

APPENDIX I. MITIGATION CATALOG

This appendix includes the mitigation catalog that provided guidance to the county and its jurisdictions in developing mitigation actions.



Broome County 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Catalog of Risk Reduction Measures

Risk is defined as being a function of the:

- Hazard
- · Exposure
- Vulnerability, and
- · Capability

Therefore risk can be reduced through mitigation by manipulating the hazard, reducing exposure to the hazard, reducing the vulnerability and/or increasing capability. And, where mitigation is not yet possible, the risk can be reduced through preparation, response or/and recovery. The list is not meant to be exhaustive, but to inspire thought.

Catalog of Risk Reduction	Hazard Category						
Measures			Drought				
	Manipulate Hazard		Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability			
Measures Personal Scale	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure 1. Consider stored water/captured water techniques during dry seasons. 2. Establishing an irrigation time/scheduling program or process othat all agricultural land gets the required amount of water. Through incremental timing, each area is irrigated at different times so that all water is not consumed at the same time. Spacing usage may also help with recharge of groundwater.	Reduce Vulnerability 1. Drought resistant landscapes 2. Reduce Water system losses 3. Regularly check for leaks to minimize water supply losses 4. Instal low-flow off while brushing teeth showerheads and toilets 5. Turn water file water the lawn and of the sidewalk or street. 7. Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full. C. heck for leaks in plumping or dripping faucets. 9. Instal rain-capturing devices for	Increase Capability			
Corporate Scale	None	1. Consider stored water/captured water techniques during dry seasons.	Irrigation. To. Install graywater systems in homes to encourage water reuse. 11. Rotate crops by growing a series of different types of crops on the same fields every season to reduce soil erosion. 12. Planting "cover crops," such as cats, wheat, and buckwheat, to prevent soil erosion. 1. Drought resistant landscapes 2. reduce private water system losses 3. identify alternate water supply sources. 4. Install low-flow water saving showerheads and toilets 5. Adjust sprinklers to water the lawn and not the sidewalk or street.	Practice active water conservation develop a water conservation plan. develop a COOP			
			not the sidewark of street.				
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Government Scale	Ground Water Recharge through stormwater management Z. implement cloud seeding techniques during dry seasons.	Identify and create ground water back up sources. Create /dentify new impounded water supply points. Soeveloping new or upgrading existing water delivery systems to eliminate breaks and leaks.	Water use conflict regulations Reduce water system losses Jostribute water saving kits dentify sites ideally suited for ground water recharge. Jostribute solution of groundwater recharges dutilize drought resistant landscapes on community owned facilities. T. Encourage citizens to take water-saving measures	Public education on drought resistance Identify alternative water supplies for time of drought Mutual aid agreements with alternative suppliers. J. Develop a drought contingency plan Develop criteria-"triggers" for drought related actions Improve accuracy of water supply forecasts Provide incentives to influence active water conservation techniques such as water user rate reductions. S. Consider providing incentives to property owners that utilize drought resistant landscapes in the design of their homes. Our dwater buffalo Tankers Our Water buffalo Tankers Oursed vater supply opticast at strive to enhance functional longevity and supply capability of private water supply wells. In Develop an ordinance to restrict the use of public water resources for non-essential usage, such as landscaping, washing cars, filling swimming pools, etc.			

Earthquake

			Hazard Category		
Risk Reduction Measures			Earthquake		
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability	
		1. Locate outside of hazard area (off soft soils)	1. Retrofit structure (anchor house structure to foundation)	1. Practice "drop, cover and hold"	
		2. Anchoring rooftop-mounted equipment (i.e., H	 Secure household items that can cause injury or damage such as water heaters, bookcases, and other appliances 	 Develop household mitigation plan, such as creating a retrofit savings account, communication capability with outside, 72 hr. self-sufficiency during an event 	
Personal scale	None	3. Constructing masonry chimneys greater than 6	3. Build to higher design	 Increase capability by having cash reserves for reconstruction 	
			 Installing window film to prevent injuries from shattered glass. 	 become informed on the hazard and risk reduction alternatives available. 	
				5. develop a post-disaster action plan for your household.	
		1. Locate/relocate mission critical functions outside hazard area where possible.	1. Build redundancy for critical functions/facilities	 Adopt higher standard for new construction Consider "performance based design' when building new structures 	
		2. Anchoring rooftop-mounted equipment (i.e., HVAC units, satellite dishes, etc	2. Retrofit critical buildings/areas housing mission critical functions.	 Increase capability by having cash reserves for reconstruction 	
			 Anchor or stabilize utility equipment (electrical transformers and generators) to withstand earthquake forces and movements. Examples: anchor electrical transformers: combine equipment on one foundation 	 Inform your employees on the possible impacts of earthquake and how to deal with them at your work facility. 	
Corporate scale	None		4. Reinforce, restrain, or improve utility transmission lines and connections to withstand earthquake forces, soil movements and differential settlements. Examples: install expansion joints; reinforce well shaft or install submersible pump; restrain pipes; improve pipe materials.	4. Develop and adopt a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)	
			 Anchor or improve vertical/elevated tank structures or stand pipes to withstand earthquake forces and movements. 		
			6. Anchor critical equipment (e.g., computers) and shelving in offices, warehouses, and maintenance buildings in conjunction with building structural upgrades.		
		1. Locate critical facilities or functions outside of hazard area where possible.	1. Harden infrastructure	1. Provide better hazard maps	
		2. Anchoring rooftop-mounted equipment (i.e., HVAC units, satellite dishes, etc	2. Provide redundancy for critical functions	2. Provide technical information and guidance	
			3. Higher regulatory standards for structures	3. Enact tools to help manage development in hazard areas: tax incentives, information	
			 Enforce the seismic design provisions in the International Building Code for all new buildings and infrastructure. 	4. Include retrofitting/replacement of critical system elements in CIP	
			 Anchor critical equipment (e.g., computers) and shelving in offices, warehouses, and maintenance buildings in conjunction with building structural upgrades. 	 Develop strategy to take advantage of post disaster opportunities 	

Earthquake

	Hazard Category						
Risk Reduction Measures	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Earthquake Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability			
			6. Identify critical facilities constructed of un-reinforced masonry using local knowledge and/or pictometry/orthophotos. These facilities may not be functional during response/recovery efforts after an earthquake and alternative resources/assets should be identified in emergency response/recovery plans.	 Warehouse critical infrastructure components such as pipe power line, and road repair material. 			
			7. Identify privately owned structures/residences constructed of un-reinforced masonry using local knowledge and/or pictometry/orthophotos. These buildings may not withstand earthquakes of certain magnitudes and plans to provide emergency response/recovery efforts for these properties should be in place.	7. Develop and adopt a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)			
Government	None			8. Initiate triggers guiding improvements such as: (< 50% substantial damage/improvements)			
				 Further enhance seismic risk assessment to target high hazard buildings for mitigation opportunities. Develop a post disaster action plan that includes a grant funding and debris removal components. 			
				11. Educate builders and developers on seismic construction			
				standards 12. Add earthquakes to emergency response plans for training and drills for employees.			
				13. Increase public awareness of potential earthquake hazards			
				14. Enhance public education and outreach efforts to increas awareness of earthquake hazards and risks in the County.			
				15. Enhance emergency preparedness/response capabilities by training building officials, engineers, architects, building owners, emergency managers, and/or interested citizens the Rapid Visual Screening (RVS) methodology outlined by FEMA in the Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards: A Handbook. Second Edition. RVS is used to identify, inventory and rank buildings posing risk of death, injury, or severe curtailment in use following an earthquake.			
				16. Prepare vulnerability study of masonry buildings.			
				17. Train inspectors on post-disaster visual evaluation.			
				18. Train building code officials on seismic standards/ design provisions in the International Building Code.			

Extreme Temperatures

	Hazard Category						
Catalog of Risk Reduction Measures	Extreme Temperatures						
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability			
		2. Insulate house	1. Air Condition non-conditioned buildings. 2. Install back-up wood burning stoves	1. Be aware of impending heat waves. 2. Inform yourself on the do's and don't's during heat waves.			
Personal Scale	Personal Scale None		-	 Have fans available for use during peak demands in lieu of air conditioning. Install back-up generators 			
Corporate Scale	None	1. Create redundancy to power supply to deal with power grid vulnerability during high demands	1. Air Condition non-conditioned buildings.	 Inform employees of the seriousness of heat waves. Monitor weather forecasts. Establish an COOP. 			
Government Scale	None	1. Create redundancy to power supply to deal with power grid vulnerability during high demands	1. Air condition public buildings.	 Inform the public on the seriousness of heat-waves. Identify populations vulnerable to extreme heat (elderly, poor) for early warning during potential heat waves. Enhance weather forecasting capability Distribute fans to vulnerable populations. Promote selective approaches to cooling buildings during peak demands. Water Supply Mapping Initiative 			

Flooding

		Hazard	Category	
Risk Reduction Measures			oding	
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability
	1. Clear stormwater drains and culverts	1. Locate outside of hazard area	1. Retrofit structure (Elevate structure above BFE)	1. Enforce NFIP
	2. Install local stormwater capture systems	2. Elevate utilities above BFE	2. Elevate items with house above BFE	2. Buy flood insurance
		3. Institute low impact development techniques on property	3. Build new homes above BFE	 Develop household mitigation plan, such as retrofit savings, communication capability with outside, 72 hr. self-sufficiency during and after an event
Personal scale		 Assess projects to determine if they may inadvertently increase flood risk 	4. Flood proof existing structures.	4. Be aware of evacuation routes
		5. Use of permeable driveways and surfaces to reduce runoff and increase groundwater recharge		5. Education yourself on flood risk from related hazards, such as wildfire
		6. Raise utilities or other mechanical devices above expected flood levels		6. Participate in CERT training
	1. Clear stormwater drains and culverts	1. Locate business critical facilities or functions outside hazard area	1. Build redundancy for critical functions/ retrofit critical buildings.	 Increase capability by having cash reserves fo reconstruction
	2. Install local stormwater capture systems	on property	2. Provide flood-proofing measures when new critical infrastructure must be located in floodplains.	 Support and implement hazard disclosure for the sale/re-sale of property in identified risk zones.
Corporate scale		3. Assess projects to determine if they may inadvertently increase flood risk		 Solicit 'cost-sharing" through partnerships with private sector stake holders on projects with multiple benefits.
		 Use of porous pavement, vegetative buffers, and islands in large parking areas. 		
		5. Raise utilities or other mechanical devices above expected flood levels		
	1. Clear stormwater drains and culverts	1. Locate/re-locate critical facilities outside of hazard area	1. Harden infrastructure	1. Produce better hazard maps
	2. Dredging, levee construction, providing retention areas	2. Acquire or relocate identified repetitive loss properties.	infrastructure	2. Capture/survey "high-water" marks during flood events.
	3. Structural flood control: levee's, dams, channelization, revetments.	3. Promote open space uses in identified high hazard areas via techniques such as: PUD's, easements, setbacks, greenways, sensitive area tracks.	3. Adopt appropriate regulatory standards such as cumulative substantial improvement/damage, freeboard, lower substantial damage threshold, compensatory storage.	 Provide technical information and guidance to local municipalities for flood mitigation projects
	4. Construct regional stormwater control facilities	4. Adopt land development criteria such as PUD's, Density transfers, clustering	4. Stormwater management regulations and master planning.	4. Enact tools to help manage development in hazard areas (stronger controls, tax incentives, information)
		5. Institute low impact development techniques on property	5. Adopt "no-adverse impact" floodplain management policies that strive to not increase the flood risk on down-stream communities.	5. Incorporate retrofitting/replacement of critical system elements in CIP

		Hazard	Category					
Risk Reduction Measures	Flooding							
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability				
		6. Acquire vacant land or promote open space uses in developing watersheds to control increases in runoff	6. Participate in the Community Rating System (CRS)	6. Develop strategy to take advantage of post disaster opportunities				
Government Scale		7. Enforce more strict parking standards to ensure vehicles aren't being parked in flood prone areas or bought out properties.	7. Implement as-built regulatory requirements,	7. Warehouse critical infrastructure components				
		8. Utilize alternative funding sources for property buyouts that do not have the same restrictions as FEMA buyout programs.	8. Implement site review ordinances/requirements	8. Develop and adopt a COOP				
			9. Increase floodplain standards within municipal ordinances, and include provisions for enforcing best practice standards within floodplains and using preliminary flood maps.	9. Join CRS program				
			10. Utilize vacant lots for pocket parks, community gardens, non-permanent projects, or for implementing green infrastructure projects.	10. Maintain existing data as well as gather new data needed to define risks and vulnerability.				
				 Train emergency responders Provide FEMA flood training for code officers and provide incentive for officers to get training. 				
				 Be proactive in buy-outs for contiguous open space. Create a building and elevation inventory of tractice in the flood blue. 				
				structures in the floodplain 15. Develop and implement a public information strategy-work on better county-wide joint communications to get out a unified message.				
				 Develop fees for sewerage. Charge a Hazard mitigation fee on all new permits to create a hazard mitigation funding source for initiatives or grant cost share requirements. Enact new development fees for sewerage. 				
				19. Integrate floodplain management policies into other planning mechanisms within the planning area.				

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Risk Reduction Measures	Flooding						
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability			
				40. Implement safe document archiving			
				systems to preserve important records on			
				municipal, county, and agency levels.			
				41. Support the establishment of a silver jacket			
				team in NYS to support the reduction of flood			
				risk in communities.			
				42. Develop better education and outreach			
				regarding flood insurance and NFIP programs.			
				43. Identify local 25% funding match for grant			
				eligible projects.			
				44. Find consistent funding for river gages-			
				support inclusion as a Federal budget line iten			
				45. Enact local real estate disclosure regulation			
				for hazard areas. Enhance regulations for risk			
				disclosure.			
				46. Leverage excellent flood inundation			
				mapping to support emergency management			
				flood events (evacuations, road closures,			
				emergency routes, etc.)			
				47. Identify other potential funding mechanis			
				so support mitigation (e.g. a local mitigation			
				"kits" to support grant applications)			
				48. Adopt ordinances to require backup powe			
				for water and wastewater systems (particular			
				relevant to developments, trailer parks or			
				industrial facilities			
				49. Flood-proof/harden critical infrastructure			
				(specifically identified was substations, water			
				wells and WWTP such as the Joint Sewerage			
				Commission in Binghamton)			
				50. Facilitate an insurance summit and then			
				disseminate the information in a public			
				outreach campaign.			
				51. Facilitate and promote an NFIP update			
				workshop with NYSDEC, perhaps as part of th			
				County Flood Tasks Force of the Legislature.			
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				52. Provide Mitigation outreach campaign for			
				businesses.			

Flooding

		Haza	rd Category	
Risk Reduction Measures		F	looding	
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability
				53. Promote available mitigation-related
				training in the area.
				54. Improve integration and coordination
				amongst vulnerable populationsthrough
				County Mental Health.
				55. Pursue flood/stormwater study on
				regional/watershed level. Continue to petition the Federal Government to include
				maintenance of River Gages as a budget line
				item.
				56. Pursue accredidation for floodwalls/levees
				to ensure structural design meets flood
				protection standards.
				57. Increase coordination and information
				sharing between municipalities, both with data
				and on mitigation/preparedness projects.
				58. Work with insurance agencies and real
				estate agents to provide workshops on tools
				and resources to get more information on floor
				hazard zones and FIRMs.
				59. Work on engaging the public with progress
				on flood mitigation projects to demonstrate
				progress is being made.
				60. Engage federal, state, regional, and local
				stakeholders/resources within the county to
				create updated flood studies.
				61. Mark boundary of buyout properties (surveyed and marked) to engable inspection
				and progress reporting to CRS.
				62. Proactive planning for buyouts to ensure
				more comprehensive buyout programs.
				63. Procure elevation certificates for all insured
				properties within the county, both Pre and Post
				FIRM.
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	Hazard Category					
Risk Reduction Measures		Invasiv	e Species			
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability		
	1. Participate in quarantine, control, or erdication programs.		1. Form citizen action groups to promote awareness and best practices on local levels.	1. Regularly check the NYSISRI Portal for updated information.		
Personal scale				2. Comply with Invasive Species rules and regulations to minimize the chance for invasive species to spread.		
				3. Broaden collaborations focused on ecosystem restoration and ecosystem-based management.		
Corporate scale	None	None	None	1. Build and maintain partnerships with other stakeholders to coordinate information sharing, and response for Invasive Species throughout the county/region.		

on quarantine, control, or eradication programs for invasive species.	1. Create/disseminate planting guides which explain which types of plants and vegetation are safe to plant within the county.	best practices for invasive species at the local level.	1. Build and maintain partnerships with other stakeholders to coordinate information sharing, and response for Invasive Species throughout the county/region.
			2. Work with federal/state agencies to disseminate information to local municipalities regarding Invasive Species from the NYS Invasive Species Research Institute portal.
			3. Disseminate information to the general public to educate them on Invasive Species

Government Scale		4. Work with stakeholders to identify and expand resources for prevention and early detection of invasive species.
		5. Support New York State's initiative for an invasive species early warning system.
		6. Broaden collaborations focused on ecosystem restoration and ecosystem-based management.
		7. Build ecological restoration planning into IS management projects.
		8. Support New York State's marketing, branding, and educational initiatives.

Severe Storms

	Hazard Category						
Risk Reduction Measures		Severe Storms					
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability			
		1. Use natural environmental features as wind bu		1. Trim or remove trees that could effect power lines			
				2. Promote 72 hour self-sufficiency			
			 Installing hurricane shutters or other protective measures 	3. Obtain a NOAA weather radio.			
Personal Scale	None		4. Plant appropriate trees near home and power lines ("Right tree, right place" National Arbor Day Foundation Program.	4. Obtain an emergency generator.			
			5. Reinforce garage doors				
			6. Retrofit roofs to adequate standards to				
			provide				
			wind resistance.				
		1. Use natural environmental features as wind	1. Relocate critical infrastructure, such as power	1. Trim or remove trees that could affect power			
		buffers in site design.	lines, underground	lines			
				2. Create redundancy			
			such as powerlines so that it meets performance	, and the second s			
			expectations.				
Corporate Scale	None		3. Install tree wire	3. Equip your facilities with a NOAA weather radio			
corporate scale				4. Equip vital facilities with emergency power sources.			
				5. Monitor impending storm events so that you			
				can release employees in such a manner as to			
				not negatively impact emergency response			
				personnel/services.			
			1. Harden infrastructure such a locating utilities	1. Support programs such as "Tree Watch" that			
				proactively manage problem areas by use of			
				selective removal of hazardous trees, tree			
				replacement, etc.			
			2. Trimming trees back from power lines	2. Establish and enforce building codes that			
				require all roofs to withstand snow loads			
			3. Designate snow routes and strengthen critical road sections and bridges.	3. Increase communication alternatives			
			2	4. Modify land use and environmental			
			quantity of tress planted near utility lines	regulations to support vegetation management activities that improve reliability in utility corridors.			
				5 Modify landscape and other ordinances to			
			5. Relocate critical infrastructure, such as power lines, underground	5. Modify landscape and other ordinances to encourage appropriate planting near overhead power, cable, and phone lines			

Severe Storms

Risk Reduction Measures	Hazard Category				
	Severe Storms				
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability	
				7. Create/Enhance "mutual aid" agreements fo response to all emergencies	
				8. Create/Identify evacuation routes to be utilized during Severe Storm events.	
				9. Join "Storm-Ready" program	
				 Provide early warning of impending severe storm events to identified critical or essential facilities. This would include facilities such as large employments centers, schools, hospitals 	
Government	None	None		····· 9- ···· p··· 9···· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ···	
Coveninent				11. Promote emergency power supplies to private property.	
				12. Improve cell phone service	
				13. Provide training on new technologies such Brine de-icing	
				14. Recruit additional emergency personnel or use mutual aid agreements	
				15. Increase sheltering capabilities	
				 16. Improve highway dept knowledge 17. Provide diversified energy such as wind an 	
				solar.	
				18. Increase capability to respond to power outages and downed power lines. Establish	
				partnerships with utility providers through pro active planning.	
				 Provide better communication systems an back-up communication systems to inform public of hazards and to communicate during the hazard event. 	
				 20. Maintain the debris management plan to identify priority roads, establish access to critifacilities and update as need be. 21. Maintain relationships with utlity providers to ensure timely response after hazard events 	
				22. Coordinate with utility providers to identif potentially hazardous trees and vegetation.	

Risk Reduction Measures	Hazard Category					
	Severe Winter Storms					
	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability		
		 Plant appropriate trees near home and power lines ("Right tree, right place" National Arbor Day Foundation) 	1. Insulate House	1. Trim or remove trees that could affect power lines		
			2. Provide redundant heat and power	2. Promote 72 hour self-sufficiency		
Personal scale	None		3. Insulate Structure	3. Be aware of inclement weather conditions, and move your vehicles off of the street as severe weather systems approach.		
			4. Ensure natural gas input/release valves do not get covered in snow	4. Retrofit structures		
Corporato Scalo	None	None	lines, underground	 Trim or remove trees that could affect power lines Create redundancy in utilities and communications Develop a Continuity of Operations Plan 		
Corporate Scale	None	None		 COOP) to address operations before, during and after coastal storm events. Utilize weather radios at the work place to keep your employees apprised of severe weather conditions. 		
			1. Harden infrastructure such a locating utilities under ground where appropriate.	1. Support programs such as "Tree Watch" that proactively manage problem areas by use of selective removal of hazardous trees, tree replacement, etc.		
			2. Trimming trees back from power lines	2. Establish and enforce building codes that require all roofs to withstand snow loads Develop/Improve/Enforce building Codes in Hazard Areas		
Government			3. Designate snow routes and strengthen critical road sections and bridges.			
			issues of parking of vehicles along roadways during severe weather events.	 Modify land use and environmental regulations to support vegetation management activities that improve reliability in utility corridors. 		
			5. Develop or enhance the capacity/capability of stormwater conveyance systems.	encourage appropriate planting near overhead power, cable, and phone lines		
			6. Provide backup power sources at vital critical facilities.	6. Provide weather radios to vulnerable populations		

Risk Reduction	Hazard Category				
Measures	Severe Winter Storms				
Weasures	Manipulate Hazard	Reduce Exposure	Reduce Vulnerability	Increase Capability	
				7. Enhance public awareness campaigns to	
				address those issues of alert and warning and	
				actions to take during severe weather events.	
				8. Utilize the best available technology to	
				enhance the warning systems for all severe	
				weather events (i.e.: tornado warning system	
	None	None		9. Coordinate severe weather warning	
				capabilities and the dissemination of warning	
				amongst those agencies within the planning	
				with the highest degree of capability.	
				10. Encourage local ordinances for planting t	
				near lines and join Tree City USA.	
				11. Increase tree management programs.	
Government				12. Join the Community Rating System	
				14. Join "Storm-Ready"	
				15. Retrofit critical structures and promote	
				hazard resistant construction	
				16. Keep open communications and education	
				of hazards for mobile home communities	
				17. Retrofit above-ground utilities to u/g	
				facilities if appropriate	
				18. Create a salt reserve or research alternate	
				to stretch salt reserve.	
				19. Ensure accessibility to hospital.	
				20. Provide better debris logistics and remov	
				21. Provide better communication systems a	
				back-up communication systems to inform	
				public of hazards and to communicate during	
				the hazard event.	