



Mitigation Framework Leadership Group (MitFLG)

National Mitigation Investment Strategy A Mitigation Framework Leadership Group Initiative

FACT SHEET

Why do we need a National Mitigation Investment Strategy?

The natural disasters of 2017 illustrate the significant impact of catastrophic events on our nation’s families and communities. A community’s recovery after a disaster can be a long and difficult process, as residents return to their homes, and businesses resume operations. Our nation must find ways to reduce future losses, and minimize the impacts of disasters on individuals and communities. Unfortunately, we know that future disasters are unavoidable. But, what if there were a way to dramatically reduce the devastating impacts of disasters? What if there was a way to make our families safer and our homes and infrastructure, more resilient?

The Mitigation Framework Leadership Group (MitFLG), a federal interagency coordinating body with membership from federal, state, local, tribal and territorial bodies, has taken on the task of developing a National Mitigation Investment Strategy (Investment Strategy) to address this challenge. The Investment Strategy is intended to empower governments at all levels, as well as communities, individuals, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations, by encouraging new ideas that result in innovative actions to reduce the risk from all hazards.

The MitFLG [draft Investment Strategy](#) provides a series of recommendations for encouraging mitigation in communities nationwide. The strategy encourages discussion, feedback, and improved coordination amongst all levels of government and the private sector to spur new ideas and increase national disaster resilience. Public, private, and non-profit groups must change how we talk about hazards, how we think about vulnerabilities, and how we plan and build in our communities. Public, private, and non-profit groups must transform how they share the nation’s best mitigation knowledge and experience to improve national disaster resilience and make our families, our homes and businesses, and our country safer and stronger.

Draft Investment Strategy Principals and Outcomes

The draft Investment Strategy proposes an investment approach built upon coordination of mitigation and risk management activities, and illustrative examples of best practice models that can be used by federal, state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as the private sector, non-profit organizations and the public.

The Investment Strategy will be grounded in three fundamental principles.

- First, it is important to empower and facilitate individual, community organizations and private sector engagement in promoting the importance of mitigation, to spur innovation in mitigation investments.
- Second, improved collaboration between the public, non-profit sector, government at all levels and the private sector must take place in order to drive decisions towards common goals.
- Third, investment decisions must be backed by trusted, sound data and analysis as to the causes of risk and loss, have buy-in from the public, be cost beneficial, and result in effective risk-reduction.

The draft Investment Strategy outlines outcomes focused on the following themes:



Get Involved

The Investment Strategy must reflect the perspectives of diverse public and private partners that provide a broad representation of the community and its values so that all opinions are reflected in the decision-making process, and the proposed solutions. Public input is critical. We welcome feedback from all interested parties on the goals, proposed outcomes and recommendations, illustrations, and next steps contained in the draft Investment Strategy. For more information and opportunities to provide input, please visit our website at www.fema.gov/national-mitigation-framework. You can also share your ideas with FEMA via [Ideascale](https://ideascale.com) and at FEMA-NMIS@fema.dhs.gov.

About the [Mitigation Framework Leadership Group](#)

The MitFLG coordinates mitigation policies across the federal government. Membership includes federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial representatives. The MitFLG also assesses the effectiveness of mitigation capabilities as they are developed and deployed across the nation. For more information, visit fema.gov/national-mitigation-framework.