



RESOURCES

RHODE ISLAND STATUS REPORTS

[State of Rhode Island Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Report](#). Provides a statewide overview of how various natural, manmade, and technological hazards--including flooding--impact the State of Rhode Island.

[Rhode Island Hazard Mitigation Plan](#). Provides comprehensive guidance for statewide hazard mitigation. It contains a wealth of geographic and demographic information, along with a thorough assessment of the natural hazards faced throughout the state.

FUNDING ASSISTANCE

[Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency \(RIEMA\) Hazard Mitigation](#). RIEMA provides information on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs: 1) Flood Mitigation Assistance, 2) Pre-Disaster Mitigation, 3) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Other Sources of Funding Include: [Community Development Block Grants](#), [Natural Resource Conservation Service](#), [Transportation Improvement Plan](#), and [RI Infrastructure Bank](#).

INCORPORATING FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION INTO LOCAL PLANNING

[Guidance Handbook #12: Planning for Natural Hazards & Climate Change](#). Part of the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning Standards Guidance Handbook Series, this document offers direction on incorporating natural hazards and climate change into the Comprehensive Plan.

[Hazard Mitigation Plan Template](#). Recommended Rhode Island Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Template for municipalities to use as guidance.

[Community Rating System \(CRS\)](#). The Community Rating System is a program that recognizes a community's efforts that exceed the NFIP minimum requirements for floodplain management. Participating communities can earn a discount on flood insurance premiums.

[Community Rating System Green Guide](#). Using examples and success stories, this guide highlights how communities can earn credit through the CRS program while also enhancing



beneficial floodplain functions. The guide is intended to be used alongside the CRS Coordinator's Manual.

[Association of State Floodplain Managers \(ASFPM\)](#). The ASFPM promotes education, policies, and activities that mitigate flood damages and protects the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains.

[Increased Freeboard Allowance](#). 2016 legislation amended Zoning Enabling Act definition of "building height" and define the term "freeboard" in the Zoning Enabling Act to support 5' freeboard in "flood zones areas and to encourage safe and stable design for those structures."

[CRMC Beach SAMP](#). Compiles coastal data and assists coastal communities in planning for sea level rise, storm surge, and flooding.

IDENTIFYING EXPOSURE AND RISK

[Socioeconomics of Sea Level Rise](#). Based on Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program's Technical Paper 168, these fact sheets summarize the human impacts and vulnerabilities of various sea level rise scenarios on each coastal community. They identify social, economic, and demographic characteristics of the residents in the possible inundation zones.

[FEMA Flood Map Service Center](#). The official public source for flood hazard information produced in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

[RI Floodplain Mapping Tool](#). Based on the National Floodplain Insurance Program, this interactive mapper helps the user identify flood zones for RI properties.

[STORMTOOLS](#). Interactive maps detailing various sea level rise and storm surge scenarios. Created by CRMC and the University of Rhode Island for planning purposes.

[Sea Level Rise and Transportation Fact Sheets](#). Based on Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program's Technical Paper 167, these municipal fact sheets summarize the most vulnerable roads and bridges in each of the 21 coastal communities.

[MyCoast](#). Images of coastal events such as King Tides and storms submitted by the public. Provides an outreach opportunity to get volunteers to go out to your community.