

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Adopt Portland's 2016 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, also known as the Mitigation Action Plan, which characterizes Portland's natural hazard exposure; assesses potential impacts of natural hazard events, including physical and social vulnerabilities; and lists the strategies City bureaus intend to implement to reduce potential losses from natural hazards.

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This resolution adopts the City's 2016 natural hazard mitigation plan, known as the Mitigation Action Plan. A state- and federally-approved hazard mitigation plan is required under federal Stafford Act regulations for the city to be eligible for certain types of federal pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding. To remain in compliance, a federally approved plan must undergo a comprehensive update every 5 years. This will be the third version of Portland's natural hazard mitigation plan; Portland's first approved hazard mitigation plan was adopted by City Council in 2004; the second was in 2010. Where appropriate, the 2016 Mitigation Action Plan incorporates policies from previous versions; however, it should be considered a full replacement of the 2010 plan and supersedes any policies therein.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Adoption of the 2016 Mitigation Action Plan does not constitute additional expenditures, changes in staffing, changes in revenues, new financial agreements, or any other budget impacts. Projects listed in the Mitigation Action Plan may be implemented at City Council and bureau discretion as resources allow; the plan should be adopted as non-binding City policy and should serve as guidance for future policies and priority-setting.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Individuals and groups with fewer resources and who have a more difficult time accessing information and services tend to suffer greater consequences during natural hazard events. For this reason, the 2016 Mitigation Action Plan incorporates an equity lens to ensure that the benefits from the plan are focused on those who are most likely to suffer most, and also distributes the burdens equitably. Vulnerability analyses were conducted for each hazard profiled, to demonstrate potentially vulnerable groups living in hazardous areas. Populations assessed included people of color, renters, people who are over 65 and under 15 years of age, and people with limited English proficiency. Issues related to disability were also discussed, although demographic data on people with disabilities were not available at the scale necessary for the analysis.

Risks for each of the nine hazards profiled in the plan are reported citywide and by geographic area, roughly aligning with neighborhood coalition areas and budget reporting areas. This demonstrates the risks most relevant for each reporting area, as well as its distinct population vulnerabilities.

The plan update was guided by a steering committee comprised of representatives from public, community, and neighborhood organizations throughout Portland. Representatives included the Oregon Office of Disability and Health; Coalition of Communities of Color; Linnton, Downtown, Goose Hollow, Hayden Island, and St. Johns Neighborhood Associations; Portland Audubon Society; East Portland Action Plan; New Portlanders Program; Portland Public Schools; and many others. The steering committee set goals and objectives for the plan update, recommended and prioritized actions to be included, and helped develop the outreach and engagement strategy. The outreach strategy included public workshops, which were held in each of Portland's seven neighborhood coalition areas. Workshops and follow-up meetings were also held with the Coalition of Communities of Color and Portland's Community Engagement Liaisons, who serve as the city's bridge to immigrant and refugee communities. To share information about the draft plan and demonstrate how feedback received during the public workshops was incorporated into the plan, four Summer Socials were held in parks in each quadrant of the City. A report documenting public input was developed and included as an annex to the plan, and where appropriate plan content was added or revised to meet public interest.

Testimony will be heard from at least two members of the Mitigation Action Plan steering committee, representing the Portland Audubon Society and the East Portland Action Plan.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount