

9.2: City of Absecon – Jurisdictional Annex

Summary of Hazards and Actions

Summary of Hazard Ranking and Actions, City of Absecon			
Hazard	Hazard Ranking	# of Related Actions	Action #s
Atmospheric Hazards			
Extreme Temperatures	M		
Extreme Wind	M		
Hail	L		
Hurricane & Tropical Storm	H		
Lightning	L		
Nor'easter	M		
Tornado	L		
Winter Storm	M		
Hydrologic Hazards			
Coastal Erosion	L		
Sea Level Rise	H		
Dam Failure	L		
Levee Failure	N/A		
Drought	L		
Flood	H	8	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Tsunami	L		
Storm Surge	H	2	2, 6
Wave Action	M		
Geologic Hazards			
Earthquake	L		
Other Natural Hazards			
Wildfire	L		

Mitigation Strategy for Risk Reduction

Overview of Municipal Mitigation Strategy, City of Absecon				
Project Number	Project Description	Hazard(s) Addressed	Priority	Goals
1	Elevation of Shore Road and intersecting streets; storm sewer infrastructure to provide positive drainage for stormwater runoff; improved pedestrian and mass transit facilities	Flood	H	3
2	Euclid Drive - Steel sheet piling; storm sewer infrastructure; timber ramps to provide access to various boating facilities; and roadway reconstruction.	Flood, Storm Surge	M	3
3	Marlin Road, Showellton Avenue, and Ohio Avenue - Steel sheet piling; storm sewer infrastructure; timber ramps to provide access to various boating facilities; and roadway reconstruction.	Flood	M	3
5	South Mill Road - Roadway elevation; storm sewer infrastructure to provide positive drainage for stormwater runoff; and roadway reconstruction.	Flood	M	3
6	The Faunce Landing Pump Station, Drive-in Pump Station, Reeds Bay Pump Station, and Illinois Avenue Pump Station - New elevated wet well with site lighting, fencing, emergency generator, elevated access platform, and other required components.	Flood, Storm Surge	M	3
7	Replace existing outfall pipe with new 6'x3' box culvert pipe on Berkley Avenue; construct new outfall to Absecon Creek on Euclid Drive; reconstruct roadways (New)	Flood	M	3
8	Hobart Avenue Drainage Improvements - Replace existing undersized outfall pipe with larger pipe within existing drainage easements and on Amy Lane, Shore Road (NJ Route 157) and Sooy's Lane; extend outfall and upgrade channel; reconstruct roadways. (New)	Flood	M	3
9	Assist homeowners located on repetitive loss properties in applying for FEMA funding to elevate their existing dwellings above the design flood elevation. (New)	Flood	M	3

More detailed information on these individual actions is presented at the end of this annex.

Contact Information

Absecon's Statement of Authority to Participate identified a Primary Point of Contact and an Alternate for this hazard mitigation plan update. These individuals represented the jurisdiction on the county-wide Core Planning Group and led a local team of Jurisdictional Assessment Team Members who undertook various local activities related to the plan update.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN POINTS OF CONTACT						
Primary Point of Contact			Alternate Point of Contact			
Name: James A. Eberwine Title: Emergency Management Coordinator Department: Office of Emergency Management Address: 5100 Mill Road, Absecon, NJ 08201 Phone Number: 609-839-6992 E-mail Address: jeberwine@abseconpd.org			Name: Anthony Giardina Title: Deputy Department: Office of Emergency Management Address: 5100 Mill Road, Absecon, NJ 08201 Phone Number: 609-839-1710 E-mail Address: tgiardina@abseconpd.org			
Jurisdictional Assessment Team Members						
Please fill in the contact details for the person filling in this page:						
James A Eberwine Emergency Management Coordinator Absecon Atlantic jeberwine@abseconpd.org 609-839-6992	Atlantic County, NJ					
*Note: If your community does not have someone filling the role of a position title in Column A, please insert the word "none" in Column B. Thank you.						
Local Jurisdiction Role/Position	Name	Email	Phone	Date of Invitation	Method of Invitation	Agreed to participate?
Mayor/Supervisor	Kimberly Horton	Khorton@abseconnj.org	609-385-8382	05/20/21	In-Person	Yes
Administrator	Jessica Thompson	jthompson@abseconnj.org	609-204-3180	05/20/21	In-Person	Yes
Clerk	Carrie Crone	ckrone@abseconnj.org	21	05/21/21	In-Person	Yes
Engineer	Ed Dennis	edward.dennis@rve.com	609-645-7110 ext 1303	05/20/21	e-mail	Yes
Attorney	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Building Code Official	Michael O'Hagan	mohagan@abseconnj.org	609-641-0663 x113	05/20/21	In-Person	Yes
Emergency Manager	James A. Eberwine	jeberwine@abseconpd.org	609-839-6992	05/20/21	In-Person	Yes
Fiscal/Budget Officer	Jessica Thompson	jthompson@abseconnj.org	609-204-3180	05/20/21	In-Person	Yes
Floodplain Manager	Michael O'Hagan	mohagan@abseconnj.org	609-641-0663 x113	05/20/21	In-Person	Yes
Planner	Ed Dennis	edward.dennis@rve.com	609-645-7110 ext 1303	05/21/21	e-mail	Yes
Public Works Director	Lloyd Jones	ljones@abseconnj.org	609-338-1107	05/20/21	In-Person	Yes
Other	Anthony Giardina(Deputy Coord)	agiardina@abseconpd.org	609-839-1710	05/20/21	In-Person	Yes

Absecon has reported undertaking the following internal activities in preparation of its mitigation plan:

Subject of JAT Activity (Meeting Notice, Emails, Etc.)	Date	INVOLVED PARTIES - Place an 'x' for any position title that participated										
		Mayor/ Supervisor	Administrator	Clerk	Engineer	Attorney	Building Code Official	Emergency Manager	Fiscal / Budget Officer	Floodplain Manager	Planner	Public Works Director
Kickoff meeting with Mayor and city council	05/20/21	X	X	X	X	X	X	X and Deputy	X	X		
Anna Foley	05/27/21							X				
Phone Message - Ed Dennis	06/03/21		X		X				X			
HMP info sent to include on Municipal Website	06/06/21	X	X					X	X			
Jessical Thompson	06/07/21		X						X			
Ms. Cain City council - explaining HMP	06/07/21			X				X				
Betty Howell - City Council - explaining HMP	06/07/21	X						X and Deputy	X			
HMP Links on our web site - conversation	06/07/21		X					X	X			
Meeting with Galloway Twp - HMP - with Dep coordinator T. Giardina	06/08/21							X				
Mayor Kim Horton	06/10/21	X	X					X and Deputy	X			
In Person with Jessica Thompson - HMP discussion	06/10/21		X					X	X			
Absecon coalition meeting - Flooding and HMP discussion	06/15/21							X		X		
HMP - Zoom - Ana Foley	06/15/21							X				
Administrator - nursing hom - discussed HMP and his EOP	06/26/21							X				
HMP discussion in Mayors office	07/09/21	X	X					X				
Conversation with County re: HMP updated information	07/16/21							X and Deputy				
Conversation with deputy - HMP	07/19/21		X		X			X and Deputy	X			
e mail from Ed Dennis -	07/20/21				X			X				
Sent e mail re: upcoming meeting for 5 year plan	07/23/21		X		X			X and Deputy	X	X		
Sent e mail re: upcoming meeting for 5 year plan	07/29/21		X		X			X	X			
e mail from county - resolution reminder	07/29/21							X				
OEM meeting Northfield - HMP	08/12/21							X and Deputy				
Discussion with Police Chief - re: HMP	09/13/21							X				
Text members HMP	09/20/21	X	X					X and Deputy				
Text from Jessica T : city engineer available next week	10/01/21		X		X			X				
Conversation - worksheets	10/01/21		X					X	X			
Conversation - worksheets	10/06/21	X	X		X			X	X			
Zoom Meeting re: deadlines approaching	10/08/21	X	X		X			X	X			

Governing Body Format

The governing body in Absecon is comprised of the Mayor and the seven-member City Council. The mayor is elected to a four-year term of office. The City Council is comprised of six members elected from the city's two wards to three-year terms on a staggered basis, with one seat from each ward up for election each year, along with one member elected at-large to a four-year term in office, all of whom are elected on a partisan basis as part of the November general election.

Land Use and Development Trends

An evaluation of growth and development trends was undertaken by each participating jurisdiction as part of the development of the initial plan in 2010, and the last update in 2016. As part of this second plan update, Absecon reviewed and updated its prior feedback to reflect current conditions as of mid-2021.



Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update *Worksheet #3 – Land Uses and Development Trends Update*

Performing an assessment of Growth and Development Trends is one step of a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan update. This look into the future is important because development in hazard areas could put more assets at risk and, in turn, could work to increase potential disaster-related damages at a time when the mitigation plan's purpose is to reduce the potential for damages emanating from natural disasters. Growth/development trends are based on the construction of new buildings, demolition of old buildings, or the planning, zoning or subdivision of new areas for development. A stagnant or decreasing population alone is not reason for stating that no development has occurred, unless backed up by a lack of development.

An evaluation of growth/development trends was undertaken by each participating jurisdiction as part of the development of the 2016 plan. Your municipality's prior response from 2016 is included on the next page in Part 1. Please review your community's prior feedback, and identify any changes that have occurred since that time so the most current information can be reflected in this 2021 plan update. In addition, please provide responses for Part 2.

Information for the 2016 plan was provided to us by: Kimberly A. Horton, Mayor

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Your Name:

Title:

Community:

Email and Phone

Part 1 – Please update your response from 2016 to reflect current conditions in the community.

Community	<p>1. Land Uses and Development Trends in Hazard Areas as Reported in the 2016 Plan. Please describe development trends occurring within your jurisdiction, such as the predominant types of development occurring, location, expected intensity, and pace by land use. While details are preferred, it is ok if your feedback is qualitative and quite general, such as “high-occupancy, high-density residential development is occurring near the waterfront”.</p>	<p>1a. Please update your response to reflect conditions in 2021</p>	<p>2. Regulations/Codes/Ordinances To Protect New Development From Natural Hazards as Reported in the 2016 Plan. Does your jurisdiction enforce regulations/ordinances/codes to protect new development from the effects of natural hazards? (Some examples might be floodplain management ordinances enforcing FEMA’s NFIP for new development or substantial improvements in the floodplain; steep slope ordinances for community’s which may have landslide hazards; earthquake resistant design criteria and/or high wind design criteria; or buffer zones in wildfire hazard areas.) If so, please describe.</p>	<p>2a. Please update your response to reflect conditions in 2021</p>
<p>Absecon, City of</p>	<p>Since the 2009 plan, Absecon has experienced little, if any, increase in population of 8,411 as reported in the 2010 census. Although a substantial increase in senior housing was anticipated, that did not occur. Those projects were essentially converted into all-age units. A 48 unit all-age, owner-occupied complex has been constructed. Two additional projects have received land use approvals, a 442 rental project (including 99 senior units) and 71 additional low and moderate income rental units. We have experienced unprecedented increases in property foreclosures and resulting vacancies, and the net effect is such that the limited new development will not produce an appreciable increase in population. None of the new projects are located within the City’s flood hazard zones.</p> <p>The City has experienced very little commercial development since the 2009 Plan, and no development in its industrial zone. Any development is also not within the City’s flood hazard zones.</p>	<p>Since the 2016 plan, Absecon has experienced little, if any, increase in population. The estimated population in 2019 was 8,362 according to the Census Bureau. Since the 2016 plan, two new residential developments have been completed; a 442 rental project and 71 additional low and moderate income rental units. Neither of these developments are located within the City’s flood hazard zones.</p> <p>A commercial redevelopment project is currently under construction at the site of a former City recreation field and former firehouse.</p>	<p>Because of increased property rentals, the City has recently adopted a rental registration ordinance to permit annual inspection of rental properties to assure both zoning and property maintenance compliance. The City continues to strictly enforce its zoning and building codes, including those pertaining to minimum base flood elevation within our flood hazard zones.</p>	<p>The city continues to enforce the rental registration ordinance to permit annual inspection of rental properties to assure both zoning and property maintenance compliance. The city also continues to strictly enforce its zoning and building codes, including those pertaining to minimum base flood elevation within our flood hazard zones.</p>

Part 2 – Please answer the following questions.

Is major development planned? (yes/no)		Yes				
If major development is planned, please describe generally in the box to the right, and then complete the rows below.		A commercial redevelopment project is currently under construction at the former City recreation complex and firehouse site on US Route 30.				
<i>Property Name</i>	<i>Type (Residential or Commercial)</i>	<i>No. of Structures</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Block and Lot</i>	<i>Known Hazard Zone</i>	<i>Description /Status</i>
Block 203 Redevelopment Project	Commercial	To be determined	US Route 30, US Route, NJ Ave, and Michigan Ave	Block 203 Lots 1.01 & 1.02	None	Under construction

National Flood Insurance Program Summary

Absecon has participated in FEMA's National Flood Insurance program (NFIP) since 1976.

National Flood Insurance Program Data City of Absecon	
Total number of policies ¹	146
Insurance in force ²	\$41,371,300
Total number of losses during NFIP participation	166
Total claims paid during NFIP participation	\$4,708,444
Non-Mitigated Repetitive Loss Properties	6
Non-Mitigated Severe Repetitive Loss Properties	1

Absecon also participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS). Absecon entered the CRS in 2014, and is presently a Class 7 community receiving a 15% premium discount for policyholders in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and a 5% premium discount for policyholders outside of the SFHA.

Absecon provided the following NFIP Administrator Input in 2021, for inclusion in the 2022 Plan.

¹ Policies in Force from www.fema.gov NFIP Insurance Report, data current as of 06/03/21.

² Insurance in Force from www.fema.gov NFIP Insurance Report, data current as of 06/03/21

Name: [Michael O'Hagan] Title: Floodplain Manager/Floodplain Administrator/NFIP Coordinator



Community: [Absecon] Email and Phone: mohagan@abseconnj.org

Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - *Worksheet #2 - NFIP*

Note: Data showing in the form at this time was provided for the 2016 plan by: Michael Ohagan. This form should be updated your floodplain administrator.

Adoption Date of your Current Floodplain Management Ordinance	Date of Entry into NFIP ¹	Position or Title of Your Jurisdiction's Designated Floodplain Manager/Administrator (may also be called NFIP Coordinator)		Is this person is a Certified Floodplain Manager?	Is floodplain management an auxiliary function?	Is your community in good standing with the NFIP?	
<u>[10/1999]</u>	<u>[03/1976]</u>	<u>[Flood Plain Administrator]</u>		<u>[[x] Yes [] No]</u>	<u>[[x] Yes [] No]</u>	<u>[[x] Yes [] No]</u>	
Provide an explanation of NFIP administration services (i.e., permit review, GIS, education or outreach, inspections, engineering capability, etc.):							
<u>[Permit - Review Inspections - Public Information - As manager required to take courses each year (13 CEU's). Outreach includes sending flood information in our tax bills to ask residents to contact office if problems with flooding.]</u>							
Describe barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community (if applicable):							
<u>[NONE]</u>							
When was most recent FEMA Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC)?*	Is a CAV or CAC scheduled or needed?	Does the current floodplain management ordinance exceed FEMA or State minimum requirements? If so, describe how.	Is training of staff regarding NFIP issues planned?	Does your community intend to continue to enforce the floodplain management requirements including regulating new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs)?	Does your community participate in the CRS? If so, state your Class.	Does your community intend to continue its participation in the CRS program?	If your community is not currently participating in the CRS program, are you intending to initiate the process during the next planning cycle?
<u>[]</u>	<u>[[] Yes [X] No]</u>	<u>[[] Yes [X] No]</u>	<u>[[X] Yes [] No]</u>	<u>[[X] Yes [] No]</u>	<u>[[X] Yes* [] No]</u> <i>* Class <u>[7]</u></i>	<u>[[X] Yes [] No]</u>	<u>[[] Yes [] No]</u>
*Describe any outstanding compliance issues (i.e., current violations):							
<u>[N/A]</u>							
Name: <u>[Michael O Hagan]</u> Title: <u>Floodplain Manager/Floodplain Administrator/NFIP Coordinator</u>							



¹ Your date of entry into the NFIP can be found at: <http://www.fema.gov/cis/NJ.html> (column "Reg-Emer Date").

Representing: [City Of Absecon_ 609-641-0663 ext 113] Email and Phone [mohagan@abseconnj.org]

Provide an explanation of your local floodplain permitting process:

[Check applications for location in SFHA. Check type of construction based on zone. Check elevation based on zone BFE. Check for substantial damage/Improvement. Collect Elevation certificate.]

Does your community intend to continue floodplain identification and mapping services including any local requests for map updates?	Does your community intend to initiate/continue the buyouts of repetitive loss properties?	Does your community intend to commit staff or resources to improve local mapping or code administration in the future?	Does your community intend to provide local outreach to promote the sale of flood insurance?	Does your community intend to participate in RiskMAP meetings and planning initiatives?	Does your community intend to continue to implement structural improvements to mitigate against flooding - culverts, drainage basins, etc.?	Does your community intend to continue to implement home improvement programs designed to minimize basement flooding?	Does your community intend to continue to implement roadway improvements to reduce damage from future flooding events?	Does your community intend to implement plans and programs in coordination with a local or regional drainage/sewer authority?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your community intend to adopt the new FEMA Advisory Base Flood Elevations?	As Floodplain Manager, did you (or your predecessor at the time) actively participate in the development of the initial Hazard Mitigation Plan?		As Floodplain Manager, are you actively participating in the development of this Hazard Mitigation Plan Update?		Have there been any changes to your community's local floodplain management program since the last version of the plan?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
* If you answered "yes", that there have been changes to your local program since the last version of the plan, please describe:								
[We have adopted new maps as of August 28, 2018]								
Provide a description of your community assistance and monitoring activities:								
[Provide information on flood maps to residents. Send notices to areas of repetitive loss to advise of flooding information and insurance information through our tax bills. There are a few properties that have flooded more than once – we canvass the area and send information out to a "wider" area to inform them of some repetitive losses within this area without identifying any particular properties.]								
NFIP participating communities are required to update/revise their floodplain management ordinance to ensure that it complies with the latest FEMA regulations. Will your community continue to commit to this program requirement?					NFIP participating communities are also required to update/revise their floodplain management ordinance to be consistent with the latest FIRM _s . Will your community continue to commit to this program requirement?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Note: All NFIP participating communities should encourage local residents to purchase and maintain flood insurance.

Critical Facilities in Delineated Hazard Areas

Note that all assets and facilities in the City of Absecon are considered to be at risk from County-wide hazards: Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Nor' easter, Extreme Wind, Tornado, Winter Weather, Lightning, Extreme Temperatures and Earthquake.

Facility Name	Location	Facility Type	Flood, A Zone	Flood, V Zone (Wave)	Category 1-4 Storm Surge	Coastal Erosion	Sea Level Rise, 1 Ft	Sea Level Rise, 3 Ft	Dam Failure	Low to Moderate Wildfire	High to Extreme Wildfire
City of Absecon											
Absecon VFW Volunteer Ambulance Squad	435 White Horse Pike	Ambulance/Rescue Squad	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Absecon Fire Dept.	New Jersey Avenue and New Road	Fire Station	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Absecon, New Jersey	Shore Road and Ohio Ave	Passenger Rail Station	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Absecon PD	500 N Mill Road	Police Station	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Absecon Municipal Complex	500 Mill Road	Public Works	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
H. Ashton Marsh	Ireland Avenue & Webb Road	School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emma C. Attales	Ireland Avenue & Webb Road	School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holy Spirit High School	New Road	School	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Absecon Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	1020 Pitney Road	Senior Care Facility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water Treatment facility	534 New Jersey Avenue	Water Supply Facility	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total			0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary of Estimated Potential Losses from Hazards

Estimated annual losses provided in this section are based on best available data, and the methodologies applied result in an approximation of risk. Loss estimates should be used to understand relative risk from hazards.

Uncertainties are inherent in any loss estimation methodology, arising in part from incomplete scientific knowledge concerning natural hazards and their effects on the built environment. Uncertainties also result from approximations and simplifications that are necessary for a comprehensive analysis (i.e., incomplete inventories, demographics or economic parameters).

It is important to note that this table reflects estimates of average annual damages. For any hazard, individual event damages could be substantially (orders of magnitude) higher.

Only hazards for which annual losses were quantified and presented in Section 3C are included in this table.

Summary of Estimated Potential Losses From Hazards		
City of Absecon		
Quantified Hazard	Annualized Loss	Annual Loss Ratio
Extreme Wind	\$148,000	0.033%
Hurricane and Tropical Storm	\$586,000	0.050%
Lightning	\$1,300	0.000%
Tornado	\$400	0.000%
Drought*	\$1,000	5.000%
Winter Storm	\$4,000	0.001%
Coastal Erosion	\$0	0.000%
Flooding (Riverine)	\$6,000	0.001%
Storm Surge (Coastal Flooding)	\$2,108,000	0.170%
Earthquake	\$13,000	0.001%

*Derived from crop values

Outreach to the Public and Other Stakeholders

As part of this 2022 Plan Update, Absecon undertook various activities to: (a) alert the public and other stakeholders to the fact that the HMP Planning Committee was working to develop the update; and (b) provide the public and other stakeholders with a forum to ask questions and submit comments and suggestions on the process. Actions reported as outreach activities by Absecon included those listed below. Comments arising from outreach activities are presented on the following page.

Outreach Activities			
Date of Activity	Type of Activity	Activity Details	Lead Department and/or Staff Title who Undertook Activity
05/21/21	Guest Speaker	Spoke to the Atlantic Co League of Municipalities at Villa Fazzolari restaurant 6:00 pm. Explained the MJ -HMP plan and the significance of each of the 23 municipalities taking part in it.	Jim Eberwine EM Coordinator
06/07/21	Public Safety Meeting/general public	Presented information on HMP to group (including members city council) and indicated may need resolution.	Jim Eberwine/Tony Giardina – Emergency Management (Coordinator/Deputy)
06/08/21	Mitigation Strategy with neighboring town 11:30 – 1:00 pm	Discussed worksheets with Mike B/Rich M (Galloway Twp)	Jim Eberwine – Emergency Management Coordinator
06/08/21	Mitigation Discussion 5:15-7:30 pm	Met with Galloway Twp / Port Republic discussing HMP in particular, concerns with dam in Port Republic	Jim Eberwine/Tong Giardina – Emergency Management (Coordinator/Deputy)
06/10/21	Meeting with Jessica T (CFO)	Discussed content of HMP on web site (power point and information from Atlantic Co site.	Jim Eberwine - Coordinator
06/15/21	ZOOM meeting with Resilient NJ Virtual Open House – 9-10:15 am	Addressing the Coastal Flood/Climate change issues facing New Jersey – especially coastal areas.	Jim Eberwine - Coordinator

Outreach Activities			
Date of Activity	Type of Activity	Activity Details	Lead Department and/or Staff Title who Undertook Activity
Ongoing	Presentation Talks	Absecon has an emergency management coordinator who retired from the National Weather Service and for many years responsible for forecasting for the four state regions of PA-MD-NJ-DE. He has been working with the Emergency Management Community for over 35 years and continues to this day. As a result he is frequently called upon to speak with and make presentations to first responders in state and at time across state lines. His presentations number in the hundredths and are too many to list, but if you ask just about anyone in the state, they will admit to hearing him speak at one time or another. The Absecon Coordinator remains as asset to county municipalities and frequently attends county coordinators meetings.	Emergency Management Coordinator
Future	Continuing into the future	Since many of the people working on this plan are new, once it is completed there will be an attempt to spread the word of this plan to nearly everyone listed on page 2 above.	Mayor and City Council – We have had a new Mayor and Police chief over the past two years!!!!!!
Ongoing	Press Releases	Through an article in our local newspaper, the Current, as well as our city website, residents have been advised of practical steps to take in the event of an evacuation due to flooding or other serious hazards. Also plans are underway to develop a City-wide program to assure that all of our residents are personally contacted in order to maximize compliance with an evacuation order.	Emergency Management
Annual	Daily Briefs	Briefs are given to the council members and any public attending when a serious threat to the community is possible. This is also televised over the local TV station.	Emergency Management

Outreach Activities			
Date of Activity	Type of Activity	Activity Details	Lead Department and/or Staff Title who Undertook Activity
Ongoing		<p>There have been many articles and radio programs since the past plan was submitted, identifying the actions that have and will take place if and when we are faced with an impending natural disaster. The local TV station for Absecon has been the vehicle for a couple of our worst disasters recently – namely Hurricane Sandy and the Derecho both in 2012. More recently we have had to deal with a Major flood event in January 2016 (Jonas) and tropical cyclones of Fay – Isaias – and Zeta all within the past two years.</p> <p>The City has a terrific relationship with the Emergency Management Community – state and county-wide. As an access community to the barrier islands, Absecon consistently works with the Sheriff's office for re-routing traffic safely from the mainland to the barrier islands.</p>	Emergency Management/Mayor's Office

Comments Log									
#	Comment	Comment Submitted By	Comment Submitted To	Comment Submitted on Date	How was comment submitted?	Disposition (Concur; non-concur; will evaluate)	Response / Action Proposed	Responsible Party	Action taken
1	Repeated conversations on flooding primarily	Absecon PD - chief / officers	Emergency Mgmt	On-going	In-Person		Response is to continue to monitor	All concerned	Continue to monitor
2	South Shore Rd - Mill Road - New Road and at times White Horse Pike leading to ACY								
3	Repeated conversations on items above	City Council /Mayor	Emergency Mgmt	On-going	In-Person		Response is to continue to monitor	We have had a USGS tide gauge installed at the intersection of RT30 (White Horse Pike) and south shore road on December 14, 2020. This gauge on site monitors both meteorological data and tidal data and is a "first" call to action for the city to monitor the degree of flooding from the tides and also from excessive rainfall. Roads at times become impassable.	

Capability Assessment

This section describes the following capabilities of Absecon :

- Legal and regulatory capability
- Administrative and technical capability
- Fiscal capability
- Community resiliency
- Community political capability

As part of the 2022 Plan update, each participating jurisdiction reevaluated the capabilities they had provided for the 2016 Plan, and sent updates to the consultant for incorporation into this plan section. Absecon has reviewed its responses from the 2016 Plan and has updated its prior feedback to reflect present-day conditions.

Legal and Regulatory Capability	
Regulatory Tools (Codes, Ordinances, Plans)	Do you have this?
Building Code	Y
Zoning Ordinance	Y
Subdivision Ordinance	Y
Special Purposes Ordinance	Y
Growth Management Ordinance	Y
Site Plan Review Requirements	Y
Comprehensive Plan	Y
Capital Improvements Plan	Y
Economic Development Plan	Y
Emergency Response Plan	Y
Post-Disaster Recovery Plan	N
Post-Disaster Recovery Ordinance	N
Real Estate Disclosure Ordinance	N
Evacuation Plan	Y

Administrative and Technical Capability	
Regulatory Tools (Codes, Ordinances, Plans)	Do you have this?
Planner(s) with knowledge of land development and management practices	Y
Engineer(s) with knowledge of land development and management practices	Y
Planner(s) or engineer(s) with knowledge of land development and management practices	Y
Engineer(s) or professional(s) trained in construction practices related to buildings and/or infrastructure	Y
Planner(s) or engineer(s) with an understanding of natural and/or human caused hazards	Y
Floodplain manager	Y
Surveyors	Y
Staff with education or expertise to assess the community's vulnerability to hazards	Y
Personnel skilled in GIS and/or HAZUS	Y
Scientists familiar with the hazards of the community	Y
Emergency Manager	Y
Code Enforcement Official	Y
Public Works or Highway Superintendent	Y
Emergency Management Coordinator	Y

Fiscal Capability	
Financial Resources	Accessible or Eligible to use
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	Y
Capital Improvements Project Funding	Y
Authority to Levy Taxes for Specific Purposes	Y
Fees for Water, Sewer, Gas, or Electric Service	Y
Impact Fees for Homebuyers or Developers for New Developments/Homes	N
Incur Debt through General Obligation Funds	Y
Incur Debt through Special Tax and Revenue Bonds	Y
Incur Debt through Private Activity Bonds	N
Withhold Spending in Hazard-Prone Areas	Y
Other (i.e., coastal, sustainability, or climate change initiatives; or Brownfield funds)	Y

<p>Would you classify your community's <u>legal and regulatory</u> capability to implement hazard mitigation strategies as high, moderate, or low?</p>	<p>Would you classify your community's overall <u>technical</u> capability to implement hazard mitigation strategies as high, moderate, or low?</p>	<p>Would you classify your community's overall <u>fiscal</u> capability to implement hazard mitigation strategies as high, moderate, or low?</p>	<p>Would you classify your community's overall <u>administrative</u> capability to implement hazard mitigation strategies as high, moderate, or low?</p>	<p>Would you classify your political leadership's willingness to enact policies and programs that reduce hazard vulnerabilities in your community as high, moderate, or low - even if met with opposition? (i.e., guiding development away from identified hazard areas)?</p>
<p>HIGH</p>	<p>HIGH</p>	<p>HIGH</p>	<p>HIGH</p>	<p>HIGH</p>

Discuss ways of bridging identified gaps in your local capabilities to ensure that they are in-line with your mitigation actions and goals.

The City of Absecon aggressively pursues every avenue relevant to the safety of the citizenry and property especially in terms of potential flooding from either tidal or fresh water. In conversation with the NJ State Office of Emergency management, who met with our Mayor, it was deemed appropriate that our classification that was marked as "moderate" for the above categories should have been rated "high" through the efforts of our scrutiny of the potential flooding the outreach efforts not only in our own community but statewide.

Plan Integration

It is the intention of Absecon to incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of daily municipal operations. The balance of this subsection describes local accomplishments over the last planning cycle (2016-2021), and targeted activities for the next planning cycle (2022-2027), as reported by the city's CPG member and shared with the consultant for incorporation here.

Demonstration of Progress over the Last Planning Cycle (2016-2021) – Absecon undertook the following plan integration mechanisms over the last planning cycle:

The City adopted an updated Stormwater Control Ordinance in 2021, Chapter 224.

Targeted Plan Integration Activities for the Next Planning Cycle (2022-2027) – Absecon plans to implement the following plan integration mechanisms into local government operations from this point forward through the next planning cycle:

Maintain community participation in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program. Continue to maintain participation in the NFIP's Community Rating System. Continue to enforce a local stormwater management plan/ordinance. Increase resilience by limiting the extension of public infrastructure in high hazard areas.

Mitigation Strategy

This subsection sets forth the mitigation strategy for Absecon. It describes, in the following order:

- Progress on 2016 Plan Actions
- Hazard Mitigation Accomplishments
- Proposed 2022 Plan Mitigation Actions
- Action Worksheets

Progress on 2016 Plan Actions

The following table was completed by the Absecon JAT Committee Members. It summarizes the progress that was made on the local hazard mitigation initiatives that were set forth in the last version of the plan in 2016.

Absecon has identified no major changes in priorities since the last version of the plan.

PROGRESS ON 2016 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN INITIATIVES												
2016 Plan Initiative Number	Mitigation Initiative Description	2016 Plan Priority	Hazard(s) Mitigated	Lead and Support Agencies	Status				Status Details	Relevance		Relevance Details
					Completed	Initiated but Not Completed	Ongoing Type of Activity	Not Initiated		Still Relevant - Carry Forward to Updated Mitigation Strategy	No Longer Relevant - Omit from Updated Mitigation Strategy	
1	Elevation of Shore Road and intersecting streets; storm sewer infrastructure to provide positive drainage for stormwater runoff; improved pedestrian and mass transit facilities.	High	Flooding	Mayor and City Council		X			Design in progress, construction scheduled for Winter/Spring 2022	X		The project has been funded and is being implemented.
2	Euclid Drive - Steel sheet piling; storm sewer infrastructure; timber ramps to provide access to various boating facilities; and roadway reconstruction.	Medium	Flooding	Mayor and City Council				X	A majority of property owners within the impacted neighborhood have expressed opposition due to the visual impacts, security concerns, and access impacts	X		The project is still relevant in that the flood hazard still exists. The City will continue to monitor the impacts of flooding in order to build public support for the project.
3	Marlin Road, Showellton Avenue, and Ohio Avenue - Steel sheet piling; storm sewer infrastructure; timber ramps to provide access to various boating facilities; and roadway reconstruction.	Medium	Flooding	Mayor and City Council				X	The project has not been initiated due to lack of funding	X		The project is still relevant in that the flood hazard still exists. The City will continue to monitor funding opportunities in order to advance the project.
4	New standalone generator, including a diesel fuel tank, site work, and building electrical modifications	Medium	Severe Storms	Mayor and City Council	X				The project was completed in 2019		X	Complete
5	South Mill Road - Roadway elevation; storm sewer infrastructure to provide positive drainage for stormwater runoff; and roadway reconstruction.	Medium	Flooding	Mayor and City Council				X	The project has not been initiated due to lack of funding	X		The project is still relevant in that the flood hazard still exists. The City will continue to monitor funding opportunities in order to advance the project.
6	The Faunce Landing Pump Station, Drive-in Pump Station, Reeds Bay Pump Station, and Illinois Avenue Pump Station - New elevated wet well with site lighting, fencing, emergency generator, elevated access platform, and other required components.	Medium	Flooding	Mayor and City Council				X	The project has not been initiated due to lack of funding	X		The project is still relevant in that the flood hazard still exists. The City will continue to monitor funding opportunities in order to advance the project.

Hazard Mitigation Accomplishments (2016-2021)

The State of New Jersey 2019 HMP (Section 3, Page 3-30) requires identification of mitigation activities as an essential element of a local plan review. Information on the status of long-range mitigation strategies shall be contained in the original plan. Self-funded mitigation initiatives as well as past FEMA funded projects should be documented. The following table summarizes past mitigation accomplishments in Absecon since the last version of the plan was adopted in 2016.

Past Mitigation Accomplishments				
Project	Status		Funding Source	Relationship to Plan
	Approved/Active Year	Completed Year		
Municipal Building Emergency Generator Replacement	2019	2019	Municipal Capital Budget	In the plan

Proposed 2022 Plan Mitigation Actions

The process for selection and prioritization of mitigation actions is described in greater detail in Section 6 of the main text. The outcomes of that overall process are summarized here.

This plan proposes the actions determined to be the most appropriate for the resources and capabilities of Absecon based on the experience of local officials, with input from the public and other stakeholders. Potential actions were reviewed relative to potential financial as well as administrative and legal costs and the degree to which they would be endorsed by the public. Potential actions were reviewed during the meetings relative to their potential benefit of effectiveness in saving lives, protecting the natural environment, and reducing disruption and damage. Actions selected by each jurisdiction include activities to protect existing and future structures and infrastructure and enhance community resilience.

Part of enhancing community resilience involves adapting to a changing climate. This plan's risk assessment includes information on climate change as part of the hazard vulnerability analysis and contain strategies/projects to address increased vulnerability that may result from climate change. By developing mitigating strategies and/or projects for hazards that are exacerbated by climate change, jurisdictions will better protect residents, avoid, or reduce damage to property and public infrastructure, and reduce personal hardship. Previous sections of this plan have presented information on how climate change may affect jurisdictional vulnerability or increased frequency of occurrence and/or severity in exposure to the identified hazards. Climate change is addressed by mitigating the various hazards that it exacerbates.

Action priorities were determined by a qualitative prioritization process. A higher priority was assigned to projects where: the life/safety risk of taking no action was deemed to be unacceptably high; the project addresses one of the community's highest hazards and/or key risks; benefits were projected to equal or exceed project costs; critical facilities or key local assets were being protected; funding and staff resources were deemed to be sufficient and/or accessible for project implementation; the project is technically feasible and the community determined their legal authority to implement the action; negative environmental and/or social impacts were not identified during the assessment, or were very minimal; and/or where there was overall support for the project from the local community (government officials, public, and stakeholders).

Detailed Action Worksheets for each action item in the strategy are presented in the following pages.

Action Worksheet	
Your plan name	<i>Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>
Your community name	<i>City of Absecon</i>
Community action number	<i>1</i>
Assessing the Risk	
Hazard(s) addressed	<i>Flooding</i>
Risk finding	<i>Frequent flooding on South Shore Road (Atlantic County Route 585) between Ohio Avenue (Atlantic County Route 630) and Illinois Avenue</i>
Describing the Action	
Action category	<i>Structural project</i>
Action type	<i>Flood protection and drainage improvements</i>
Action description	<i>Elevation of Shore Road and intersecting streets; storm sewer infrastructure to provide positive drainage for stormwater runoff; improved pedestrian and mass transit facilities</i>
Existing, future &/or NA	<i>Existing and future</i>
Evaluating the Action	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	<i>The City will address a significant flood hazard while improving the function and safety of this major access point for local and regional traffic.</i>
Cost estimate	<i>\$1,500,000</i>
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	<i>The proposed action will have a benefit/cost ratio of at least 1.0</i>
Technical	<i>This project is technically feasible</i>
Political	<i>There is political and public support for this project</i>
Legal	<i>Legal authority exists for the project</i>
Environmental	<i>This project is being implemented in conformance with State and Federal environmental regulations</i>
Social	<i>The proposed action will benefit the entire community and will not negatively impact any particular group or neighborhood</i>
Administrative capability	<i>City and County staff are capable of administering this project</i>
Local champion	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Other community objectives	<i>Improved access to eco-tourism destinations</i>
Implementing the Action	
Priority	<i>High</i>
Local planning mechanism	<i>Capital budget</i>
Responsible party	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Potential funding sources	<i>Capital budget and inter-local agreement with County</i>
Time line	<i>1 year</i>
Reporting on Progress	
Action progress status	<i>Design in progress, construction scheduled for Winter/Spring 2022</i>

Action Worksheet	
Your plan name	<i>Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>
Your community name	<i>City of Absecon</i>
Community action number	2
Assessing the Risk	
Hazard(s) addressed	<i>Flooding</i>
Risk finding	<i>Substantial flooding along Euclid Drive during normal storm events and above normal high tides. During Super Storm Sandy, this corridor encountered significant flooding and at times could not be accessed with any vehicles in the City's emergency response fleet.</i>
Describing the Action	
Action category	<i>Structural project</i>
Action type	<i>Flood protection and drainage improvements</i>
Action description	<i>Steel sheet piling; storm sewer infrastructure; timber ramps to provide access to various boating facilities; and roadway reconstruction.</i>
Existing, future &/or NA	<i>Existing and future</i>
Evaluating the Action	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	<i>The City will address a significant flood hazard while improving the function and safety for this area of the municipality.</i>
Cost estimate	<i>\$3,000,000</i>
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	<i>The proposed action will have a benefit/cost ratio of at least 1.0</i>
Technical	<i>This project is technically feasible</i>
Political	<i>There is public opposition to this project</i>
Legal	<i>Project would require easements and/or land acquisition</i>
Environmental	<i>This project would be implemented in conformance with State and Federal environmental regulations</i>
Social	<i>A majority of property owners within the impacted neighborhood have expressed opposition due to the visual impacts, security concerns, and access impacts</i>
Administrative capability	<i>City staff are capable of administering this project</i>
Local champion	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Other community objectives	<i>Improved waterfront access</i>
Implementing the Action	
Priority	<i>Medium</i>
Local planning mechanism	<i>Capital budget</i>
Responsible party	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Potential funding sources	<i>Capital budget, grant</i>
Time line	<i>2 - 10 years</i>
Reporting on Progress	
Action progress status	<i>Not initiated due to lack of funding</i>

Action Worksheet	
Your plan name	<i>Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>
Your community name	<i>City of Absecon</i>
Community action number	3
Assessing the Risk	
Hazard(s) addressed	<i>Flooding</i>
Risk finding	<i>Substantial flooding adjacent to Absecon Creek along Marlin Road, Showellton Avenue, and Ohio Avenue. During Super Storm Sandy, the project area encountered significant flooding.</i>
Describing the Action	
Action category	<i>Structural project</i>
Action type	<i>Flood protection and drainage improvements</i>
Action description	<i>Steel sheet piling; storm sewer infrastructure; timber ramps to provide access to various boating facilities; and roadway reconstruction.</i>
Existing, future &/or NA	<i>Existing and future</i>
Evaluating the Action	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	<i>The City will address a significant flood hazard while improving the function and safety for this area of the municipality.</i>
Cost estimate	<i>\$5,000,000</i>
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	<i>The proposed action will have a benefit/cost ratio of at least 1.0</i>
Technical	<i>This project is technically feasible</i>
Political	<i>There is political and public support for this project</i>
Legal	<i>Legal authority exists for the project; easements may be required</i>
Environmental	<i>This project would be implemented in conformance with State and Federal environmental regulations</i>
Social	<i>The proposed action will benefit the surrounding community and will not negatively impact any particular group or neighborhood</i>
Administrative capability	<i>City staff are capable of administering this project</i>
Local champion	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Other community objectives	<i>Improved waterfront access</i>
Implementing the Action	
Priority	<i>Medium</i>
Local planning mechanism	<i>Capital budget</i>
Responsible party	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Potential funding sources	<i>Capital budget, grant</i>
Time line	<i>2 - 10 years</i>
Reporting on Progress	
Action progress status	<i>Not initiated due to lack of funding</i>

Action Worksheet	
Your plan name	<i>Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>
Your community name	<i>City of Absecon</i>
Community action number	5
Assessing the Risk	
Hazard(s) addressed	<i>Flooding</i>
Risk finding	<i>Frequent flooding on South Mill Road (Atlantic County Route 651) between Ohio Avenue (Atlantic County Route 630) and Pleasant Avenue.</i>
Describing the Action	
Action category	<i>Structural project</i>
Action type	<i>Flood protection and drainage improvements</i>
Action description	<i>Roadway elevation; storm sewer infrastructure to provide positive drainage for stormwater runoff; and roadway reconstruction.</i>
Existing, future &/or NA	<i>Existing and future</i>
Evaluating the Action	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	<i>The City will address a significant flood hazard while improving the function and safety of this major access point for local and regional traffic.</i>
Cost estimate	<i>\$2,000,000</i>
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	<i>The proposed action will have a benefit/cost ratio of at least 1.0</i>
Technical	<i>This project is technically feasible</i>
Political	<i>There is political and public support for this project</i>
Legal	<i>Legal authority exists for the project</i>
Environmental	<i>This project would be implemented in conformance with State and Federal environmental regulations</i>
Social	<i>The proposed action will benefit the entire community and will not negatively impact any particular group or neighborhood</i>
Administrative capability	<i>City and County staff are capable of administering this project</i>
Local champion	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Other community objectives	<i>Improved access to eco-tourism destinations</i>
Implementing the Action	
Priority	<i>Medium</i>
Local planning mechanism	<i>Capital budget</i>
Responsible party	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Potential funding sources	<i>Capital budget, grant, inter-local agreement with County</i>
Time line	<i>2 - 10 years</i>
Reporting on Progress	
Action progress status	<i>Not initiated due to lack of funding</i>

Action Worksheet	
Your plan name	<i>Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>
Your community name	<i>City of Absecon</i>
Community action number	6
Assessing the Risk	
Hazard(s) addressed	<i>Flooding</i>
Risk finding	<i>The Faunce Landing Pump Station, Drive-in Pump Station, Reeds Bay Pump Station, and Illinois Avenue Pump Station are located in areas prone to flooding and were damaged by high flood waters during Super Storm Sandy</i>
Describing the Action	
Action category	<i>Structural project</i>
Action type	<i>Elevate pump stations</i>
Action description	<i>New elevated wet well with site lighting, fencing, emergency generator, elevated access platform, and other required components.</i>
Existing, future &/or NA	<i>Existing and future</i>
Evaluating the Action	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	<i>The City will be more capable of maintaining vital services during an emergency.</i>
Cost estimate	<i>\$3,000,000</i>
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	<i>The proposed action will have a benefit/cost ratio of at least 1.0</i>
Technical	<i>This project is technically feasible</i>
Political	<i>There is political and public support for this project</i>
Legal	<i>Legal authority exists for the project</i>
Environmental	<i>This project would be implemented in conformance with State and Federal environmental regulations</i>
Social	<i>The proposed action will benefit the entire community and will not negatively impact any particular group or neighborhood</i>
Administrative capability	<i>City staff are capable of administering this project</i>
Local champion	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Other community objectives	<i>Reduced pump station maintenance and repairs</i>
Implementing the Action	
Priority	<i>Medium</i>
Local planning mechanism	<i>Capital budget</i>
Responsible party	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Potential funding sources	<i>Capital budget, grant</i>
Time line	<i>2 - 10 years</i>
Reporting on Progress	
Action progress status	<i>Not initiated due to lack of funding</i>

Action Worksheet	
Your plan name	<i>Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>
Your community name	<i>City of Absecon</i>
Community action number	7
Assessing the Risk	
Hazard(s) addressed	<i>Flooding</i>
Risk finding	<i>Frequent flooding due to an undersized outfall from Jenkins Pond to Absecon Creek, causing flooding on Shore Road (NJ Route 157) and overland flow down Berkley and Tremont Avenues and through the adjacent neighborhood.</i>
Describing the Action	
Action category	<i>Structural project</i>
Action type	<i>Flood protection and drainage improvements</i>
Action description	<i>Replace existing outfall pipe with new 6'x3' box culvert pipe on Berkley Avenue; construct new outfall to Absecon Creek on Euclid Drive; reconstruct roadways</i>
Existing, future &/or NA	<i>Existing and future</i>
Evaluating the Action	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	<i>The City will address a significant flood hazard while improving the function and safety of this major access point for local and regional traffic.</i>
Cost estimate	<i>\$2,000,000</i>
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	<i>The proposed action will have a benefit/cost ratio of at least 1.0</i>
Technical	<i>This project is technically feasible</i>
Political	<i>There is political and public support for this project</i>
Legal	<i>Legal authority exists for the project</i>
Environmental	<i>This project would be implemented in conformance with State and Federal environmental regulations</i>
Social	<i>The proposed action will benefit the entire community and will not negatively impact any particular group or neighborhood</i>
Administrative capability	<i>City staff are capable of administering this project</i>
Local champion	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Other community objectives	<i>Improved access to eco-tourism destinations</i>
Implementing the Action	
Priority	<i>Medium</i>
Local planning mechanism	<i>Capital budget</i>
Responsible party	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Potential funding sources	<i>Capital budget, grant</i>
Time line	<i>2 - 10 years</i>
Reporting on Progress	
Action progress status	<i>New action</i>

Action Worksheet	
Your plan name	<i>Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>
Your community name	<i>City of Absecon</i>
Community action number	<i>8</i>
Assessing the Risk	
Hazard(s) addressed	<i>Flooding</i>
Risk finding	<i>Frequent nuisance flooding on various City roadways due to an undersized outfall from Hobart Avenue across Shore Road (NJ Route 157) to Sooy's Lane.</i>
Describing the Action	
Action category	<i>Structural project</i>
Action type	<i>Flood protection and drainage improvements</i>
Action description	<i>Replace existing undersized outfall pipe with larger pipe within existing drainage easements and on Amy Lane, Shore Road (NJ Route 157) and Sooy's Lane; extend outfall and upgrade channel; reconstruct roadways</i>
Existing, future &/or NA	<i>Existing and future</i>
Evaluating the Action	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	<i>The City will address a significant flood hazard while improving the function and safety of this major access point for local and regional traffic.</i>
Cost estimate	<i>\$1,000,000</i>
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	<i>The proposed action will have a benefit/cost ratio of at least 1.0</i>
Technical	<i>This project is technically feasible</i>
Political	<i>There is political and public support for this project</i>
Legal	<i>Legal authority exists for the project</i>
Environmental	<i>This project would be implemented in conformance with State and Federal environmental regulations</i>
Social	<i>The proposed action will benefit the entire community and will not negatively impact any particular group or neighborhood</i>
Administrative capability	<i>City staff are capable of administering this project</i>
Local champion	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Other community objectives	<i>Improved access to eco-tourism destinations</i>
Implementing the Action	
Priority	<i>Medium</i>
Local planning mechanism	<i>Capital budget</i>
Responsible party	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Potential funding sources	<i>Capital budget, grant</i>
Time line	<i>2 - 10 years</i>
Reporting on Progress	
Action progress status	<i>New action</i>

Action Worksheet	
Your plan name	<i>Atlantic County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>
Your community name	<i>City of Absecon</i>
Community action number	<i>9</i>
Assessing the Risk	
Hazard(s) addressed	<i>Flooding</i>
Risk finding	<i>Six (6) properties in the City of Absecon have been classified as repetitive loss properties.</i>
Describing the Action	
Action category	<i>Structural project</i>
Action type	<i>Residential home elevation</i>
Action description	<i>The City of Absecon will assist homeowners located on repetitive loss properties in applying for FEMA funding to elevate their existing dwellings above the design flood elevation.</i>
Existing, future &/or NA	<i>Existing and future</i>
Evaluating the Action	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	<i>The City will address a significant flood hazard while improving the function and safety of vulnerable structures</i>
Cost estimate	<i>\$1,000,000</i>
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	<i>The proposed action will have a benefit/cost ratio of at least 1.0</i>
Technical	<i>This project is technically feasible</i>
Political	<i>There is political and public support for this project</i>
Legal	<i>Legal authority exists for the project</i>
Environmental	<i>This project would be implemented in conformance with State and Federal environmental regulations</i>
Social	<i>The proposed action will benefit the entire community and will not negatively impact any particular group or neighborhood</i>
Administrative capability	<i>City staff are capable of administering this project</i>
Local champion	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Other community objectives	<i>Mitigate severe repetitive flood loss properties</i>
Implementing the Action	
Priority	<i>Medium</i>
Local planning mechanism	<i>Subsidized homeowner expense</i>
Responsible party	<i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Potential funding sources	<i>FEMA</i>
Time line	<i>2 - 10 years</i>
Reporting on Progress	
Action progress status	<i>New action</i>