

# National Mitigation Investment Strategy

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# How Did We Get Here?



The Investment Strategy establishes a means to identify, prioritize, and implement federal investments in disaster resilience that will limit the nation's fiscal exposure to disaster losses.

# The Mitigation Framework Leadership Group

**FEDERAL POLICY COORDINATING  
STRUCTURE**

**WITH STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND  
TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATION**





# Investment Strategy Intent

1. Improve collaboration between the federal government and communities, respecting local expertise in mitigation investing



2. Catalyze private and non-profit sector mitigation investments and innovation across the whole community



3. Make data- and risk-informed decisions that include long-term costs and risks



Mitigation investments are defined as risk management actions taken to avoid, reduce, or transfer risks from natural hazards, including severe weather.



# Success Depends on Collective Action:

- Find ways to link, leverage, and align current and on-going investments to meet these goals.
- Look for projects and efforts that can create benefits to multiple stakeholders and funders.
- Bring in new partners to provide new ways of looking at the problem, or proposed solutions.
- Find ways to share efforts that are having significant impacts across large network.
- Use the research community to help answer tough questions.
- Use open-source data formats to facilitate information sharing.

# Investment Strategy Goals

## Goal 1

### **Show How Mitigation Investments Reduce Risk:**

Objective: Provide stakeholders with a foundational understanding of how mitigation investment protects what they value.

## Goal 2

### **Coordinate Mitigation Investments to Reduce Risk:**

Objective: Foster better understanding of risks (quality risk data) to support investment decisions, assure alignment of programs and incentives toward risk reduction goals, and reduce complexity in access to investment funds.

## Goal 3

### **Make Mitigation Investment Standard Practice:**

Objective: Assure that national stakeholders are participating in mitigation activities, especially decisions to enhance building codes and infrastructure (lifeline) standards and the use of financial products that link to mitigation (insurance, cat bonds, resilience bonds).



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# Show How Mitigation Investments Reduce Risk

**Recommendation 1.1 – Make Mitigation Investments Relevant**

**Recommendation 1.2 – Increase Mitigation Investment by Building the Capacity of Communities to Address Their Risks**

**Recommendation 1.3 – Use Common Measures to Aid Decision-Making for Mitigation Investment**

# Making Mitigation Relevant: How Does Mitigation Investment Reduce Your Risk?

- Makes homes and neighborhoods safer
- Strengthens ability for communities to restore lifelines quickly following a disaster (for example, energy; food, water, and sheltering; health and medical; safety and security; communications; transportation; and hazardous materials)
- Protects jobs and personal finances
- Prevents injury and loss of life
- Reduces suffering after a disaster; and
- Protects areas important to a community



# Coordinate Mitigation Investments to Reduce Risk

**Recommendation 2.1 – Make Risk Information More Available and Easier to Use**

**Recommendation 2.2 – Align Program Requirements and Incentives**

**Recommendation 2.3 – Make Funding for Mitigation Investment Easier to Access**

# How Can You Coordinate Mitigation Investments to Reduce Risk?

- **Share and utilize consistent risk information**
- **Integrate the consideration of current and future risk into planning efforts**
- **Align risk priorities across multiple organizations and sectors**
- **Use and align incentives towards common goals**
- **Leverage public/private partnerships**
- **Simplify applications/processes for funding**

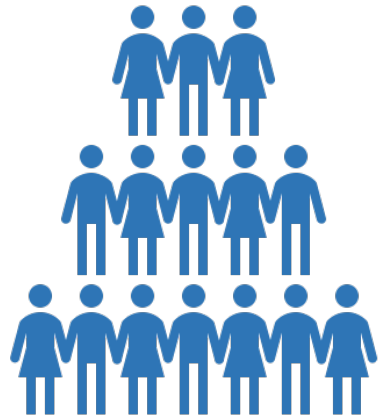
# Make Mitigation Investment Standard Practice

- **Recommendation 3.1 – Encourage Communities to Adopt and Enforce Up-to-Date Building Codes**
- **Recommendation 3.2 – Strengthen Critical Infrastructure and Lifelines**
- **Recommendation 3.3 – Use and Expand Financial Products and Approaches to Reduce and Transfer Risk**

# What Does it Mean to Make Mitigation Investment Standard Practice?

- **Whole communities are safe, not only specific parts of the communities (businesses, homes, infrastructure)**
- **Every current and future investment considers mitigation, especially buildings and infrastructure**
- **Building codes and standards are up to date**
- **Insurance, grants, tax incentives, bond ratings, and other financial tools drive mitigation investment**

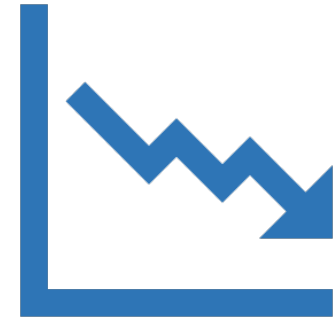
# How Will We Succeed?



Whole  
Community  
Participation



Federal Government  
and vital Nonfederal  
Partners



Less Disaster  
Suffering

# For More Information

- Learn more: <https://www.fema.gov/national-mitigation-investment-strategy>
- Email questions and comments to [FEMA-NMIS@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-NMIS@fema.dhs.gov)



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