) County government will encourage hazard mitigation programming by private sector organizations owning or operating key community utilities
 - b) Routine maintenance of the community's infrastructure will be done to minimize the potential for system failure because of or during a disaster
 - c) Transportation facilities and systems serving the County will be constructed

and/or retrofitted to minimize the potential for disruption during a disaster

- 8) All members of the County will understand the hazards threatening local areas and the techniques to minimize vulnerability to those hazards**
- a) All interested individuals will be encouraged to participate in hazard mitigation planning and training activities.
 - b) Education programs in risk communication and hazard mitigation will be established and implemented
 - c) Managers of public facilities will be knowledgeable in hazard mitigation techniques and the components of the County's mitigation plan
 - d) Technical training in mitigation planning and programming will be given to appropriate local government employees
 - e) The owners and operators of businesses and industries in the County will be knowledgeable in appropriate hazard mitigation techniques
 - f) The public living or working in defined hazard areas will be aware of that fact, understand their vulnerability and know appropriate mitigation techniques
 - g) The public will have facilitated access to information needed to understand their vulnerability to disasters and effective mitigation techniques

These goals selected by the Disaster Mitigation Committee are related to the broad mitigation needs and capabilities of the communities involved, although some of the initiatives are focused on a specific hazard type or category. In general the Greenville County mitigation goals and objectives are "multi-hazard" and multi-jurisdictional in scope and can be described as statements of the desired "mitigation-related capabilities" that will be present in the future as the goals are achieved.

Guidance to meet the goals of this mitigation plan will be provided by the State of South Carolina Emergency Management Division, pursuant to the State Mitigation Plan. The state does not provide a specific set of goals, however, guidance and coordination of hazard preparations and mitigation is available.