

Section 11. Next Steps

2014 Plan Update Changes

Section 11 is a new section to the State HMP.

Since the 2011 Plan was submitted to FEMA for review and approval, New Jersey has experienced seven Federal Disaster Declarations, one of which has been the most severe the State has experienced in recent history. During the time of the 2014 update planning process, all plan participants were fully engaged in the recovery phase of Superstorm Sandy. Despite the challenges, the State has made some significant accomplishments since the 2011 Plan.

During the 2014 Plan update process, additional activities were identified to further develop, refine and enhance the Plan that could not be accomplished in time for the 2014 regulatory update. These activities will be considered as the State's 'next steps' to continue enhancing the mitigation plan and program.

For the purposes of this Plan, 'next step' activities are defined as action items to be developed further during the life-cycle of the Plan, through the monitoring, evaluation and update process. Table 11-1 provides a comprehensive list of these activities and their associated schedule. These activities demonstrate the State's continued commitment to mitigation and the enhancement of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan.



Table 11-1.Next Step Activities for 2014

44 CFR Section/Element	Item	Activity	Responsible Agency	Timeframe
2014				
44 CFR 201.4(b)	Include public comments received in an appendix. Include a summary of the type of feedback received.	Public comments will be organized by Plan section or theme, incorporated into a new appendix. Comments may be used in the development plan maintenance updates and incorporated into the Plan.	NJOEM and Cross- Agency Leadership Team	To be completed by August 2014 and published on-line
44 CFR 201.4(c)(3)(ii)	Provide an expanded organizational chart for the Mitigation Unit.	Mitigation Unit organizational chart will be added to Section 6.	NJOEM	To be completed by August 2014 and published on-line
2015				
44 CFR 201.4(c)(3)(iii)	If the reason is that the FEMA Mitigation Assessment Team (MAT) report came out in November 2013 and there was no time to evaluate and prioritize the actions and include them in the New Actions, then it can be stated in the plan that steps will be taken in the near future, before the next plan update, to make them part of the mitigation strategy of this plan.	FEMA's November 2013 Mitigation Assessment Team (MAT) will be reviewed and next steps identified for inclusion as part of the State's mitigation strategy.	NJOEM, SHMT and Cross-Agency Leadership Team	Quarter 4
44 CFR 201.4(c)(3)(ii)	A detailed account of the Green Acres / Blue Acres Program is not found in Appendix G.	NJDEP will evaluate the addition of a Green Acres / Blue Acres Program capability assessment in Appendix G.	NJDEP	Quarter 4
2016				
44 CFR 201.4(b)	Additional report for integration is 'Resilience: Preparing New Jersey for Climate Change: A Gap Analysis from the New Jersey Climate Adaption Alliance, December 2013'	NJDEP will evaluate the excerpts of the 2013 Gap Analysis published by Rutgers, and provided by FEMA, and will incorporate changes, as appropriate, as the SHMP is revised in the future.	NJDEP, SHMT	Quarter 4

Note: Quarter 4 is defined as October, November and December.