Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Planning Timeline
- First plan adopted in 2010; updates are required every five years
- Update process began in August 2014 and is ongoing
- Submittal of the updated plan to FEMA is anticipated in 2015

Background
Natural disasters cannot be prevented from occurring but, if we tackle some of the biggest risks with hazard mitigation projects, eventually, our hazards won’t become disasters.

Purpose and Need
The Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for Atlantic County was adopted in 2010 to meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (or “DMA 2000”). Its development was led by the County under a FEMA planning grant that covered the costs of its preparation. Though it wasn’t required, Atlantic County opted to use what FEMA calls a ‘multi-jurisdictional’ approach – meaning that instead of it just being a plan for the County government, every municipality was invited to participate as an equal partner with the County. Adopting a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan opened the door for all participating municipalities to be in compliance with DMA 2000, and which is, essentially, actions and projects undertaken to protect things before they get damaged. A hazard mitigation plan describes the hazards that can occur in a community, and then presents actions and projects that will be done to reduce key risks.

For More Information
For questions or other feedback, or to find out how you can become involved, please contact your local elected official or Emergency Management Coordinator; the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Preparedness at 609-407-6742; or visit our web site at www.aclink.org/oep.