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AGENDA:

1. Introductions
2. Department Overview
3. Department Highlights
4. New Initiatives
5. Local Municipal Issues & Priorities
6. Next Steps

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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

7 Program Divisions

- Administration
- Community Development
- Design
- Environment
- Housing
- Land Use
- Transportation


Croton Point Park Grasslands Restoration

Croton Point Park, Grasslands Restoration


Westchester RiverWalk Connection, Tarrytown, NY

Bee Line Bus System Redesign


May Fair Affordable Housing

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Affordable Housing Development Funding
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Data Dashboards
- Flood Mitigation Funding
- Hazard Mitigation/Community Resilience
- Soil & Water Programs
- Intergovernmental Coordination
- Legacy/Open Space
- LTAP – Public Housing Authorities
- Municipal Referrals
- NYMTC Regional Transportation Planning
- Regional Issues – Boards & Commissions

NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2024

1. Transportation Planning: Mobility & Bus Redesign Recommendations; OMNY System Implementation; Complete Streets Funding Program
2. Resiliency/Sustainability Planning: Director of Flood Mitigation & Resiliency; MS4 Program
3. Community Development: Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments Study; CDBG Funding Cycle
4. Land Use: Comprehensive Plan; On-Call Planners RFP
5. Housing: Upgrade to HomeSeeker Program

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Project is identified in reconnaissance plan
- Demonstrate need and cost effectiveness
- Must not create or exacerbate problems elsewhere
- Local share of cost at least 50%
- Hazard Mitigation Plan with local mitigation strategies
- Show how local municipality addresses flooding in comprehensive planning and regulations
- Demonstrate commitment to working collaboratively on flooding issues
- Fulfill procurement requirements
- Focused on project development, design and construction

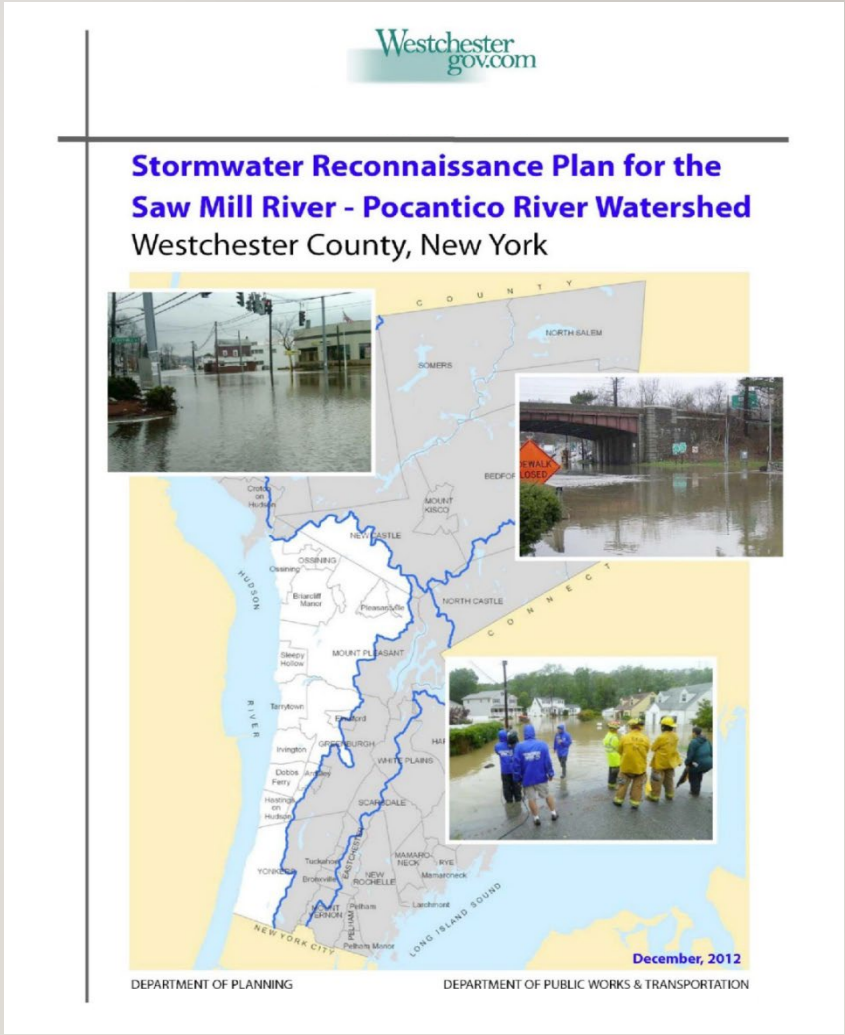
RECONNAISSANCE PLANS

Compile and evaluate existing information and studies, combined with information from municipalities

Prepared for each major drainage basin:

- Saw Mill and Pocantico Rivers
- Bronx River
- Coastal Long Island Sound
- Peekskill – Haverstraw Bay
- Croton River and Inland LIS

Identify and evaluate flood problem areas and potential projects



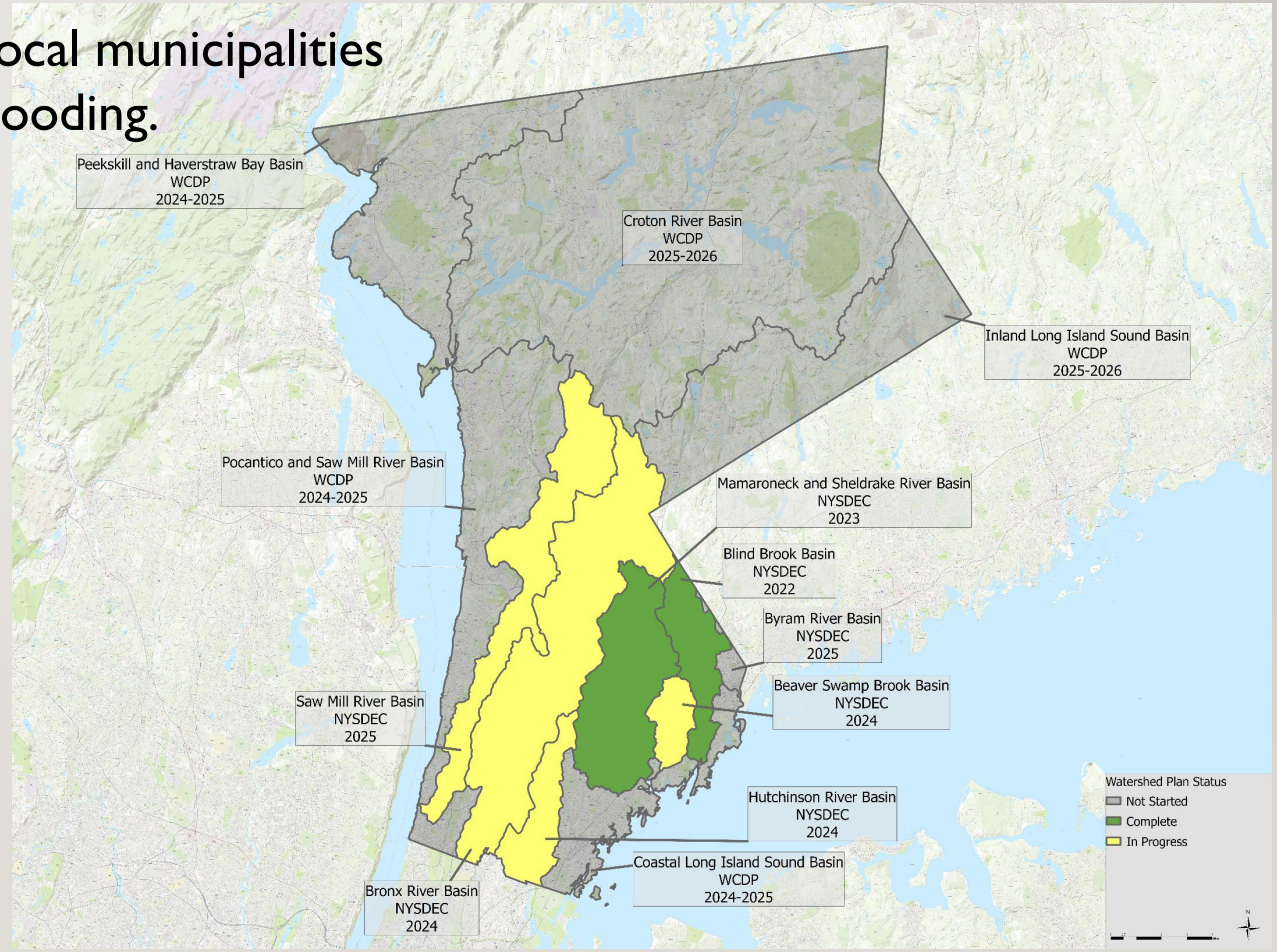
NYSDEC RESILIENT NY

NYSDEC is preparing watershed plans, working with local municipalities and key stakeholders, to identify projects to mitigate flooding.

Schedule:

- ✓ Blind Brook, 2022
- ✓ Mamaroneck-Sheldrake, 2023
- • Beaver Swamp Brook, 2024
- • Bronx River, 2024
- • Saw Mill River, 2024
- • Hutchinson River, 2025
- • Byram River, 2025

The County will prepare plans, following the NYSDEC methodology, for the remaining watersheds.



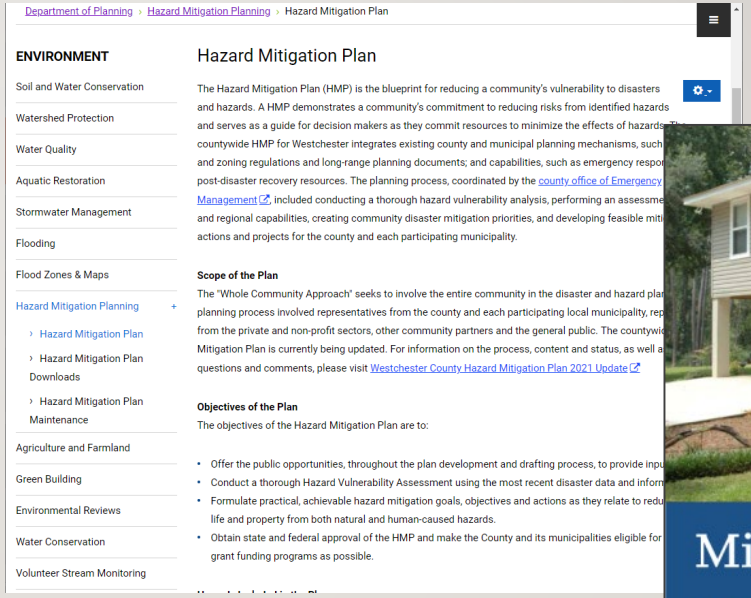
COUNTYWIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

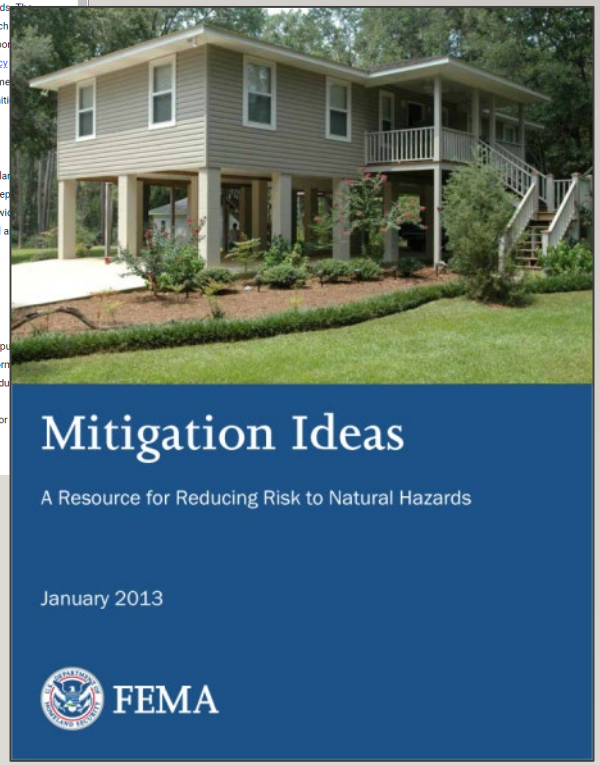
- PLANNING PARTNERS:
  - <u>County Government</u>
    - Steering Committee:
      - Emergency Services/Emergency Management
      - Planning
    - County departments
  - <u>Local municipalities</u>
    - Every local municipality invited to participate

COUNTYWIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

- Multi-Jurisdictional
- Multi-Hazard
- Process and Timeline
- Incorporation into Comprehensive Plans

Section 1	Introduction
Section 2	Plan Adoption
Section 3	Planning Process
Section 4	County Profile
Section 5	Risk Assessment
Section 6	Mitigation Strategies
Section 7	Plan Maintenance Procedures
Section 8	Planning Partnership
Section 9	**Jurisdictional Annexes**





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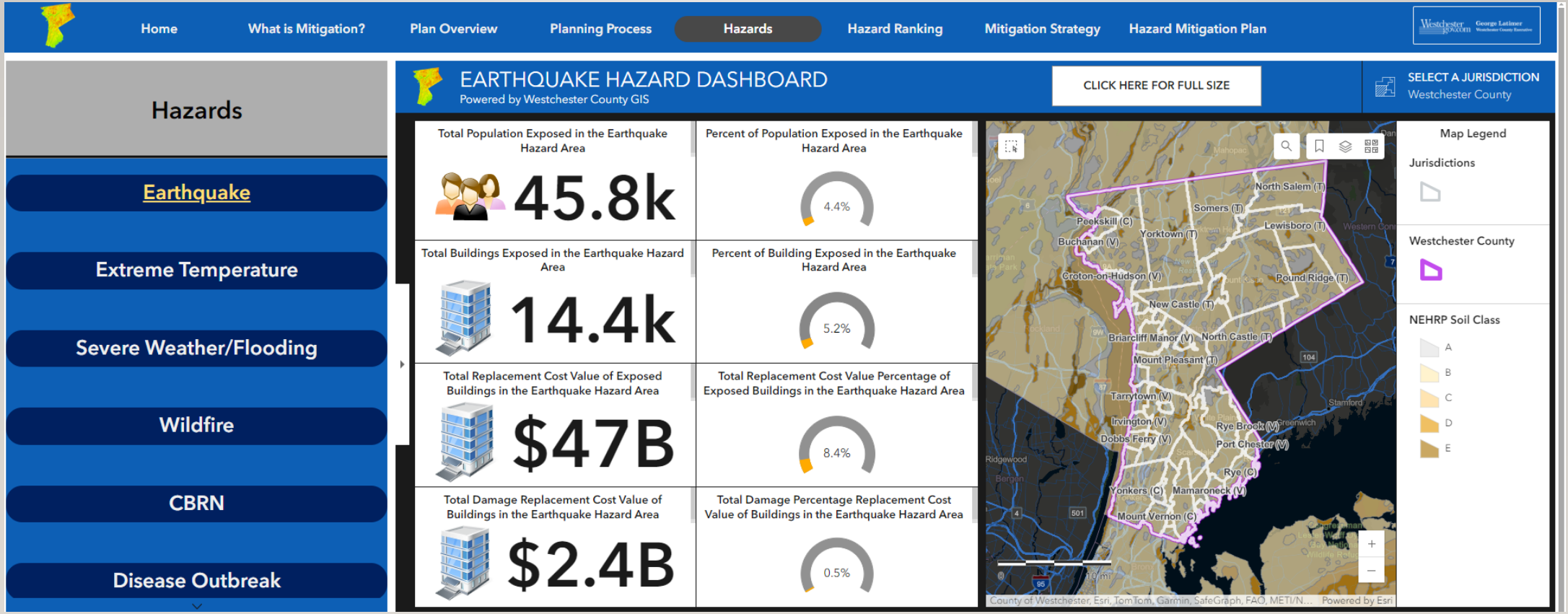
COUNTYWIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Interactive website to disseminate information and better engage the public



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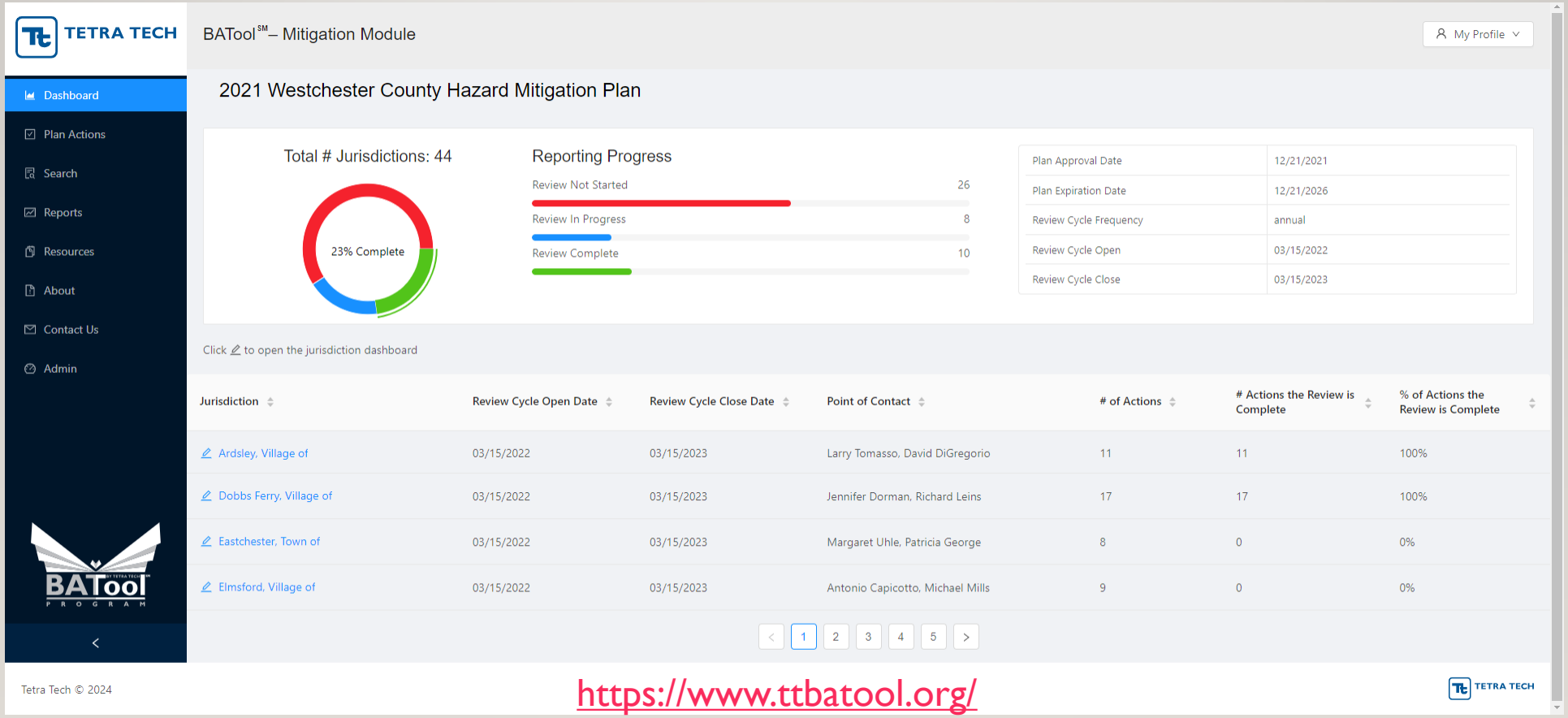
IMPLEMENTATION AND ANNUAL UPDATES

Tetra Tech Baseline Assessment Tool to track mitigation strategies and progress



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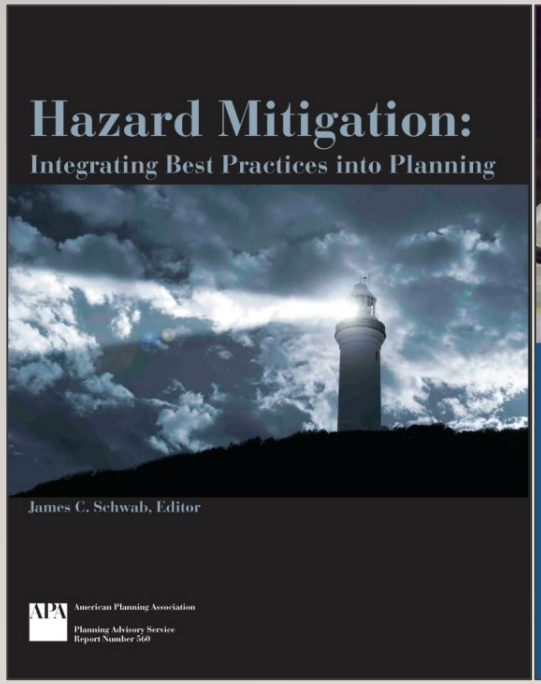
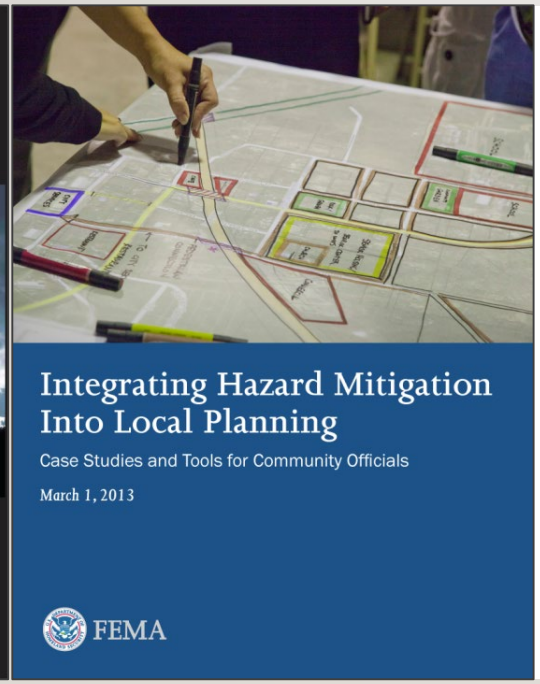
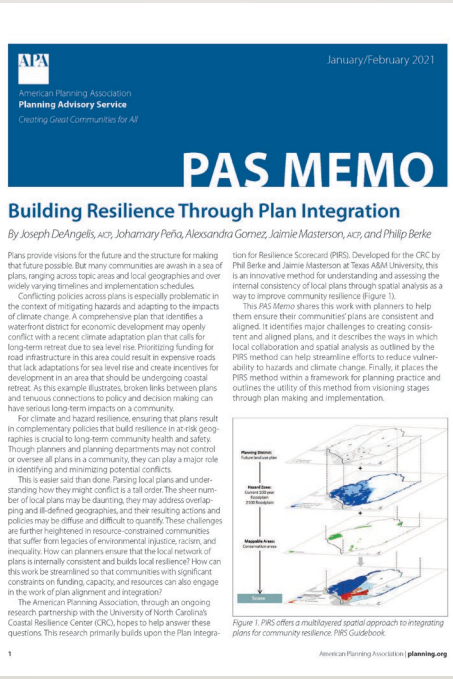
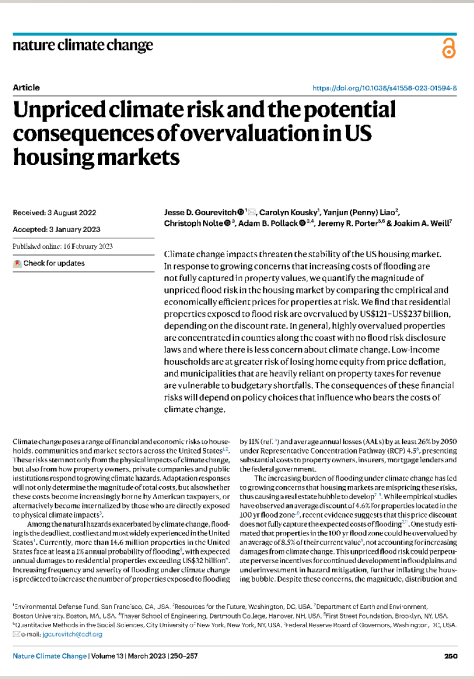
HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING RESOURCES

Plan Development, Implementation and Maintenance









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