

The adoption of this Plan update keeps Bethany Beach qualified to obtain all disaster assistance, including all categories of Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation grants available through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93288, as amended.

You have received the Executive Summary portion of the Plan, but the entire 424-page document can be found at: <https://sussexcountyde.gov/all-hazard-mitigation-plan>.

Sussex County and participating jurisdictions developed the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan in conjunction with the 2016 Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2020 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), State of Delaware 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, and the State of Delaware 2018 All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Sussex County Emergency Operations was the lead agency for developing the Plan update. At the beginning of the process, a consultant firm, The Olson Group Ltd., was hired to provide technical support to the County and all participating jurisdictions.

Bethany Beach and the surrounding communities participated in the development process and then are asked to adopt the plan for our respective jurisdictions.

All municipalities within Sussex County, except for the Town of Bethel, Town of Dagsboro, and Town of Greenwood actively participated in the data collection and review process.

HMP Benefits

- More resilient community.
- Reduced risk (Insurance Cost).
- Required for pre-disaster hazard mitigation grant programs.
- Required for post-disaster public assistance and hazard mitigation grant programs.

Goals of the Plan

The Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee developed the following mission statement for the Sussex County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and the following goals for hazard mitigation.

- Sussex County and participating jurisdictions will continue to adopt enhanced stormwater management practices.
- Sussex County and participating jurisdictions will continue to adopt and enforce codes and regulations designed to reduce the impact of natural hazards.
- Sussex County and participating jurisdictions will continue to retrofit and protect critical facilities and infrastructure from natural and human-caused hazards.
- Sussex County and participating jurisdictions will continue to enhance education and outreach strategies to improve the dissemination of information to the public regarding hazards, including the steps to reduce their impact.
- Sussex County and participating jurisdictions will continue to improve pre-event planning and preparedness activities.
- Sussex County and participating jurisdictions will continue to identify and implement sound hazard mitigation projects

Next Steps

- Sussex County has notified each participating jurisdiction that they should immediately begin their HMP adoption proceedings.
- After the adoption resolutions are signed, submit to Sussex County EOC to be included in the HMP (**Appendix E and F**).