

RESOLUTION 2025-142

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG
HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ADOPTING THE OCEAN COUNTY MULTI-
JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) requires that all municipalities have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for certain federal disaster mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County, in cooperation with participating municipalities including Little Egg Harbor Township, has prepared the 2025 Ocean County Multijurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") to identify natural and human-caused hazards that threaten the region and to establish mitigation strategies to reduce the risk from those hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM); and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property in (local government) from the impacts of future hazards and disasters including but not limited to coastal storms, hurricanes, nor'easters, flooding, winter storms, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, extreme temperatures, drought, wildfire, earthquakes, dam failure, and hazardous material incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Little Egg Harbor Township demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Ocean County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Township adopts the Ocean County 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan with amendments.
2. That the Township Committee commits to implementing the mitigation strategies and actions identified in the Plan, and will incorporate hazard mitigation principles into its planning and development review processes where appropriate.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution, shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Office of Emergency Management, Ocean County Sheriff's Office, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Township Engineer and Little Egg Harbor Police Department.

CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 12th day of **June, 2025**.



KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk
Little Egg Harbor Township

Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool

Cover Page

The Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (PRT) demonstrates how the local mitigation plan meets the regulation in 44 CFR § 201.6 and offers states and FEMA Mitigation Planners an opportunity to provide feedback to the local governments, including special districts.

1. The Multi-Jurisdictional Summary Sheet is a worksheet that is used to document how each jurisdiction met the requirements of the plan elements (Planning Process; Risk Assessment; Mitigation Strategy; Plan Maintenance; Plan Update; and Plan Adoption).
2. The Plan Review Checklist summarizes FEMA’s evaluation of whether the plan has addressed all requirements.

For greater clarification of the elements in the Plan Review Checklist, please see Section 4 of this guide. Definitions of the terms and phrases used in the PRT can be found in Appendix E of this guide.

Plan Information	
Jurisdiction(s)	Ocean County, New Jersey
Title of Plan	Ocean County, New Jersey Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan
New Plan or Update	2025 Update
Single- or Multi-Jurisdiction	Multi-jurisdiction
Date of Plan	3/25/2025
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Review Information	
State Review	
State Reviewer(s) and Title	Alyssa Meredith, Principal Planner NJ Office of Emergency Management Recovery Bureau Hazard Mitigation Unit
State Review Date	1/23/2025
FEMA Review	
FEMA Reviewer(s) and Title	David J. Hojsak, AICP, PP, Community Planner
Date Received in FEMA Region	3/25/2025
Plan Not Approved	Click or tap to enter a date.
Plan Approvable Pending Adoption	5/7/2025
Plan Approved	Click or tap to enter a date.

Multi-Jurisdictional Summary Sheet

In the boxes for each element, mark if the element is met (Y) or not met (N).

#	Jurisdiction Name	A. Planning Process	B. Risk Assessment	C. Mitigation Strategy	D. Plan Maintenance	E. Plan Update	F. Plan Adoption	G. HHPD Requirements	H. State Requirements
1	Barnegat Light Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
2	Barnegat Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
3	Bay Head Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
4	Beach Haven Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
5	Beachwood Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
6	Berkeley Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
7	Brick Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
8	Eagleswood Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
9	Harvey Cedars Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
10	Island Heights Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
11	Jackson Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
12	Lacey Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
13	Lakehurst Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
14	Lakewood Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
15	Lavallette Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
16	Little Egg Harbor Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
17	Long Beach Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
18	Manchester Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
19	Mantoloking Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A

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20	Ocean Gate Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
21	Ocean Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
22	Pine Beach Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
23	Plumsted Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
24	Point Pleasant Beach Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
25	Point Pleasant Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
26	Seaside Heights Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
27	Seaside Park Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
28	Ship Bottom Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
29	South Toms River Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
30	Stafford Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
31	Surf City Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
32	Toms River Township	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
33	Tuckerton Borough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A

Plan Review Checklist

The Plan Review Checklist is completed by FEMA. States and local governments are encouraged, but not required, to use the PRT as a checklist to ensure all requirements have been met prior to submitting the plan for review and approval. The purpose of the checklist is to identify the location of relevant or applicable content in the plan by element/sub-element and to determine if each requirement has been “met” or “not met.” FEMA completes the “required revisions” summary at the bottom of each element to clearly explain the revisions that are required for plan approval. Required revisions must be explained for each plan sub-element that is “not met.” Sub-elements in each summary should be referenced using the appropriate numbers (A1, B3, etc.), where applicable. Requirements for each element and sub-element are described in detail in Section 4: Local Plan Requirements of this guide.

Plan updates must include information from the current planning process.

If some elements of the plan do not require an update, due to minimal or no changes between updates, the plan must document the reasons for that.

Multi-jurisdictional elements must cover information unique to all participating jurisdictions.

Element A: Planning Process

Element A Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
A1. Does the plan document the planning process, including how it was prepared and who was involved in the process for each jurisdiction? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(1))		
A1-a. Does the plan document how the plan was prepared, including the schedule or time frame and activities that made up the plan’s development, as well as who was involved?	Section 3.1 Page 3.0-2	Met
A1-b. Does the plan list the jurisdiction(s) participating in the plan that seek approval, and describe how they participated in the planning process?	Section 2.1 Page 2.0-2 Section 3.1 Page 3.0-2	Met

Element A Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
A2. Does the plan document an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as businesses, academia, and other private and non-profit interests to be involved in the planning process? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(b)(2))		
A2-a. Does the plan identify all stakeholders involved or given an opportunity to be involved in the planning process, and how each stakeholder was presented with this opportunity?	Section 3.3 Pages 3.0-3 through 3.0-11	Met
A3. Does the plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage and prior to plan approval? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(b)(1))		
A3-a. Does the plan document how the public was given the opportunity to be involved in the planning process and how their feedback was included in the plan?	Section 3.4 Pages 3.0-3 through 3.0-17	Met
A4. Does the plan describe the review and incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(b)(3))		
A4-a. Does the plan document what existing plans, studies, reports and technical information were reviewed for the development of the plan, as well as how they were incorporated into the document?	Section 5.0 Pages 5.0-2 through 5.0-5 Section 5.5 Pages 5.0-8 through 5.0-13	Met
ELEMENT A REQUIRED REVISIONS		
Required Revision: Click or tap here to enter text.		

Element B: Risk Assessment

Element B Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
<p>B1. Does the plan include a description of the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction? Does the plan also include information on previous occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future hazard events? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(2)(i))</p>		
<p>B1-a. Does the plan describe all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction(s) in the planning area, and does it provide the rationale if omitting any natural hazards that are commonly recognized to affect the jurisdiction(s) in the planning area?</p>	<p>Section 4.1 – Section 4.13 Pages 4.04 through 4.0-68</p>	<p>Met</p>
<p>B1-b. Does the plan include information on the location of each identified hazard?</p>	<p>Section 4.4 – Section 4.20 Pages 4.0-6 through 4.0-81</p>	<p>Met</p>
<p>B1-c. Does the plan describe the extent for each identified hazard?</p>	<p>Section 4.4 – Section 4.20 Pages 4.0-6 through 4.0-81</p>	<p>Met</p>
<p>B1-d. Does the plan include the history of previous hazard events for each identified hazard?</p>	<p>Section 4.4 – Section 4.20 Pages 4.0-6 through 4.0-81</p>	<p>Met</p>
<p>B1-e. Does the plan include the probability of future events for each identified hazard, including the type, location and range of anticipated intensities?</p>	<p>Section 4.4 – Section 4.20 Pages 4.0-6 through 4.0-81</p>	<p>Met</p>
<p>B1-f. For participating jurisdictions in a multi-jurisdictional plan, does the plan describe any hazards that are unique to and/or vary from those affecting the overall planning area?</p>	<p>Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information</p>	<p>Met</p>

Element B Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
B2. Does the plan include a summary of the jurisdiction's vulnerability and the impacts on the community from the identified hazards? Does this summary also address NFIP-insured structures that have been repetitively damaged by floods? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(2)(ii))		
B2-a. Does the plan provide an overall summary of each jurisdiction's vulnerability to the identified hazards?	Appendices Volume 1 - Jurisdictional Information	Met
B2-b. For each participating jurisdiction, does the plan describe the potential impacts of each of the identified hazards on each participating jurisdiction?	Appendices Volume 1 - Jurisdictional Information	Met
B2-c. Does the plan address NFIP-insured structures within each jurisdiction that have been repetitively damaged by floods?	Section 4.8 Pages 4.0-24 through 4.0-27 Appendices Volume 1 - Jurisdictional Information	Met

ELEMENT B REQUIRED REVISIONS

Required Revision:

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Element C: Mitigation Strategy

Element C Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
C1. Does the plan document each participant's existing authorities, policies, programs and resources and its ability to expand on and improve these existing policies and programs? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(3))		
C1-a. Does the plan describe how the existing capabilities of each participant are available to support the mitigation strategy? Does this include a discussion of the existing building codes and land use and development ordinances or regulations?	Section 5.2, Section 5.3, Section 5.4, and Section 5.5 Pages 5.0-2 through 5.0-13 Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information	Met
C1-b. Does the plan describe each participant's ability to expand and improve the identified capabilities to achieve mitigation?	Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information	Met
C2. Does the plan address each jurisdiction's participation in the NFIP and continued compliance with NFIP requirements, as appropriate? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(3)(ii))		
C2-a. Does the plan contain a narrative description or a table/list of their participation activities?	Section 5.4 Pages 5.0-5 through 5.0-7	Met
C3. Does the plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(3)(i))		
C3-a. Does the plan include goals to reduce the risk from the hazards identified in the plan?	Section 6.2 Page 6.0-2	Met

Element C Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
C4. Does the plan identify and analyze a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects for each jurisdiction being considered to reduce the effects of hazards, with emphasis on new and existing buildings and infrastructure? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(3)(ii))		
C4-a. Does the plan include an analysis of a comprehensive range of actions/projects that each jurisdiction considered to reduce the impacts of hazards identified in the risk assessment?	Section 6.4 Pages 6.0-5 through 6.0-9 Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information	Met
C4-b. Does the plan include one or more action(s) per jurisdiction for each of the hazards as identified within the plan’s risk assessment?	Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information	Met
C5. Does the plan contain an action plan that describes how the actions identified will be prioritized (including a cost-benefit review), implemented, and administered by each jurisdiction? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(3)(iv)); (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iii))		
C5-a. Does the plan describe the criteria used for prioritizing actions?	Section 6.3 Page 6.0-3	Met
C5-b. Does the plan provide the position, office, department or agency responsible for implementing/administrating the identified mitigation actions, as well as potential funding sources and expected time frame?	Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information	Met
ELEMENT C REQUIRED REVISIONS		
Required Revision: Click or tap here to enter text.		

Element D: Plan Maintenance

Element D Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
D1. Is there discussion of how each community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(4)(iii))		
D1-a. Does the plan describe how communities will continue to seek future public participation after the plan has been approved?	Section 7.4 Page 7.0-3	Met
D2. Is there a description of the method and schedule for keeping the plan current (monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle)? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(4)(i))		
D2-a. Does the plan describe the process that will be followed to track the progress/status of the mitigation actions identified within the Mitigation Strategy, along with when this process will occur and who will be responsible for the process?	Section 7.2 Page 7.0-2 Appendices Vol. 2 – Appendix D – Annual Progress Report	Met
D2-b. Does the plan describe the process that will be followed to evaluate the plan for effectiveness? This process must identify the criteria that will be used to evaluate the information in the plan, along with when this process will occur and who will be responsible.	Section 7.2 Page 7.0-2 Appendices Vol. 2 – Appendix D – Annual Progress Report	Met
D2-c. Does the plan describe the process that will be followed to update the plan, along with when this process will occur and who will be responsible for the process?	Section 7.3 Page 7.0-3	Met
D3. Does the plan describe a process by which each community will integrate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms, such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(4)(ii))		
D3-a. Does the plan describe the process the community will follow to integrate the ideas, information and strategy of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms?	Section 5.5 Page 5.0-8 through 5.0-13	Met
D3-b. Does the plan identify the planning mechanisms for each plan participant into which the ideas, information and strategy from the mitigation plan may be integrated?	Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information	Met

Element D Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
D3-c. For multi-jurisdictional plans, does the plan describe each participant's individual process for integrating information from the mitigation strategy into their identified planning mechanisms?	Section 5.5 Pages 5.0-8 – 5.0-13	Met

ELEMENT D REQUIRED REVISIONS

Required Revision:

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Element E: Plan Update

Element E Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
E1. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in development? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(d)(3))		
E1-a. Does the plan describe the changes in development that have occurred in hazard-prone areas that have increased or decreased each community's vulnerability since the previous plan was approved?	Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information	Met
E2. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in priorities and progress in local mitigation efforts? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(d)(3))		
E2-a. Does the plan describe how it was revised due to changes in community priorities?	Section 6.0 Pages 6.0-3 through 6.0-4	Met
E2-b. Does the plan include a status update for all mitigation actions identified in the previous mitigation plan?	Section 6.3, Section 6.4, and Section 6.5 Pages 6.0-5 through 6.0-9 Appendices Volume 1 – Jurisdictional Information	Met
E2-c. Does the plan describe how jurisdictions integrated the mitigation plan, when appropriate, into other planning mechanisms?	Section 5.5 Pages 5.0-8 through 5.0-13	Met

ELEMENT E REQUIRED REVISIONS

Required Revision:
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Element F: Plan Adoption

Element F Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
F1. For single-jurisdictional plans, has the governing body of the jurisdiction formally adopted the plan to be eligible for certain FEMA assistance? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(5))		
F1-a. Does the participant include documentation of adoption?	Not Applicable	Choose an item.
F2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, has the governing body of each jurisdiction officially adopted the plan to be eligible for certain FEMA assistance? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(5))		
F2-a. Did each participant adopt the plan and provide documentation of that adoption?	Section 8.0	Not Met
ELEMENT F REQUIRED REVISIONS		
Required Revision: Plan adoption requirements will be met once each jurisdiction has adopted the HMP.		

Element G: High Hazard Potential Dams (Optional)

HHPD Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
HHPD1. Did the plan describe the incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports and technical information for HHPDs?		
HHPD1-a. Does the plan describe how the local government worked with local dam owners and/or the state dam safety agency?	Not Found	Not Met
HHPD1-b. Does the plan incorporate information shared by the state and/or local dam owners?	Not Found	Not Met

HHPD Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
HHPD2. Did the plan address HHPDs in the risk assessment?		
HHPD2-a. Does the plan describe the risks and vulnerabilities to and from HHPDs?	Section 4.8 Pages 4.0-28 through 4.0-30	Met
HHPD2-b. Does the plan document the limitations and describe how to address deficiencies?	Not Found	Not Met
HHPD3. Did the plan include mitigation goals to reduce long-term vulnerabilities from HHPDs?		
HHPD3-a. Does the plan address how to reduce vulnerabilities to and from HHPDs as part of its own goals or with other long-term strategies?	Section 6.2 Mitigation Strategies Goal 5. Mitigate High Hazard Potential Dams Objective 5A. Mitigate the eight High Hazard Potential Dams in the County to reduce the risk of dam failure Page 6.0-3	Met
HHPD3-b. Does the plan link proposed actions to reducing long-term vulnerabilities that are consistent with its goals?	Not Found	Not Met
HHPD4-a. Did the plan include actions that address HHPDs and prioritize mitigation actions to reduce vulnerabilities from HHPDs?		
HHPD4-a. Does the plan describe specific actions to address HHPDs?	Not Found	Not Met
HHPD4-b. Does the plan describe the criteria used to prioritize actions related to HHPDs?	Not Found	Not Met
HHPD4-c. Does the plan identify the position, office, department or agency responsible for implementing and administering the action to mitigate hazards to or from HHPDs?	Not Found	Not Met

HHPD Required Revisions

Required Revision:

Keep in mind that meeting HHPD requirements is optional. More specificity is needed to answer the questions above deemed "Not Met."

Element H: Additional State Requirements (Optional)

Element H Requirements	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met / Not Met
This space is for the State to include additional requirements.		
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Plan Assessment

These comments can be used to help guide your annual/regularly scheduled updates and the next plan update.

Element A. Planning Process

Strengths

- All 33 municipalities in Ocean County participated in the development of the plan.
- A wide array of potential stakeholders was invited to participate in the planning process. It is encouraging to see participation by representatives from the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey Natural Gas, the Barnegat Bay Partnership, and Rutgers University in this update of the HMP.
- Good public outreach with several public meetings and workshops.

Opportunities for Improvement

- The planning process can be enhanced if the Ocean County Planning Department co-leads the next update of the HMP with the Ocean County Office of Emergency Management. Hazard mitigation is as much of a land use concern as it is of an emergency management concern. Having licensed New Jersey Professional Planners involved in the development of the HMP is a way of better integrating hazard mitigation planning with county and local land use, transportation and open space planning. Co-led HMP planning efforts have been successful in other parts of New Jersey.
- A few jurisdictions involved their municipal land use planners (in-house or consultant) in the overall planning process. Most did not. While involving a community's planning consultant in the development of a hazard mitigation plan is recognized as an additional municipal expense, as stated above, hazard mitigation is as much of a land use concern as it is of an emergency management concern. Having licensed New Jersey Professional Planners involved in the development of the HMP is a way of better integrating hazard mitigation planning with county and local land use, transportation and open space planning.
- The discussion on the integration of the hazard mitigation plan with existing plans and programs can be greatly enhanced if it included the recent changes to the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL), enacted in 2021, that contain new vulnerability assessment requirements in the land use plan element of the municipal master plan (P.L. 2021, c.6 (C. 40:55D-28)). This helps create a better nexus between HMP vulnerability assessments and local land use plans.

This discussion is probably best located in the following sections of the Ocean County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

- Section 5.5 Plan Integration; and
- The jurisdictional annexes that comprise Appendices Volume I of the HMP. The discussion should be included in each jurisdictional annex, except Ocean County's.

Element B. Risk Assessment

Strengths

- The risk assessment contains excellent mapping to illustrate the type, location and extent of natural hazards at both the countywide (Section 4.0) and municipal levels (Appendices).
- The wildfire risk assessment is most informative and an improvement over the previous plan iterations. With 14 Ocean County municipalities at high risk for wildfire, this plan update provides excellent mapping of the wildland-urban interface/intermix (WUI) at both the countywide scale, as well as the municipal scale.

Opportunities for Improvement

- [insert comments]

Element C. Mitigation Strategy

Strengths

- The jurisdictional annexes contain excellent summaries of mitigation strategies specific to each jurisdiction.
- A number of municipalities identify as using the Forerunner tool to assist in floodplain management.
- With wildfire mitigation an important issue in Ocean County, it is encouraging to see that some municipalities intend to join the Firewise USA program, which teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action.

Opportunities for Improvement

- The narrative provided in Section 6.5 reads more like a summary of a planning process rather than an actual County mitigation strategy. Actually, the entirety of Chapter 6 is the County's mitigation strategy, starting with the Goals and Objectives, the action prioritizations methodology, and continuing with brief summaries of what the constituent municipalities are trying to accomplish. From a countywide perspective, that sort of narrative can be summed up in a paragraph or two and placed in a separate section before the municipal summaries, which are very good from a reader's perspective. That way, the reader may get a clear idea of what the County's overall mitigation strategy is.

Element D. Plan Maintenance

Strengths

- Annual meetings with municipal representatives and key stakeholders for reviewing plan implementation progress.

Opportunities for Improvement

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(MLUL), enacted in 2021, that contain new vulnerability assessment requirements in the land use plan element of the municipal master plan (P.L. 2021, c.6 (C. 40:55D-28)). This helps create a nexus between HMP vulnerability assessments and local land use plans.

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Element E. Plan Update

Strengths

- The categorization of the statuses of mitigation actions (Withdrawn, Completed, Ongoing, New 2025) is quite helpful in understanding how the HMP has been implemented over the past planning cycle and what needs to be done going forward.

Opportunities for Improvement

- [insert comments]

Element G. HHPD Requirements (Optional)

Strengths

- [insert comments]

Opportunities for Improvement

- Although the HMP has a new Goal 5 “Mitigate High Hazard Potential Dams” and a new Objective 5A “Mitigate the eight High Hazard Potential Dams in the County to reduce the risk of dam failure,” and those eight dams are specifically named, there are no Dam Failure hazards identified in the plan by the County or host municipalities, nor are there any mitigation actions to address HHPDs. Why? For the next update of the Ocean County HMP, address the issue of HHPDs and all dam risks to improve eligibility for HHPD mitigation funding if, in fact, HHPDs are truly an issue in Ocean County and its constituent municipalities.

Element H. Additional State Requirements (Optional)

Strengths

- [insert comments]

Opportunities for Improvement

- [insert comments]