

## APPENDIX 1.3 –PRESS RELEASES, NEWS ARTICLES, ONLINE COVERAGE

This appendix represents a sampling of press releases, articles in local news media / social media and online websites regarding the mitigation plan update.

<https://www.atlantic-county.org/hazard-mitigation/>

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Atlantic County website. The page title is "Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Project". The header includes the Atlantic County logo and navigation tabs for RESIDENTS, VISITORS, BUSINESS, COUNTY GOVERNMENT, and HOME. The main content area contains several paragraphs of text explaining the project's goals, the history of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the current update process. A sidebar on the right lists various resources and contact information for the Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Department of Public Safety.

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**Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Project**

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Hazard mitigation plans are developed BEFORE a disaster strikes. The plans identify community policies, actions, and tools for long-term implementation to reduce risk and potential for future losses. Adopted, implemented and maintained on an ongoing basis, these plans will gradually, but steadily, lessen the impacts associated with hazard events in Atlantic County.

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Hazard mitigation plans must be updated and re-approved by FEMA on a five-year cycle. In August 2014, the planning team initiated the process for the first of the plan's formal updates since its inception. All 23 of the County's municipalities opted to participate in the first update, which was approved and adopted in February 2016. [View/download the 2016 version of the plan.](#)

The second update of the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is underway. The process began in April 2021. All municipalities are again being invited to participate as equal partners with the County in this multi-jurisdictional plan. A draft of the updated document is targeted for completion in the Fall of 2021. Your input is vital to this process!

For more information on the project and to find out how you can become involved, please download our "Project Fact Sheet" [\[Download\]](#)

**Department of Public Safety**  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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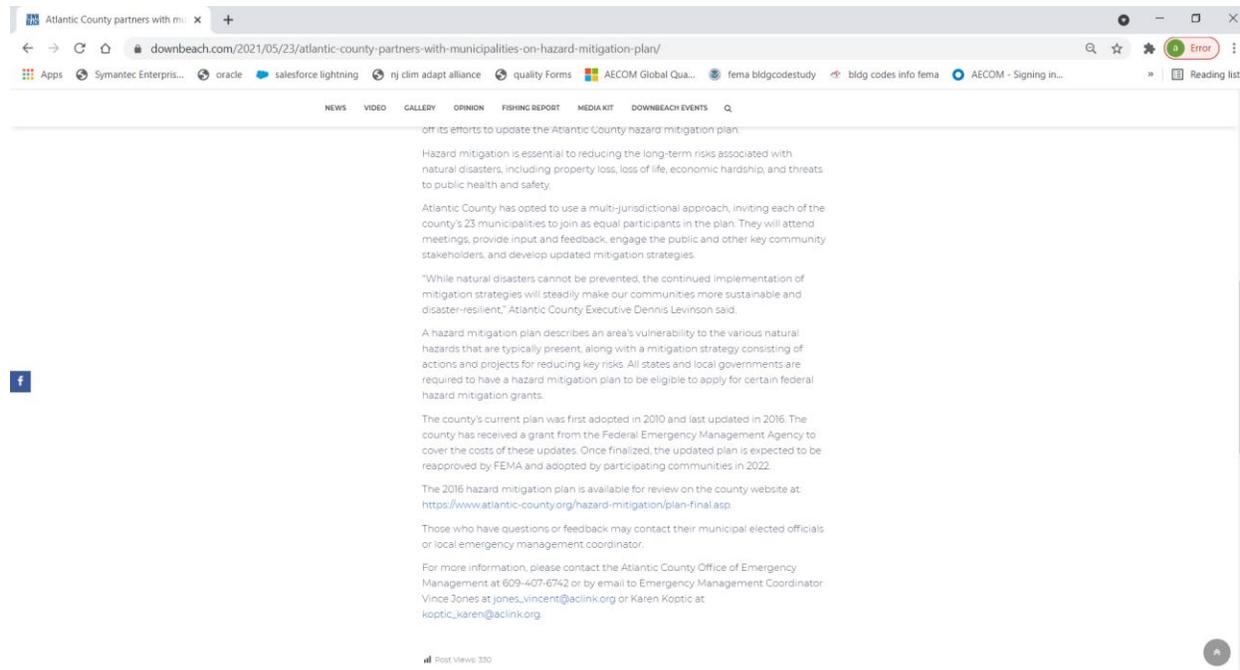
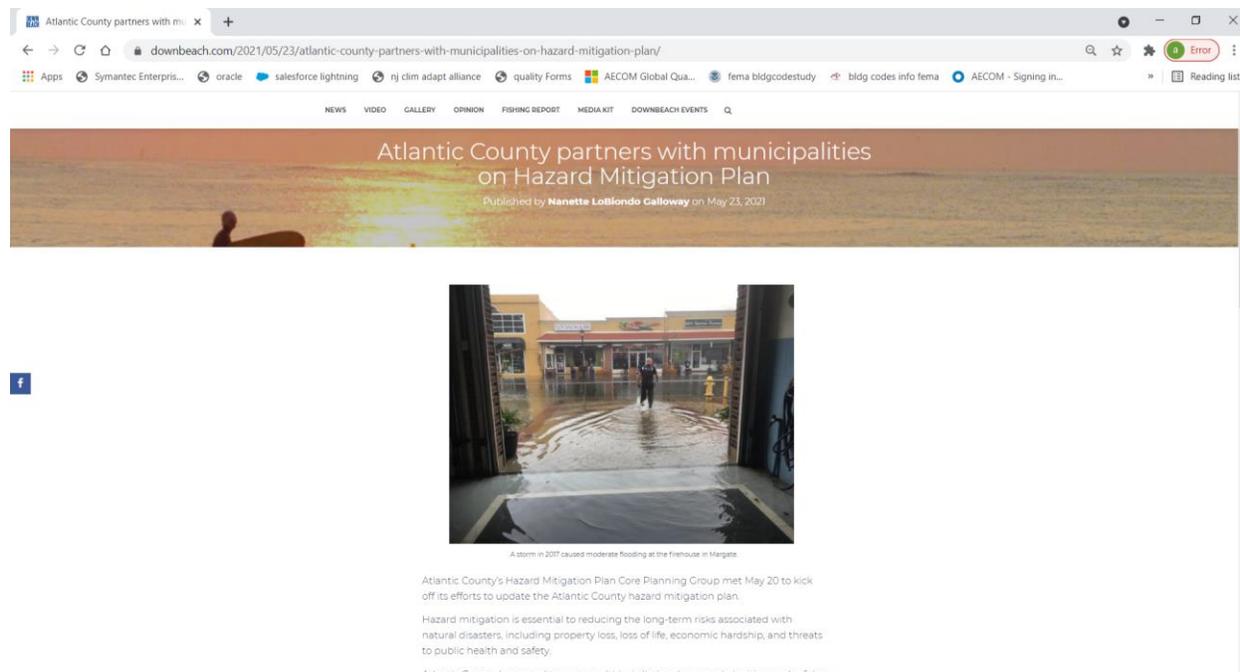
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- Participating Jurisdictions
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- Department of Public Safety

**Links**

- New Jersey Office of Emergency Management [\[External Link\]](#)

<https://www.downbeach.com/2021/05/23/atlantic-county-partners-with-municipalities-on-hazard-mitigation-plan/>



<http://www.eggharborcity.org/2021/05/atlantic-county-multi-jurisdictional-natural-hazard-mitigation-planning-project-2021/>

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For questions or other feedback, or to find out how you can become involved, please contact your community's local elected official or Emergency Management Coordinator.

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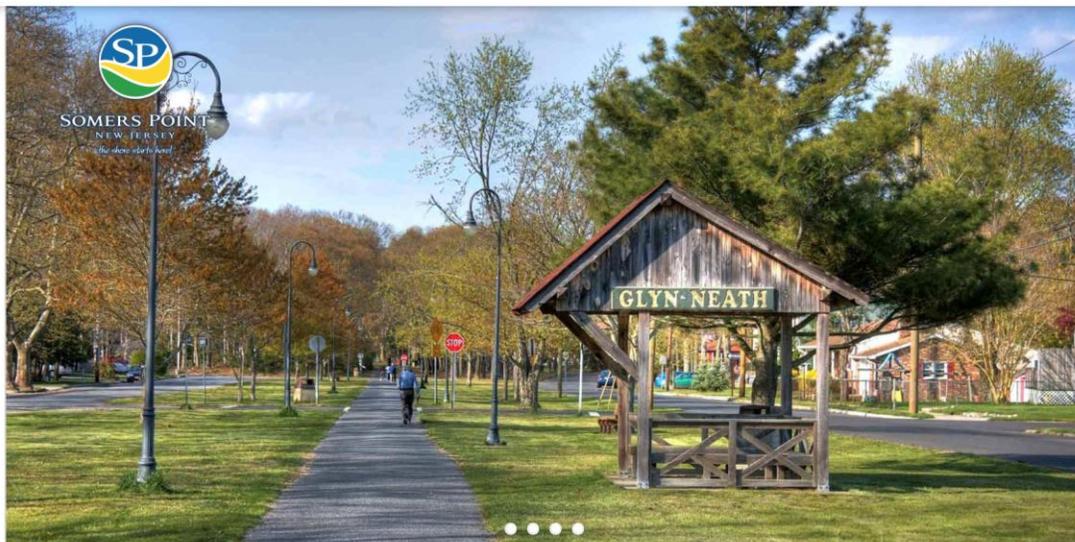
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**WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT**

Welcome to the City of Somers Point, New Jersey Web site. Somers Point is located approximately ten miles south-west of Atlantic City on Greate Egg Harbor Bay, where we have the charm of a quaint Bay Village reminiscent of the days of great fishing and shipbuilding which were the mainstay of old South Jersey.

With our many fine restaurants and marinas and a fabulous view of the bay from Kennedy Park (once known as "High Banks Park") this little town is one of the great attractions to the Jersey Shore. I invite everyone to explore this site in order to learn more about us, and then take the time to visit and enjoy what Somers point has to offer.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Jack Glasser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Residential Sanitation and Recycle Schedule 2021**

Residential Sanitation and Recycle Schedule 2021

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**Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Second Update 2021**

The City of Somers Point is currently Participating in the Second Update of the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Please see attachment.

[More information](#)

**Citizen Leadership Form**

Citizen Leadership Form

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**5th Annual Art in the Park June 26 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

The Somers Point Arts Commission presents the 5th annual Art in the Park at John F. Kennedy Park. Art in the Park features the work of a number of local and regional, professional and amateur artists for exhibit and sale, and a "plein aire" painting competition by artists painting on location. Prizes will be awarded to both professional and amateur artists; attendees to the event will vote for the People's Choice Award. Additional fun-filled attractions will include interactive art experiences for adults and children, entertainment by the Tom Angello Jazz Trio and by local favorite singer/guitarist Marc Wasserman. There will be a children's clothesline art exhibit featuring the work of Somers Point Students in the after-school C.A.S.T.L.E program. Interactive art activities for children include Cardboard Construction, Collage Corner, Design & Paint Your Own Backpack, Yoga and Face painting. Food vendors include Jay's Crab Shack, Upper Sandwiches, Maui Joe's Shaved Ice, and Mr. Ice Cream Man. The event is free and open to the public. Kennedy Park provides handicapped parking and additional assistance will be provided by request two weeks prior to the event by emailing somersptarts@gmail.com.

**City of Somers Point Fills New Recreation Role**

The City of Somers Point is pleased to announce the hiring of Douglas Shallcross as new Recreation Director for the City. Please join us in welcoming Doug to this new leadership role on behalf of the Administration, City Council, Volunteers, and the

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Atlantic County kicks off hazard mitigation plan update efforts

Atlantic County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Core Planning Group was scheduled to meet recently to kick off its efforts to update the Atlantic County hazard mitigation plan.

Atlantic County has opted to use a multi-jurisdictional approach, inviting each of the county's 23 municipalities to join as equal participants in the plan. They will attend meetings, provide input and feedback, engage the public and other key community stakeholders, and develop updated mitigation strategies.

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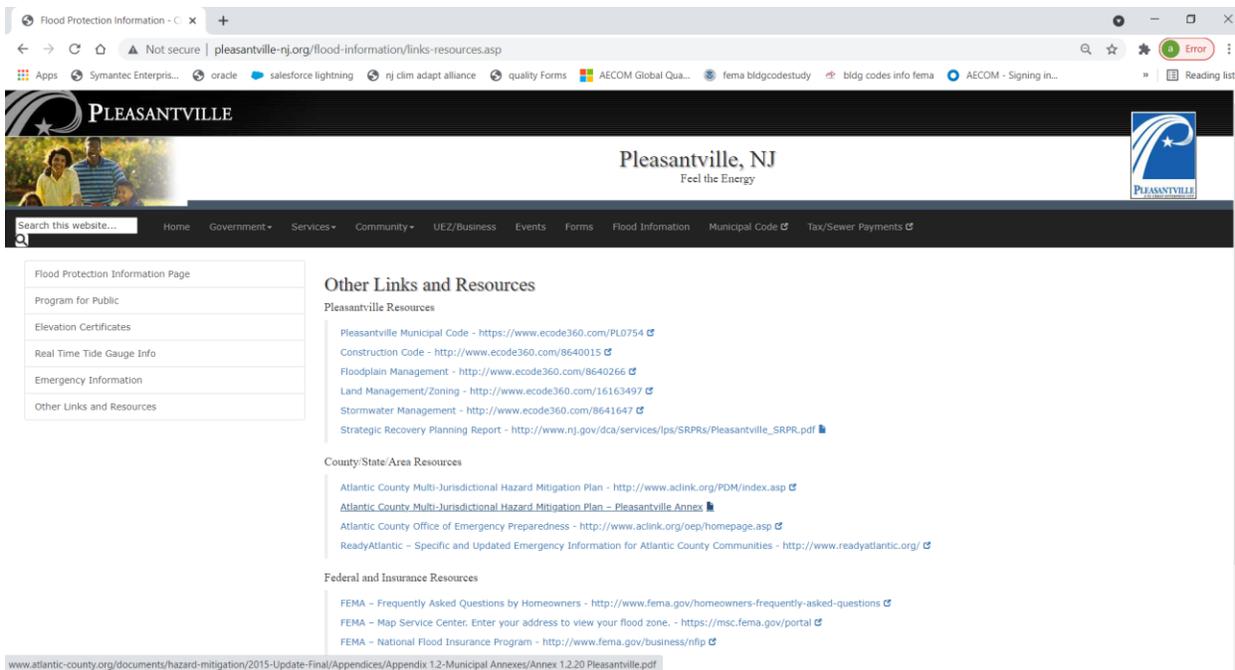
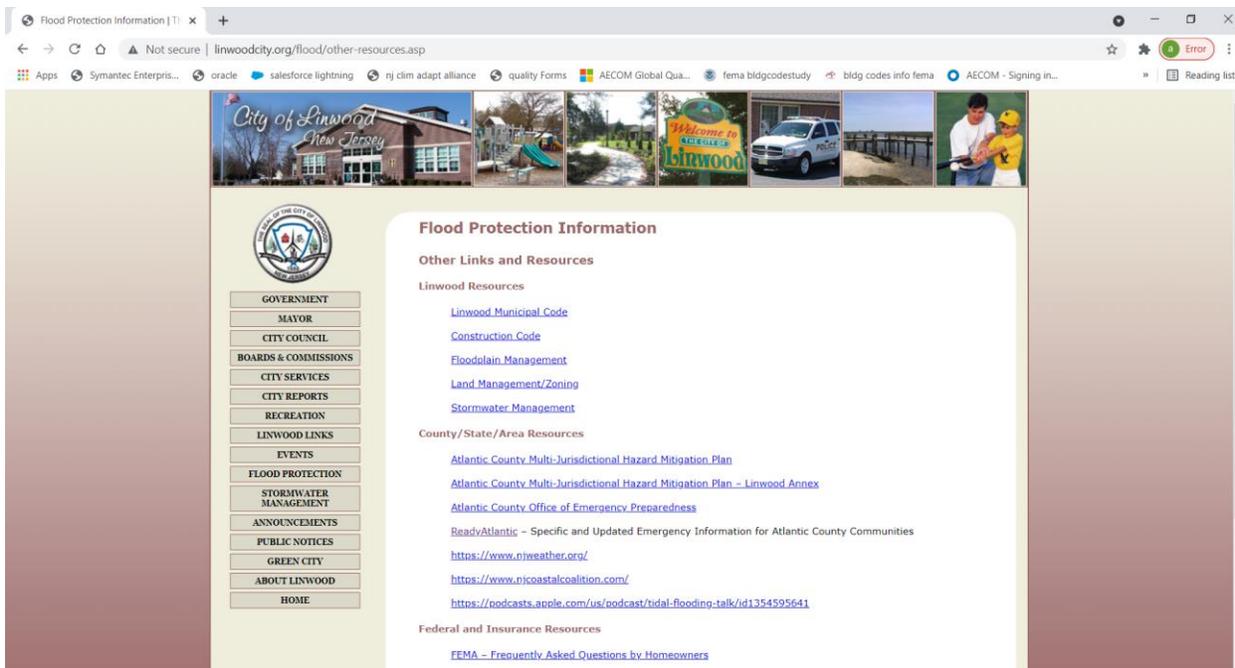
The county's current plan was first adopted in 2010 and last updated in 2016. The county has received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover the costs of these updates. Once finalized, the updated plan is expected to be reapproved by FEMA and adopted by participating communities in 2022.

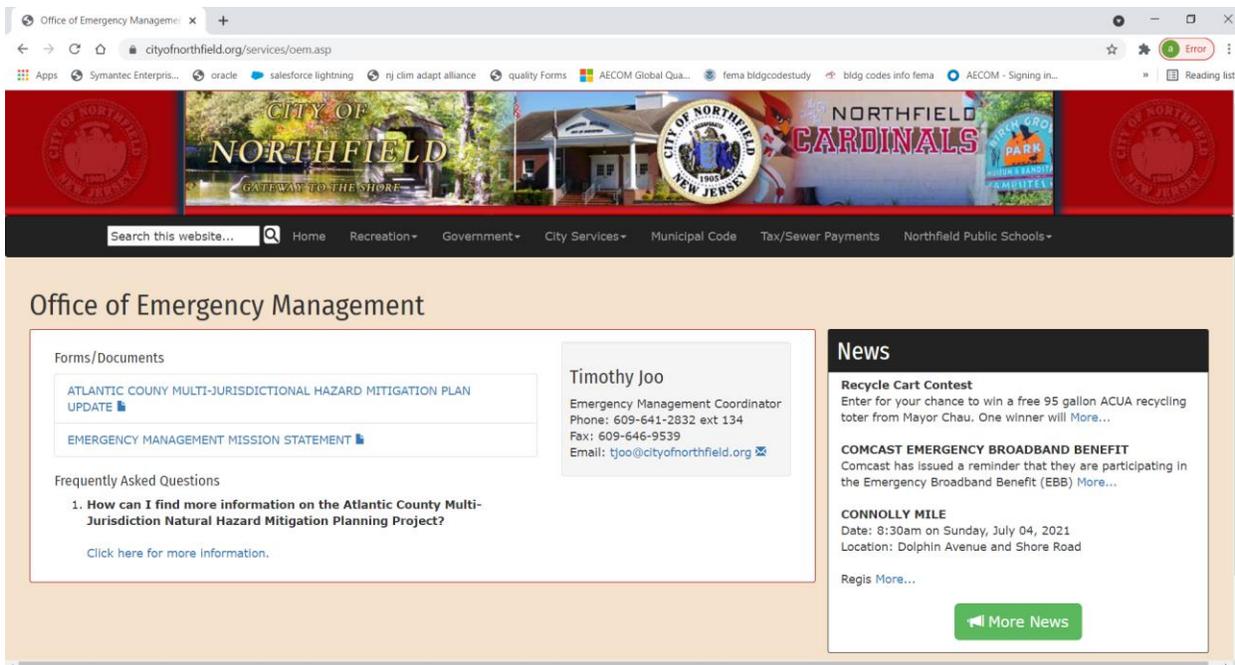
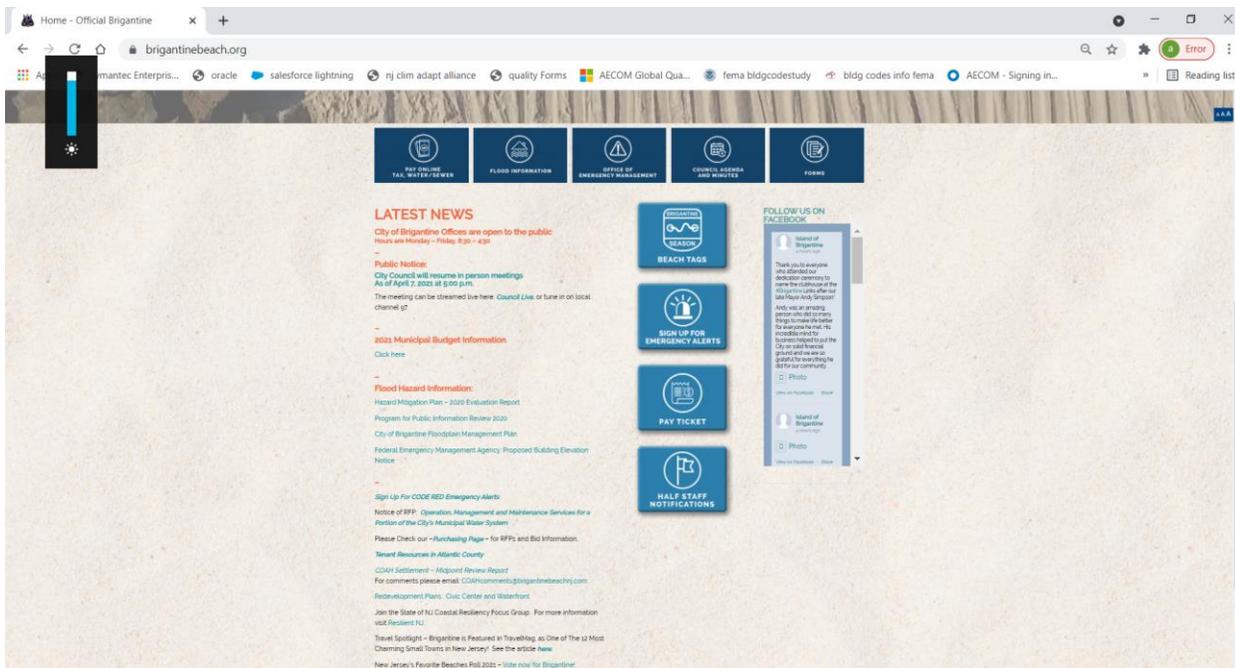
The 2016 hazard mitigation plan is available for review at [www.atlantic-county.org/hazard-mitigation/plan-final.asp](http://www.atlantic-county.org/hazard-mitigation/plan-final.asp).

Those who have questions or feedback may contact their municipal elected officials or local emergency management coordinator.

For information, call the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management at (609) 407-6742 or email Vince Jones, county emergency management coordinator, at [jones\\_vincent@aclink.org](mailto:jones_vincent@aclink.org) or Karen Koptic, operations and training officer, at [koptic\\_karen@aclink.org](mailto:koptic_karen@aclink.org).

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Longport surveying residents for Hazard Mitigation Plan - DOWNBEACH



By NANETTE LoBIONDO GALLOWAY

LONGPORT – The borough is asking full- and part-time residents to take a 10-question survey to determine their knowledge of natural and man-made disasters. The results will help the borough coordinate activities that reduce injury and property damage from storms and fires.

According to Emergency Management Coordinator Bruce Funk, the survey will be used to update a hazard mitigation plan prepared in 2007. The results of the survey will help local officials develop priorities and goals and objectives that will help alleviate damage from flooding and storms.

“We want to find out what people know about potential hazards and if they are heeding our advice,” he said.

Funk said nearly 75% of the goals and objectives developed as a result of the 2007 survey have been accomplished, including relocating to higher ground utilities in the borough public buildings, such as Borough Hall and the Volunteer Fire Department. 

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flood regularly. The grant funded installation of water level sensors that collect real time data on flooding events. The OEM office can now predict flooding events will occur when the tide reaches 7 feet above normal, Funk said.

"We are now developing an early warning system to contact people who live in those areas when we expect flooding," he said.

Survey results will be compiled, and recommendations will be included in the borough's response to the Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The county's plan was originally adopted in 2010 to meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. All Atlantic County municipalities were invited to participate in the plan, which is updated every five years.

Funk said the survey was posted to the municipal website [www.longportnj.gov](http://www.longportnj.gov) two days ago and 10 people have already taken the survey.

Some of the questions ask what types of hazards are concerning to Longport residents, if they have taken steps to make their homes safer from hazards, what sources they use to obtain information, and if they have prepared a "To Go Kit" that contains all the necessary documents, medications and family contacts in the event they need to immediately evacuate.

The survey also gives responders the chance to sign up to receive automatic CodeRED notifications through email, voice messaging or text message.

The Longport Office of Emergency Management is also currently preparing its annual 16-page Longport Emergency Management Planning Guide, which will be mailed to all residents this summer.

The guide includes important information about FEMA, the National Flood Insurance Program, and how to prepare your home for emergencies.

The borough is also participating in the Atlantic County Resiliency Plan, which includes input from many South Jersey coastal communities. That plan will target flooding as a regional issue and include planning beyond 2050.

To participate in the survey, see

[https://cities.formstack.com/forms/longport\\_hazard\\_mitigation\\_survey](https://cities.formstack.com/forms/longport_hazard_mitigation_survey).



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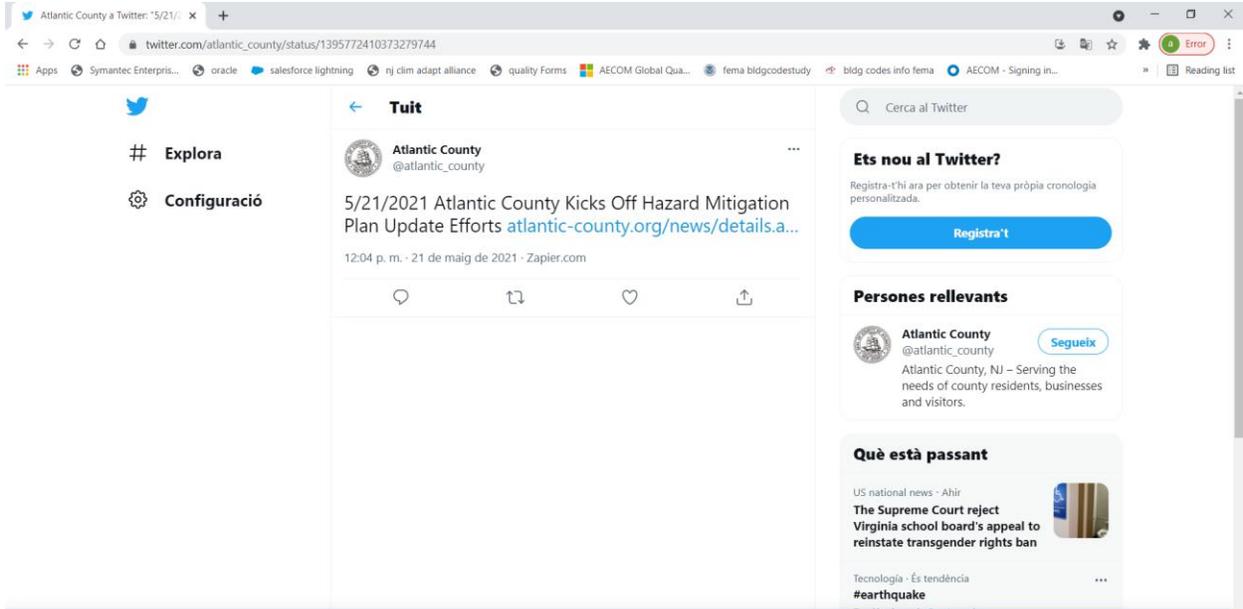
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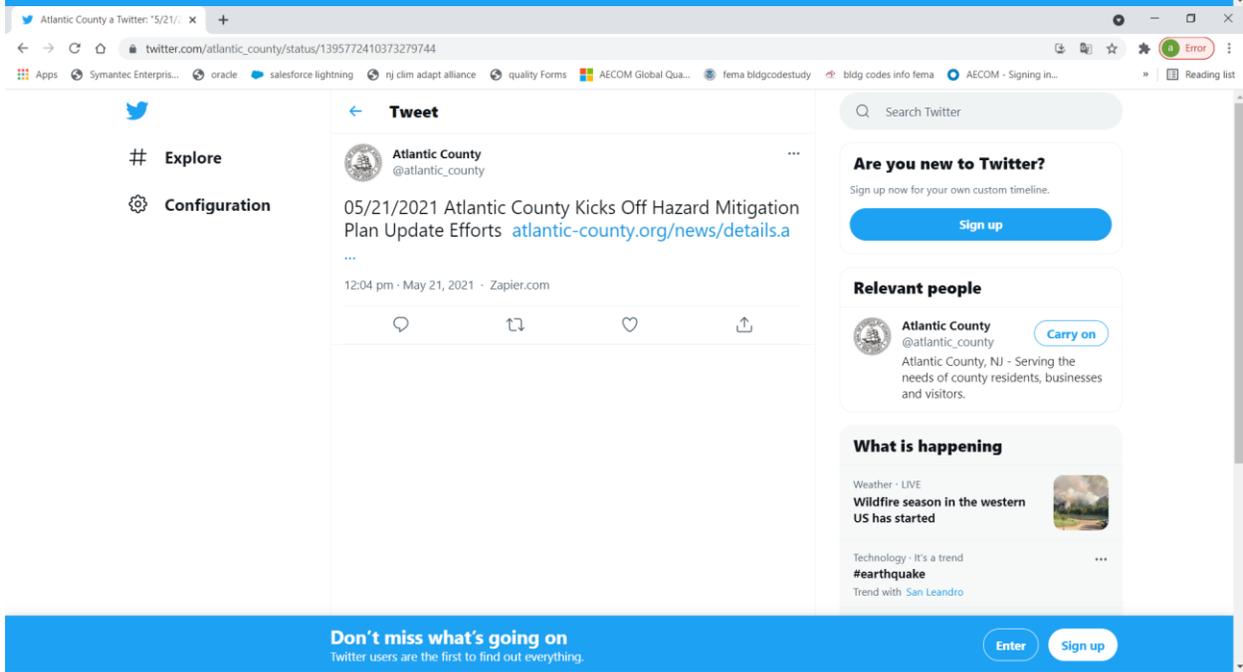


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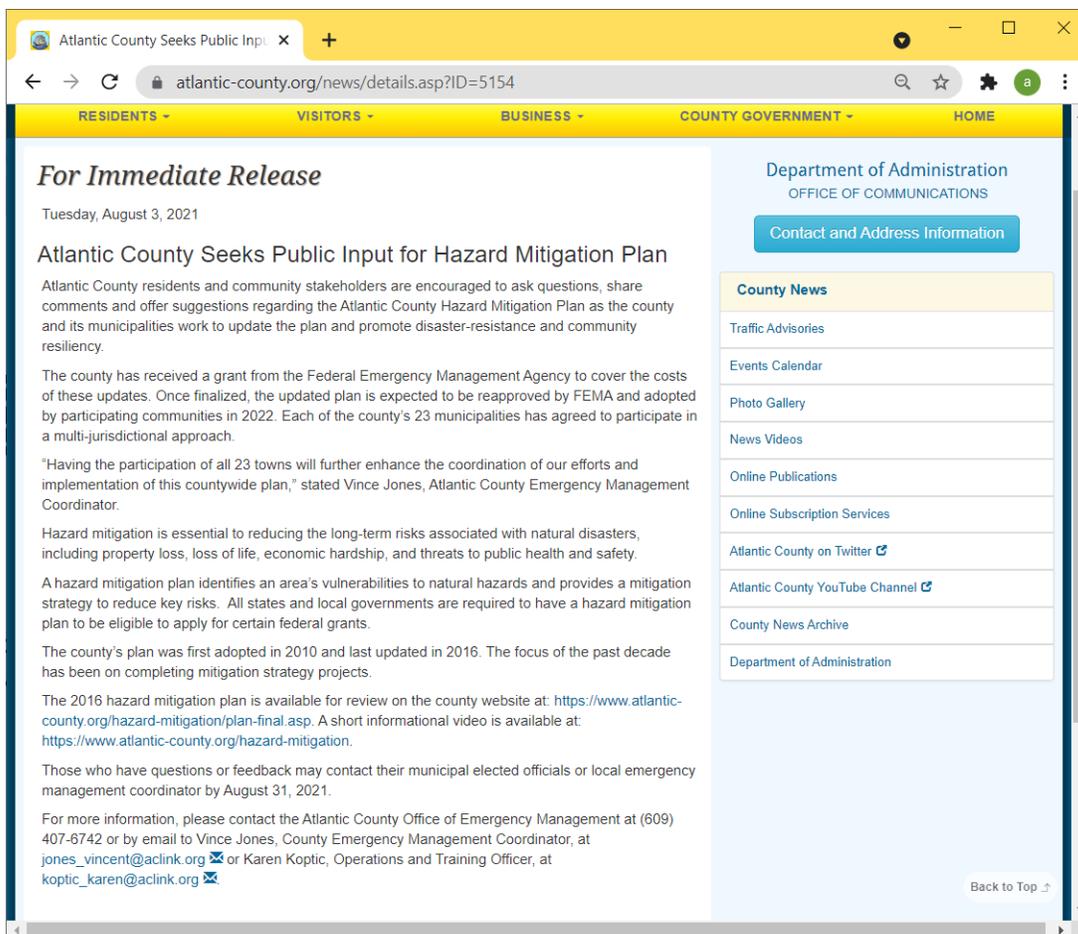
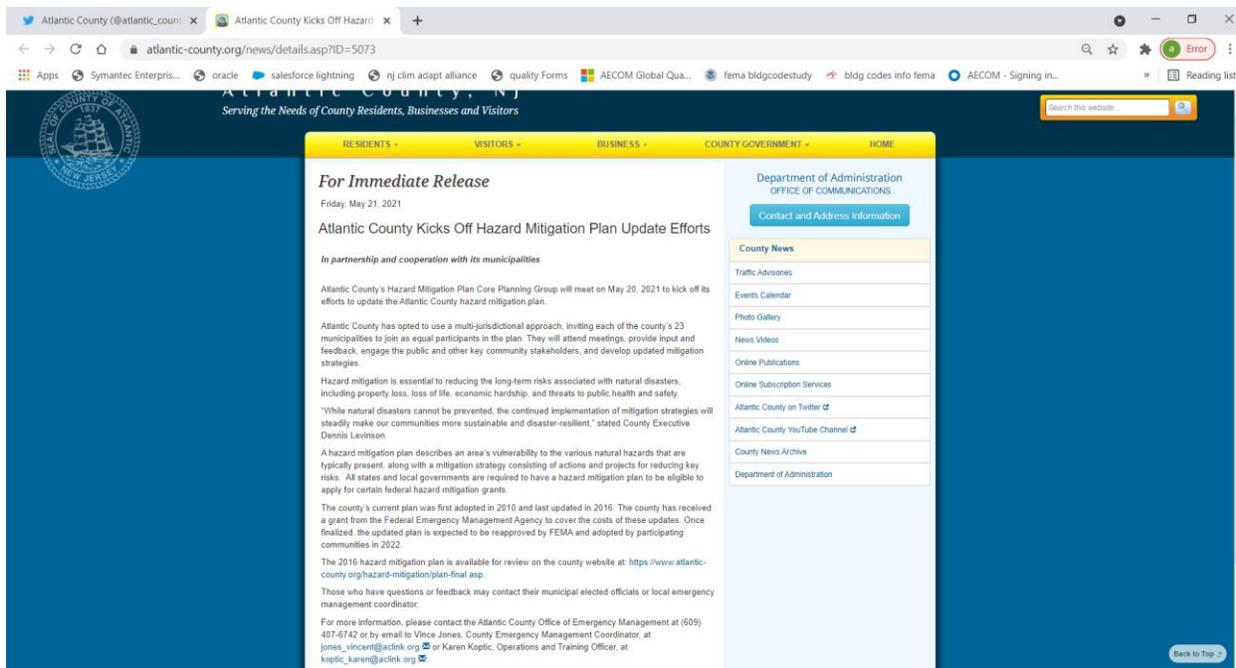
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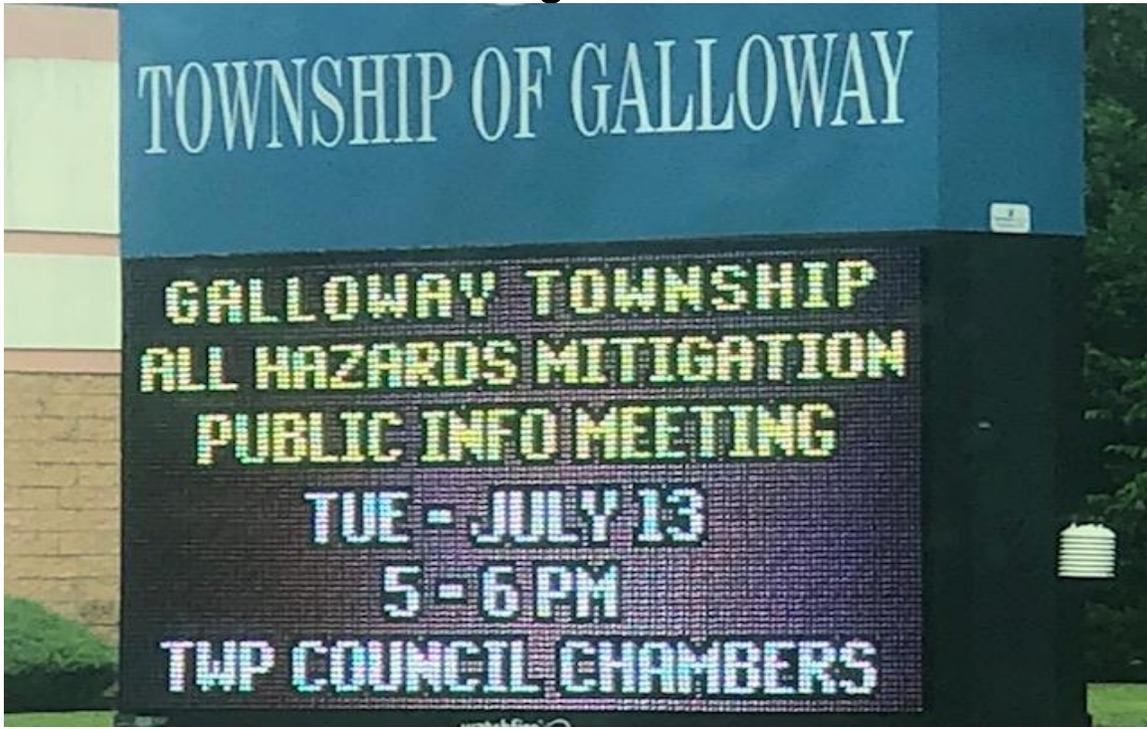
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## Galloway Township Electronic Message Board with Public Meeting Announcement



### Email sent to stakeholders (LTFCF, Stockton University, business, department heads)



As stakeholders in Galloway Township, we wanted to reach out to you to let you know that the township is participating in the 2021 Atlantic County FEMA pre-disaster mitigation plan update. You can find more information on the township website: [GTNJ.org](http://GTNJ.org) or at the County's site at <http://www.aclink.org/PDM>.

Hand-outs and information will be available prior to the Tuesday July 13th Galloway Council meeting from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

For additional, questions or other feedback, or to find out how you can become involved, please contact your community's local Emergency Management Coordinator at 609-652-3700 ext. 206 or email: [GTOEM@gtnj.org](mailto:GTOEM@gtnj.org)

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**Upcoming Events**

**7-13-2021 Council Meeting:** Jul 13, 2021 | 06:30PM

**PB Meeting:** Jul 15, 2021 | 07:00PM

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## Borough of Longport

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT - OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE AND  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 27, 2021  
9:30 AM**

Please be advised that there will be an OPEN PUBLIC MEETING on August 27, 2021, at 9:30 am in the Commission Chambers of Longport Borough Hall located at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. The Public is invited to attend and participate in this planning process. Please note that the Longport Board of Commissioners may be present at this meeting to discuss issues impacting the Borough, but no official action will be taken at this meeting.

The Borough's Hazard Mitigation Committee and the Borough's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEMC) will be discussing the following items:

- 1. Hazard Mitigation Plan**
  - Review current hazards, hazard mitigation survey results, prioritize hazards
  - Vulnerability Assessment
  - Mitigation Strategy
- 2. Update on the Atlantic County "All Hazard Mitigation Plan"**
- 3. Nuisance Flooding Analysis, Planning and Warning System**
- 4. Flood Insurance Analysis and Plan**
- 5. Status on FEMA Elevation Grants**
- 6. Flood Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant - proposed Winchester Avenue flood control**

**What's coming to Downbeach in the Future**

- Army Corps of Engineers "Back Bay Study"
- Atlantic Electric Grid Plan
- DEP Flood Hazard Control Act - proposed changes

Monica Kyle, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Longport

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NEWS & NOTICES

Notice: Open Public Meeting Hazard Mitigation Committee and Local Emergency Planning Committee on August 27th at 9:30am. [Click here.](#)

• Longport Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fireworks Display scheduled for August 21st has been RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 28th due to weather concerns. [Click here](#) for information.

• The Atlantic County Coastal Region Resilient NJ team wants to hear from you! Please visit our online mapping tool to provide your feedback on what areas of the region are vulnerable to flooding, where critical assets are in your community, and where a future resilience project might be located. [Click here](#) for more information!

• LONGPORT TAX BILL NOTICE - 2021 THIRD QUARTER PROPERTY TAX BILLS: The Borough of Longport has not yet received the tax rate from the Atlantic County Board of Taxation. The due date for the 2021 Third Quarter Property Tax Bill will be extended. Once the rate is received, tax bills will be mailed with the new due date. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The Top Five Things to Know About in-Person Early Voting in New Jersey: Earlier this year, a law was passed allowing in-person early voting in New Jersey. For more information about the top five things to know about in-person early voting, please [click here](#).

• Voters interested in voting in person during Early Voting or on General Election Day, November 2, 2021, and are currently registered for Vote By Mail will need to fill out and send the following Opt-Out Form by August 31, 2021. To check whether or not you are an active vote-by-mail voter, you can check your status by visiting [Vote.NJ.Gov](http://Vote.NJ.Gov) and look under "Am I Registered?". If you need additional information or have questions, please contact the Atlantic County Clerk's Office at 609.909.5839 or 609.625.7000. [Click here](#) for Opt-Out Form (Vote by Mail).

• [Click here](#) for Letter from Mayor Russo - Re: Rabbit Poison

• [Click here](#) for information on rabbit resistant plants and flowers.

• Please come out and support this presentation by the Longport Green Team and local ornithologist, Kai Tripician, at 4:30 pm on August 24th inside Commission Chambers of Borough Hall located at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. [Click here](#) for more information.

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08/25/2021  
Planning/Zoning Board

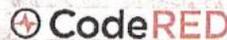
08/27/2021  
Hazard Mitigation Committee and Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

08/28/2021  
Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fireworks Display

09/06/2021  
Labor Day - Municipal Offices Closed

09/13/2021  
Board of Education

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Longport Zoning Officer Bruce Funk leads a resiliency meeting at Borough Hall.

By NANETTE LoBIONDO GALLOWAY

LONGPORT – Emergency Management Coordinator Bruce Funk Aug. 27 brought together members of two emergency management committees, the Board of Commissioners and Planning Board to discuss how to reduce the municipality's vulnerabilities and plan ways to mitigate damage from weather events.