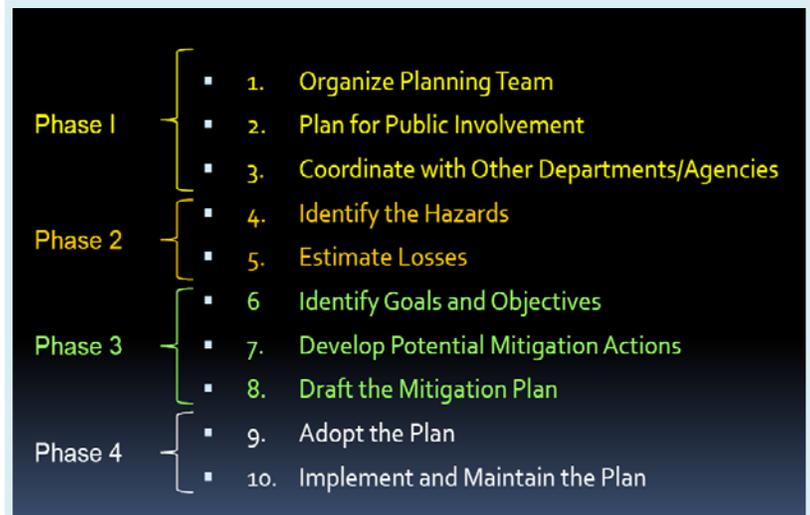


# Knox County, City of Knoxville, and Town of Farragut Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Knox County, the City of Knoxville, and Town of Farragut are beginning the process to update the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to better protect the people and property of the communities from the effects of natural hazard events and to obtain eligibility for mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

## What Is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

A hazard mitigation plan is the result of a planning process to determine how to reduce or eliminate the loss of life and property damage resulting from hazards. This plan will address a comprehensive list of natural hazards – ranging from flooding and earthquakes to tornadoes, and severe winter weather. The plan will assess the likely impacts of these hazards to the unincorporated areas of Knox County, the City of Knoxville, and the Town of Farragut. This planning process is structured around four phases: Phase 1: Organize Resources, Phase 2: Assess Risks, Phase 3: Develop a Mitigation Plan, and Phase 4: Implement the Plan and Monitor Progress. These four phases are further broken down into 10 steps, shown in the box above.



## Why is it Important to Me?

It is important for citizens to become involved in mitigation planning in their community. The planning team needs your input on the types of hazards that are your priority concern. Your opinion on ways to prevent or lessen the impacts of hazards is also valuable input for the planning team.

## What Can I do to Participate?

- ▶ The planning team would like your input on a public survey. This survey captures public opinion on the hazards that are the most significant to you as well as the types of activities that you think will help prevent or reduce losses: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Knox\\_Mitigation](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Knox_Mitigation)
- ▶ Additionally, a Public Meeting will be held on September 26th to get kickoff the planning process with the public and stakeholders:

**5:00 – 7:00pm Tuesday, September 26' 2017**

**Public Works Service Center, Large Conference Room**

**3131 Morris Ave, Knoxville, TN 37909**



Photo Source: FEMA

## Planning Status

The planning team is currently working within Phase 1: Organize Resources. On July 11, 2017, the planning team held a kick-off meeting to organize the planning effort, plan for public involvement opportunities and initiate coordination with other departments and agencies.

## Implementation of the Plan is the Ultimate Goal!

The ultimate goal of this planning process is implementation of mitigation actions that will prevent or lessen the impacts of hazards to people and property in your community. An example is the elevation of structures that repeatedly flood, reducing structural damage in the event of future flooding.

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