

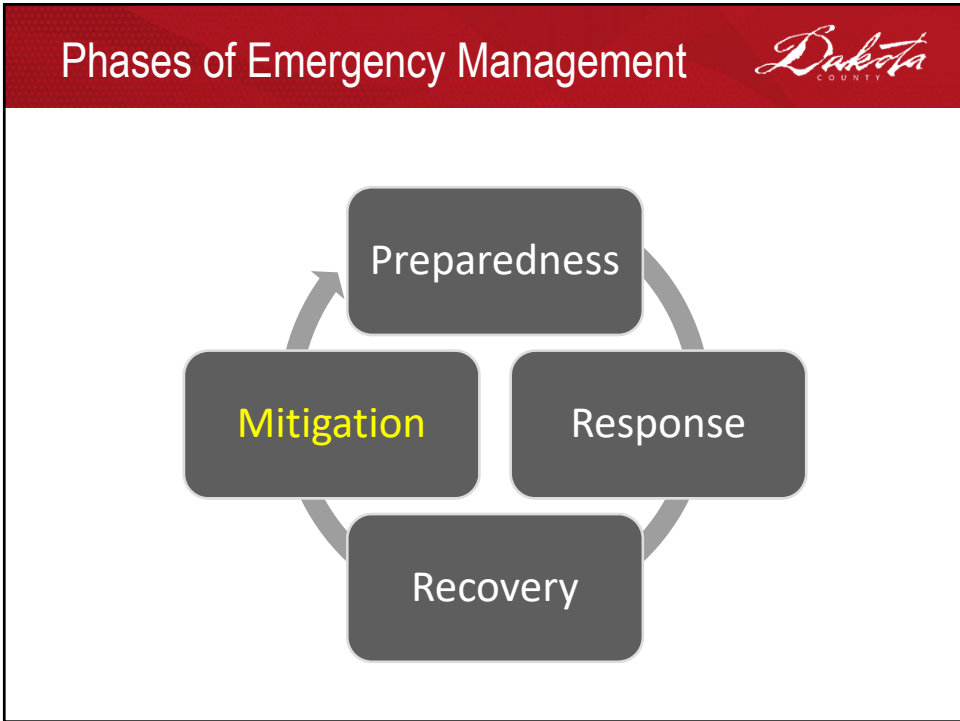
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# 2021 Update: Dakota County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

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## Preparedness



- Minimize disaster damage
- Enhance disaster response
- Prepare organizations and individuals to respond

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## Response



- Provide emergency assistance
- Reduce the probability of additional injuries or damage
- Speed recovery operations

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## Recovery



- Return systems to normal levels
- Short-term vs. long-term

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## Mitigation



Actions that eliminate or reduce long term risks to human life and property from natural and technological hazards

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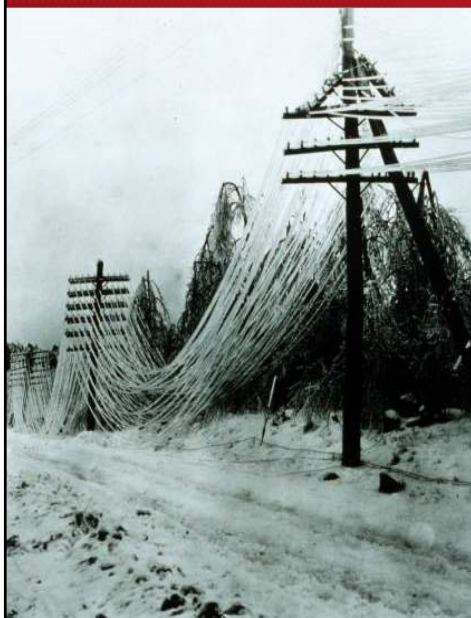
## Mitigation



- Occurs before, during, or after the emergency in all phases of emergency management
- Is the only phase that can break the “cycle”

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## Mitigation Plan Requirements



- Disasters are costly – loss of life, property damage, economic disruption.
- Federal Disaster Management Act of 2000: FEMA established a national disaster mitigation program.

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## Mitigation Plan Requirements



- Program Goals: reduce vulnerability and to save funds
- An approved All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required for communities to be eligible for federal disaster relief and hazard mitigation funding

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## Mitigation Plan Benefits



- Allows communities to plan for a disaster before it occurs
- Helps reduce risk and minimize impact from future events
- Breaks the cycle of disaster-repair-disaster in a community

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## Man-Made and Natural Disasters *Dakota* COUNTY

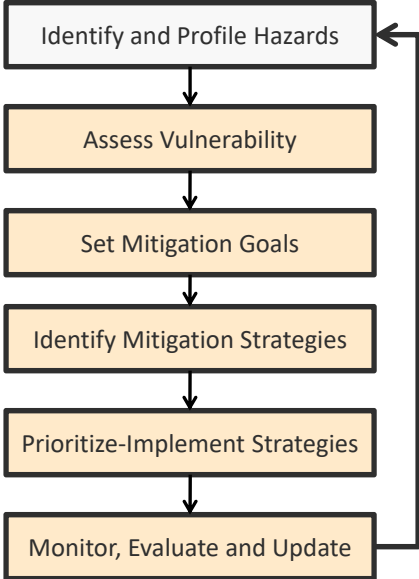


- Violent storms (winter, summer) and extreme temperatures
- Tornado
- Structural Fire
- Floods
- Drought
- Hazardous materials release
- Infectious disease outbreak
- Terrorism
- Water supply contamination
- Bridge/structure/dam collapse
- Landslide
- Cyber-Attack
- Wildfire

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## Planning Process, Every Five Years *Dakota* COUNTY

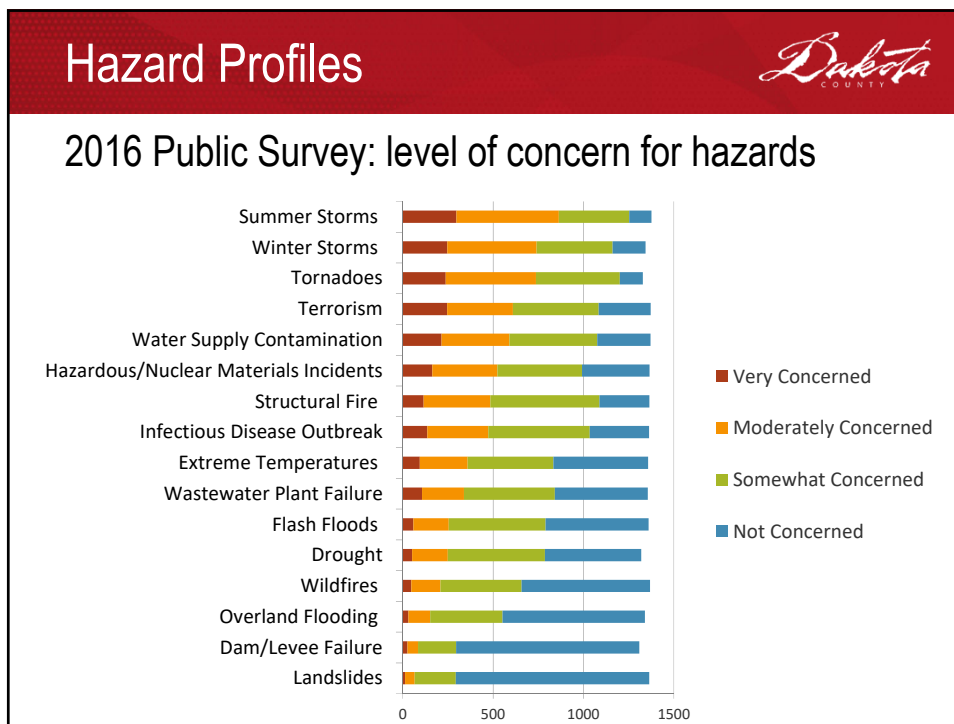
Communities must identify most likely hazards, assess their vulnerability to those hazards, and prepare strategies to prevent (mitigate) future losses.



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    A[Identify and Profile Hazards] --> B[Assess Vulnerability]
    B --> C[Set Mitigation Goals]
    C --> D[Identify Mitigation Strategies]
    D --> E[Prioritize-Implement Strategies]
    E --> F[Monitor, Evaluate and Update]
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## 2021 Update *Dakota* COUNTY



- Dakota County's plan to be approved by Jan 2022
- Update must include:
  - Progress on 2016 strategies
  - Changes in communities
  - Updated vulnerability
  - Focus areas, e.g. floods, pandemic, cyber-attack
  - City assessments and strategies (multi-jurisdiction plan)
  - County assessments and strategies (Townships covered by County Plan)

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## 2021 Update



- Project Team will meet with City Managers, Emergency Managers, Domestic Preparedness Committee, and Partner Organizations throughout the project.
- Public engagement at key milestones
- Proposed Timeline
  - 2021 Address strategies from 2016 plan
  - 2021 Rewrite plan with partner input
  - 2021-2022 Community engagement, adoption by cities, County, State, and FEMA

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## Planning Commission Updates



- Notify of upcoming public engagement activities throughout the process
- Return in May or June with potential new strategies
- Return in July or August with the draft updated Plan

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Questions and comments from the Commission