

City of New Bedford updates Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan due to climate change

“New Bedford is a City that was built based on a relationship with the sea, but due to climate change, more disruptions are coming.

That’s why New Bedford is preparing for all types of natural hazards with the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Why is this important?

Hazard mitigation planning enables municipalities to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural hazards and develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events. Further information is available on FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Planning page.



City of New Bedford photo.

A hazard mitigation plan should be considered a living document that must grow and adapt, keeping pace with a community's growth and change. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) places high priority on the continuation of the planning process after the initial submittal, requiring communities to seek and receive re-approval from FEMA in order to remain eligible for financial assistance.

The Vision of NB Resilient is: "To make New Bedford a thriving, self-sustaining city that is physically, culturally, and economically secure and ready to implement innovative approaches to preparing for tomorrow's possibilities."

We recognize that we cannot be truly resilient until we are all included in the mission to achieve the vision and New Bedford is committed to equity and ensuring that we connect with and share perspectives with all sectors of the community.

The approach for this plan development is premised on four primary methods, all geared towards meeting the requirements of the DMA 2000 Public Law 106-390, October 10, 2000:

- **Planning Process—Outreach and Stakeholder Coordination**
- **Risk Assessment—Identifying Hazards and Estimating Losses**
- **Mitigation Strategy— Identifying Mitigation Actions and Implementation Strategies**
- **Plan Maintenance—Implementation, Evaluation and Revision/Update**

See the City of New Bedford's full Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan [here](#). -City of New Bedford.