

RESILIENCY AND HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN



PUBLIC MEETING #3

Planning for a
More Resilient
New Bern

July 2021

Welcome!

- › We appreciate your attendance. Please reference the ***Meeting Information Sheet*** for further information.
 - › Hybrid meeting format
 - › **Meeting Rules of Conduct**
 - Be respectful and courteous of others
 - Keep yourself on mute / turn off your video to lessen distractions
 - Wait for your turn for your question to be asked
 - If your question does not get addressed during the meeting, the planning team will respond in a timely manner
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- › How to ask questions:
- › If participating virtually, please send in questions in the "Chat" feature – OR – use the "raise your hand" feature.
- › If participating in-person, please come to the podium microphone to ask your question.
- › Time limit: under 4 minutes for public comments.

Agenda



- › Review the **DRAFT** New Bern Resiliency Plan:
 - Outline of Sections
 - Opportunity for Public Input* (*during meeting*):
 - Vision Statement
 - Resiliency Pillars
 - Goals

*The following are in DRAFT mode to allow the public an opportunity to weigh in on aspects of the Plan.

- › Discuss the Next Steps for the Resiliency Plan
 - Public to submit comments via online form on website (TBD)
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DRAFT New Bern Resiliency Plan: Outline of Sections

- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Planning Process
- Community Profile
- Capability Assessment
- Cultural Heritage
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Resilience Strategy
- Implementation
- Appendices

Opportunity for Public Feedback: **DRAFT** Vision Statement

› *By implementing the New Bern Resilience and Hazard Mitigation Plan, the City of New Bern, its residents, businesses and community stakeholders will prepare for, adapt to, and respond to a future of rising tides and extreme storms, embrace equitable and sustainable development, increase economic security, protect public health, and promote its cultural heritage.*

- › A strong vision statement helps determine and drive a community's direction.
- › The Core Planning Team developed several draft vision statements for consideration.
- › The final vision statement presented was selected from a list of three (3) initial draft vision statements.



Opportunity for Public Feedback: **DRAFT** Resiliency Pillars



- › Resiliency pillars create broad categories to define and categorize the community's goals and objectives as they relate to community resilience.

Opportunity for Public Feedback: **DRAFT** Goals



- › **Goal 1.A.:** Provide accessible and affordable basic health services and communication.
- › **Goal 1.B.:** Ensure easy access to fresh and healthy foods.
- › **Goal 1.C.:** Increase construction of connected and equitable pedestrian sidewalks, trails, greenways, and bike paths for exercise and access.

- › Each resilience pillar is supported by goals and objectives.

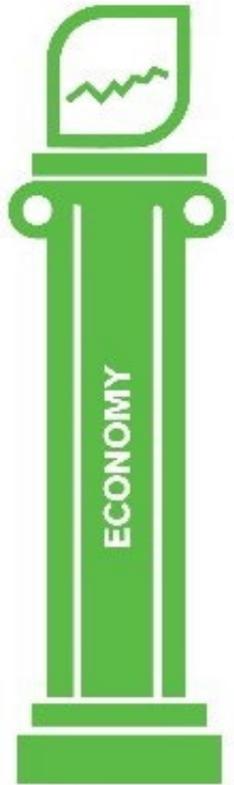
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- › **Goal 2.A.:** Educate citizens of best practices related to finances in predation of home ownership.
- › **Goal 2.B** Educate citizens on best practices related to homeownership.
- › **Goal 2.C.:** Partner with developers to create sustainable PUDs preserving open spaces for flood control and limiting impervious surfaces.

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- › **Goal 3.A.:** Advance racial equity.
- › **Goal 3.B.:** Build business resilience.
- › **Goal 3.C.:** Provide training and educational opportunities for job skills/trades and provide a path to careers through internships and apprenticeships.
- › **Goal 3.D.:** Advance Small Business startups throughout the community.

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- › **Goal 4.A.:** Ensure daily peak capacities and operating reserve capacities are available and ensure redundancy in operating systems.
- › **Goal 4.B.:** Ensure reliability through financial stability, design, testing, maintenance, and repairs.
- › **Goal 4.C.:** Inventory all sidewalks and roads and compare for equitable access to well-maintained sidewalks and roadways.

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- › **Goal 5.A.:** Design new developments to protect natural resource areas.
- › **Goal 5.B.:** Convert flood-prone areas into safe accessible green and public spaces, making sure to include women, children, older persons, and persons with disabilities.
- › **Goal 5.C.:** Design educational components in natural areas to convey their importance.
- › **Goal 5.D.:** Promote physical and mental health through improvements in water quality and air quality.
- › **Goal 5.E.:** Reduce flood risk while improving water quality and enhance wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

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- › **Goal 6.A.:** Implement a public awareness and engagement program to support proactive action by property owners, stewards and residents in preparing themselves and their older and historic buildings for future disasters.
- › **Goal 6.B.:** Lead with infrastructure resilience efforts in flood adaptation and mitigation to protect historic and culturally significant neighborhoods.
- › **Goal 6.C.:** Ensure that disaster recovery incorporates a “build back better” approach that prioritizes building rehabilitation over demolition.
- › **Goal 6.D.:** Align land use and economic development planning to incentivize the adaptation of cultural and natural heritage assets.

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Next Steps for Resiliency Plan

DRAFT Resiliency Plan Review by City of New Bern

Public Open Comment Period on **DRAFT** Resiliency Plan –
Coming SOON to website!

- › Review the plan during 30-day window
- › Submit comments

All comments to be incorporated into FINAL Resiliency Plan

Any questions?



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