

## New 2022 Mitigation Goals

Upon completion of the 2022 Hazard Identification Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Analysis, the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) was able to review goals as part of the mitigation strategies. The goals serve as the basis for implementing mitigation action items, which aid in mitigating the hazards that have impacted or potentially will impact Ocean City, Maryland. HMPC members were given the opportunity to review and discuss existing goals at the August 3, 2022, Mitigation Workshop. As a result, no goals were removed; however, several goals were modified during the review process. One new goal, shown in red text, was added during this plan update process.

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1. Implement preventive measures to mitigate hazards and increase community resiliency.
2. Continue to maintain CRS rating to decrease the cost of flood insurance for Ocean City residents by:
  - Reduce flood losses;
  - Facilitating accurate insurance ratings; and
  - Promote the awareness of flood insurance.
3. Encourage and promote residential and commercial property protection measures by modifying buildings to withstand floods, erosion, and wave action or by removing buildings from hazardous locations.
4. In partnership with Maryland Coastal Bays preserve, maintain, and/or restore natural areas such as floodplains, wetlands and dunes and their natural functions.
5. Continue structural mitigation projects to lessen the impacts of flooding to protect already existing development and critical facilities.
6. Conduct public education and awareness activities.
7. Continue to implement emergency services measures to minimize hazard impacts on people and property.
8. **Reduce lifeline vulnerability through mitigation activities.** A lifeline enables the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and is essential to human health and safety or economic security.

### Long-term resiliency goals include:

9. Expansion of recreation facilities while addressing the need to make appropriate use of land at risk for flooding.
10. Strengthening the ability of Ocean City government and its critical facilities to function after hazard events.
11. Developing processes and guidelines for post-event assessments and repairs that will accelerate the evaluation process, including the designation of building that can be “used during repair” after an event.

12. Collaborating with adjacent jurisdictions for mutual aid during response and recovery phase.
13. Developing education and awareness programs to enhance understanding, preparedness, and opportunities for community resilience.
14. Ensuring that key transportation routes and bridges remain serviceable.
15. Engage the seafood industry in resilience discussions. Work collaboratively with Delaware and Virginia resources to improve efficiencies within this industry as a preparatory step to a formal resilience plan.
16. Include the State Manufacturing Extension Partnership program and University Industrial Assessment Centers in resiliency discussions; and
17. Explore renewable energy opportunities within Ocean City, especially solar that would provide for additional energy storage capacity (batteries associated with solar collection) that could be tapped in times of need due to storm events and longer-term sea-level rise events.