Disaster Planning for Historic Properties

Integrating Hazard Mitigation and Historic Preservation in Pennsylvania



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The role of the SHPO is to identify and protect the architectural and archaeological resources of Pennsylvania. Our responsibility is to work with individuals, communities, local governments, and state and federal agencies to educate Pennsylvanians about our heritage and its value, to build better communities through preservation tools and strategies, to provide strong leadership, both individually and through partnerships, and to ensure the preservation of Pennsylvania's heritage.



Mission Statement

"To maintain our sense of place and quality of life, we must commit ourselves to making historic and cultural preservation an integral, indispensable part of living and working here. Lancaster County's greatest assets are its historic buildings, landscapes, and cultural traditions – without them, the county loses its identity, and a part of America's heritage goes with it."



Heritage: the Cultural Heritage Element of the Comprehensive Plan for Lancaster County 2006

"Cultural and historical resources are an integral part of the overall quality of life in the county."



The Comprehensive Plan for Lycoming County, PA 2006

'Historic preservation is an important element in the planning process because it ensures the legacy of not only the county's but the nation's, history for present and future generations. Preserving our historic resources is crucial to sustaining the quality of life that county residents enjoy."



'Historic resources are a vital part of the county's character, contribute to the county's appeal as a tourism destination, and thus play an important role in the economy."



"Lebigh and Northampton counties have a wealth of historic buildings, structures, sites and districts that...add to the beauty and attractiveness of the region, increase understanding and appreciation of our heritage, and improve the quality of life. Many significant historical features are of value to the local economy because they are tourist attractions."



Comprehensive Plan: The Lehigh Valley...2030 2015 "As many of Huntingdon County's communities are settled along rivers and creeks, flooding continues to be a threat to these historic towns, settlements, and other archaeological resources. Hazard mitigation planning should integrate these historic resources in the regular plan and plan updates."







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Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County Damaged by Tropical Storm Lee Flooding, 2011





Kinzua Viaduct, Hamlin Township, McKean County Destroyed by F-1 Tornado, 2003





Philip Seidel Forge, Lower Alsace Township, Berks County Destroyed by Fire, 2015



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Borough of Palmyra, Lebanon County

Threatened by Land Subsidence (Sinkholes), 2014

Hurricane Sandy October 29, 2012





Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund

\$1.5 million Grant Awarded to PHMC in 2014 is funding:

Disaster Recovery and Planning for Historic Properties

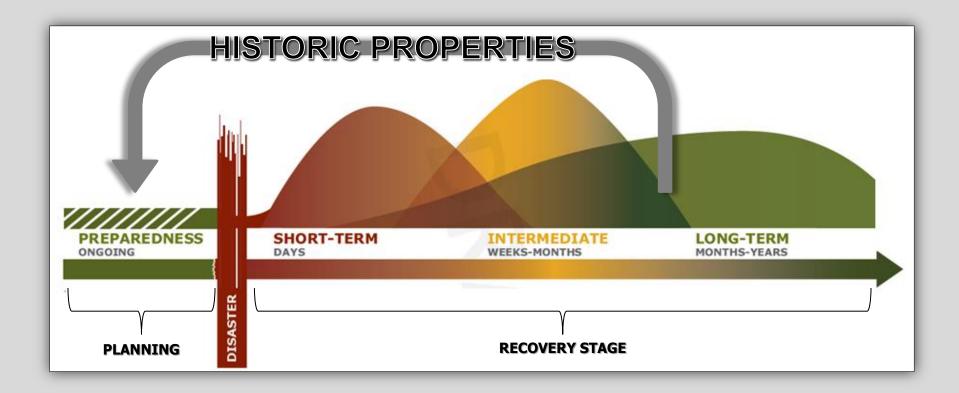
- Awarding *subgrants* to private property owners and nonprofit organizations for reimbursing the costs of repairing National Registereligible or listed historic properties damaged by Hurricane Sandy
- Undertaking municipal and county *bazard mitigation planning* to incorporate and prioritize historic properties
- Developing *model guidance* and hazard mitigation *demonstration projects* related to historic properties
- Providing training and educational programs on disaster-related topics



Planning for Future Disasters



Prioritizing Historic Properties within the Disaster Cycle





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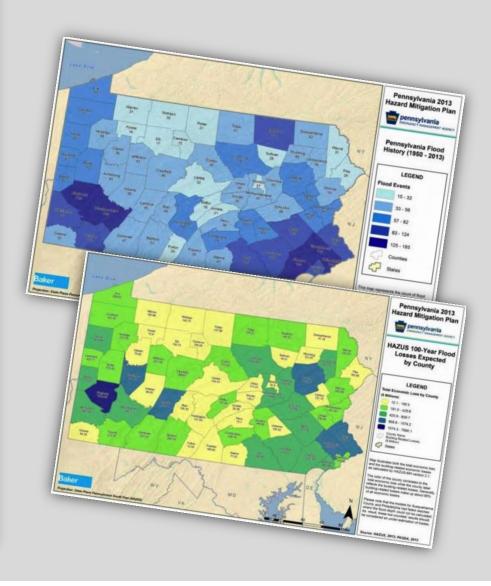
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State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans



Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

- Federal legislation amended the Robert T.
 Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
- Requires local jurisdictions to have hazard mitigation plans to be eligible for federal assistance following a disaster event
- **Emphasizes public participation** and coordination among state and local agencies
- Encourages communities to continuously strive to improve their plans and resulting mitigation actions
- The integration of historic properties into comprehensive mitigation planning is critical to the spirit and intent of DMA 2000



Federal Hazard Mitigation Law



McConnell's Mill and Covered Bridge Slippery Rock Township, Lawrence County

Why Prioritize and Plan for Historic Properties?

- They inform citizens of their unique local heritage, their cultural identity, and the origins of their community
- They are the foundations of our communities' built environment and they provide that familiar "sense of place"
- They are very often valuable economic assets and tourism attractions



The Importance of Preserving Historic Properties

Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Article I, §27. The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's ... resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.



The Responsibility of the Commonwealth

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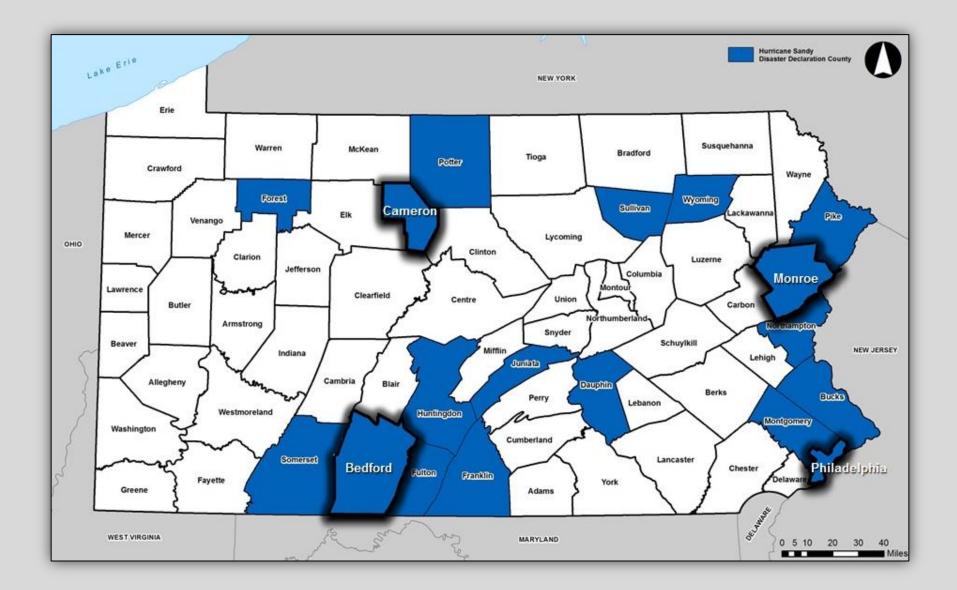
Phase I:

Identifying selected counties' most hazard-prone historic properties through a carefully defined reconnaissance-level survey and recording hazard-specific information for vulnerability assessments

Phase II:

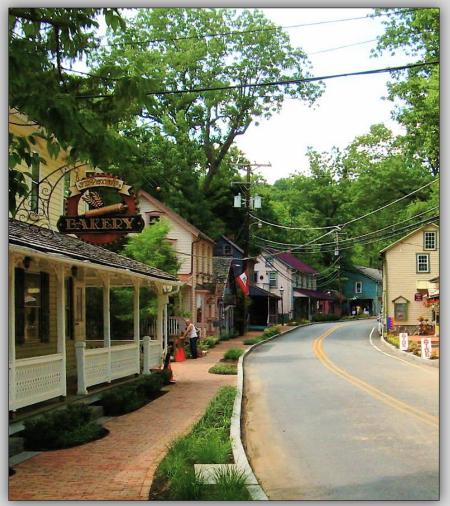
Developing strategies to protect these local historic assets during, and in the aftermath of, future natural disasters and integrating those strategies into select counties' FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans







The Disaster Planning for Historic Properties Initiative "Pilot" Counties



Saint Peters Village Warwick Township, Chester County

"Historic Properties"

For local planning purposes, these may be defined as:

- Contributing to the community's character
 - Ex: Local landmarks, residential neighborhoods

Important economic development assets

Ex: Tourism destinations, downtown/village commercial districts, industrial buildings

Meeting other local planning goals

 Ex: County Comprehensive Plan (Municipalities Planning Code's "plan for historic preservation" requirement)



Definition of "Historic Properties" Context of Hazard Mitigation Plan Integration



Hans Herr House West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County

"Historic Properties"

For federal and state law compliance purposes, these are more specifically defined as:

- Eligible for, or listed in, the National Register of Historic Places
- Various types
 - Buildings
 - Structures
 - Objects
 - Sites
 - Districts
- Archaeological sites



Definition of "Historic Properties" Context of Hazard Mitigation Plan Integration



Looking to the Future

Alternatives for Reducing Flood-Related Damage in Historic Communities



Integrating Historic Preservation & Hazard Mitigation: **Pennsylvania's Guidance**

- Developed a planning process to be used by Milton, Northumberland County, in future flood mitigation projects with the following goals:
 - Use the least intrusive techniques for the most historic buildings
 - Use a variety of techniques for different buildings
 - Eliminate as much risk as possible
- Only focused on flood hazards; not comprehensive in hazard scope
 - Still very relevant and a good model

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Flood Mitigation Strategy Produced for Historic Milton, Northumberland County PHMC/PEMA/FEMA/Borough of Milton, 2002



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State and Local Mitigation Planning How-To Guide

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Integrating Historic Preservation & Hazard Mitigation: The Federal Guidance

- State and Local Mitigation Planning How-To Guide (FEMA 386-6)
 - Published by Federal Emergency Management Agency in 2005
 - Based largely on Pennsylvania's 2002
 Guidance Looking to the Future: Alternatives for Reducing Flood Damage in Historic Communities (PHMC/PEMA/FEMA/Borough of Milton, 2002)
- Comprehensive in its scope and covers a variety of hazards beyond flooding





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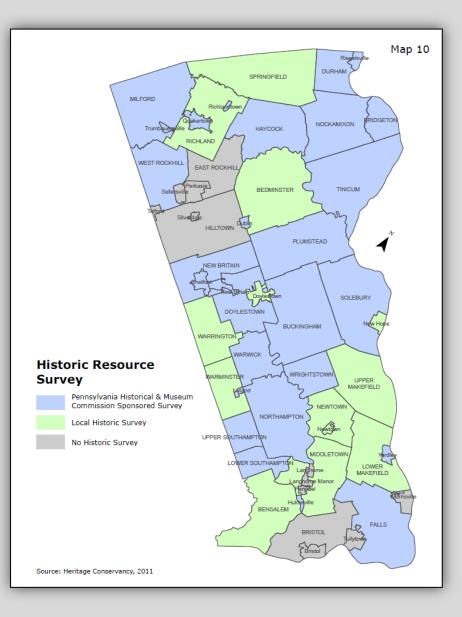
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Phase 1: Organize Resources

- Assess the level of awareness and support for protecting your community's historic properties, and identify resources for mitigating hazards to historic properties
- 2. Build the planning team: identify and recruit historic preservation experts
- **3. Engage the public** during key points in the hazard mitigation planning process





Phase 1: Organize Resources

Assess Awareness and Support for Protecting your Community's Historic Properties—and Identify Resources

- What preservation efforts are currently underway in the community, and by whom?
- Does the community have a historic preservation plan or an historic district ordinance?
 - Comprehensive Plan "Historic Preservation Element"
- What are the <u>obstacles</u> to historic property preservation in the community?
- Identify resources (funding opportunities)
 - PHMC Keystone Preservation Grant Program
 - FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program





Phase 1: Organize Resources

Build a Complete & Balanced Planning Team

- Historic preservation/heritage planners
- Preservation architects
- State, regional, and local historical societies
- Local, State, and Federal agencies that specialize in historic preservation and emergency management
 - PA Historic Preservation Office
 - PEMA
 - FEMA (HM, EHP Divisions)
- Businesses and Development Organizations for Historic Districts
 - "Main Street" organizations
 - Agricultural Preservation organizations
- Academia

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Phase 1: Organize Resources

Engage the Public at Key Stages

- At "kick-off" to provide information about the planning process
- To understand what historic properties the community values
- At the conclusion of the risk assessment to report on findings
- During the development of goals and mitigation strategies/actions
- Throughout implementation of the plan





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Phase 2: Assess Risks

- **1. Identify hazards** that are likely to affect your community
- 2. Profile hazards to **determine hazard-prone areas** and the magnitude of each hazard
- Inventory historic properties vulnerable to likely hazards by conducting field (re)survey for unknown resources and geospatial analysis of known resources
 - Assess vulnerabilities
 - Establish a hierarchy of communitydriven preservation priorities
- Estimate the associated amount of potential losses to historic properties (\$)



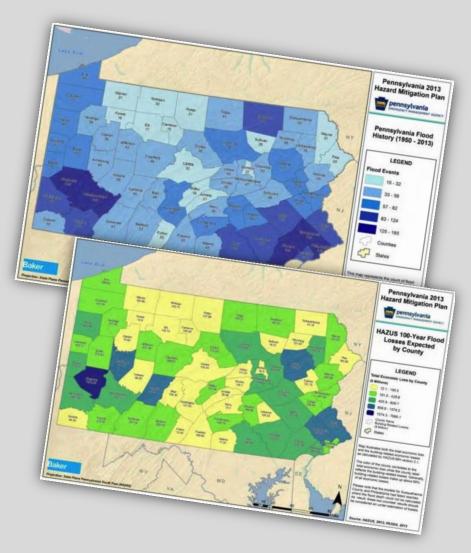
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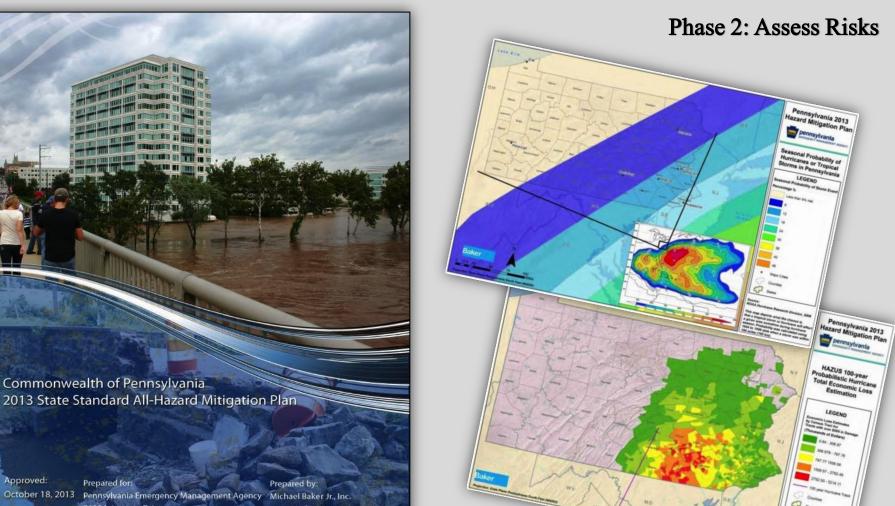
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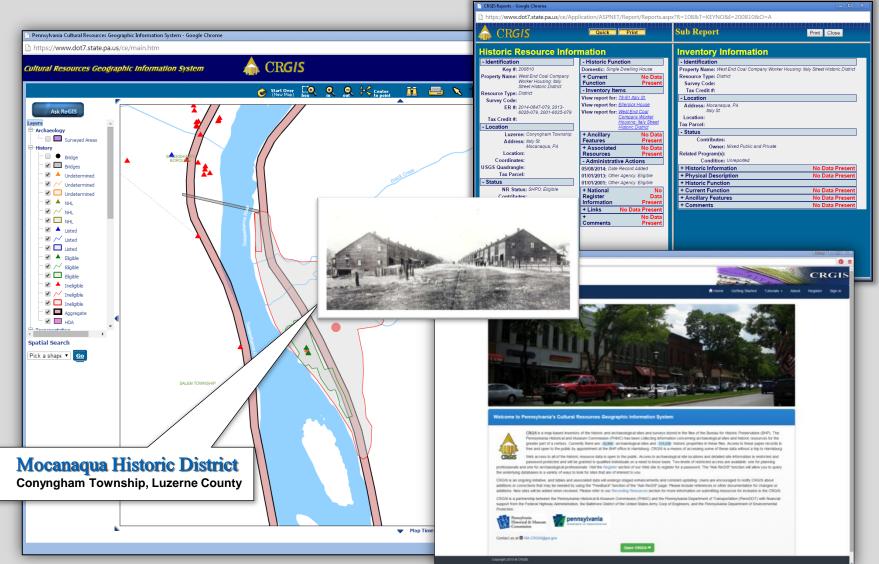
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Cultural Resources Geographic Information System (CRGIS) crgis.state.pa.us



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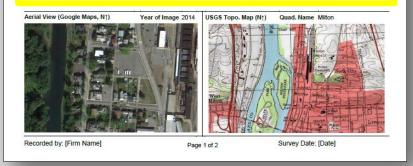
Disaster Planning for Historic Properties Initiative, 2015-2017 Special Reconnaissance Survey Form

BHP Key # 00000001 Inventory IC) # 000001 Curre	ent NR Status Contributes to Listed HD Last Survey Date 01/01/198
		County Northumberland Municipality Name Milton Address 419-421 N Front Street Owner Type Private Latitude 41.024924 Longitude -76.854713 Resource Type Building Building Type Duplex Setting Town/neighborhood No. of Resources 1 Historic Name(s) N/A Historic Function(s) Domestic Single Dwelling Current Name(s) N/A Current Function(s) Domestic Single Dwelling Tax Parcel ID(s) 0.11-01-200 031-01-001-201 Building Assessed Value \$81,818 Valuation Year 2012
		Valuation Source Northumberland County Tax Assessment Office
Photograph of Main Façade Camera	Direction East	Year Built 1870 Year Built Estimated? Yes
Architectural Style Italianate/Queen Retention of Character-Defining Feat		Flood Risk Details (All elevations recorded in feet; NAVD88.)
Physical Condition Excellent Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick Roof Material(s) Composition Shingle	Asphalt Shingle	FIRM # 42097C0115D FIRM Date 07/18/2008 Flood Zone AE 100-Year Floodplain? Yes

Roof Type Multi-gable Base Flood Elevation (ft.) 465.0 500-Year Floodplain? Foundation Material Stone Basement? Yes First Floor Elevation (ft.) 467.3 FFE Estimated NO. OF STOPIES 2.5 LOTAL SQL FT. 1,093 SQL FT. EST. ? NO Low Op Width in Bays 6 Depth (ft.) 30 Depth Est.? Yes Lowest Adjacent Grade (ft.) 457.3 LAG Estimated Outbuildings? (If yes, identify in below section.) No

Description of Significant Architectural or Character-Defining Features (Please also identify/describe any contributing outbuildings here. Decorative brick details including comer groins, window hoods, and segmental arches; stone foundation; very elaborate wood front porch carved columns and capitals, brackets, cornice, etc.

ing Elevation (ft.) 459.4 LO Est.? No LO Typ



Phase 2: Assess Risks

Inventory Historic Properties

- Document properties as comprehensively as possible and record:
 - Primary building materials and structural system
 - **Current physical condition**
 - Building features that may be susceptible to local hazards
 - **Character-defining architectural** details
 - Market and Assessed Value (\$)
 - Hazard-specific information
 - Ex: Building elevation in flood-prone areas

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Field Survey to Document Hazard-Prone Historic Properties

PHMC's Hazard-Specific Historic Resource Survey Form

Building Data Requirements by Hazard

Building Characteristics	Flood	Earthquake	Tsunami	Tornado	Coastal Storm	Landslide	Wildfire
Building Type/Type of Foundation	-		•				
Building Code Design Level/Date of Construction							
Roof Material				•			-
Roof Construction							•
Vegetation							•
Topography	•					•	•
Distance from the Hazard Zone							



Relationship of Building Characteristics to Hazard Types FEMA 'How-To Guide' 386-6

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ati	onal Flood Insurance Program	Important:	Read the instru	ctions on pag	les 1-8.	
		SECTI	ON A - PROPER	TY INFORMA	TION	For Insurance Company Use:
A1	Building Owner's Name Daniel Hawthorne					Policy Number
	Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit 00 Long Bottom Road	Suite, and/or Bl	ig. No.) or P.O. Ro	ute and Box No.		Company NAIC Number
	City Pasadena State Md ZIP Code	21122				
A3 Ma	Property Description (Lot and Block Numbe p 455 Grid 23 Parcel 716	rs, Tax Parcel Nu	mber, Legal Descri	ption, etc.)		
A4	Building Use (e.g., Residential, Non-Reside	ntial, Addition, Ac	cessory, etc.) Res	idential		
	Latitude/Longitude: Lat. E 39°07'30" Long.					atum: 🔲 NAD 1927 🔯 NAD 1983
	 Attach at least 2 photographs of the building Building Diagram Number 8 	if the Certificate	is being used to ob	tain flood insurar	nce.	
	For a building with a crawl space or enclosu	re(s), provide		A9. For a bui	ilding with an attai	ched garage, provide:
	 a) Square footage of crawl space or enclose 	ched garage <u>N/A</u> sq ft				
	b) No. of permanent flood openings in the enclosure(s) walls within 1.0 foot above		None			I openings in the attached garage ove adjacent grade N/A
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Collect Building Elevation Information

- Many buildings constructed before 1975 (most historic buildings) do not have flood Elevation Certificates
 - "Pre-FIRM" building: A building for which construction or substantial improvement occurred on or before December 31, 1974, or before the effective date of an initial Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

Elevation Certificates:

- Help property owners demonstrate compliance with local floodplain ordinances
- Provide the information necessary for insurers to determine proper flood insurance rates

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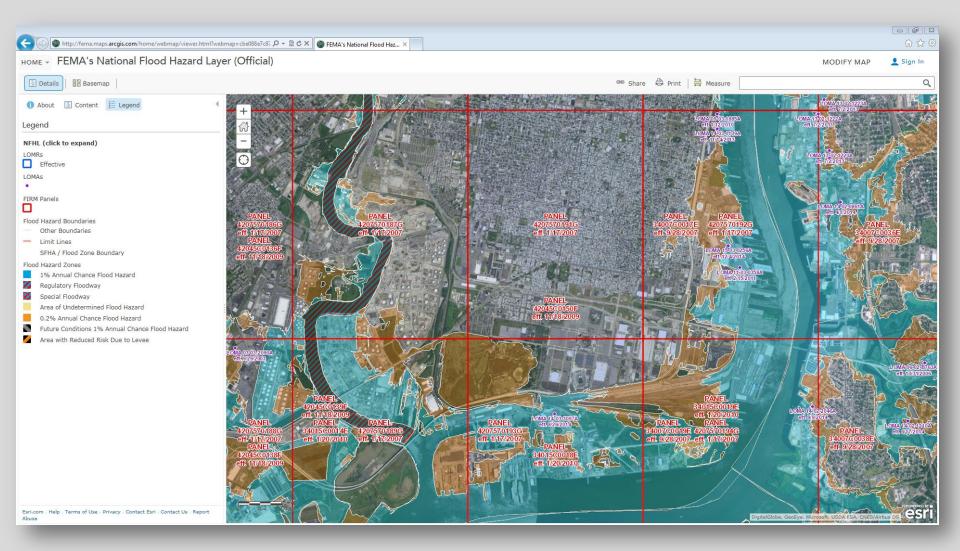
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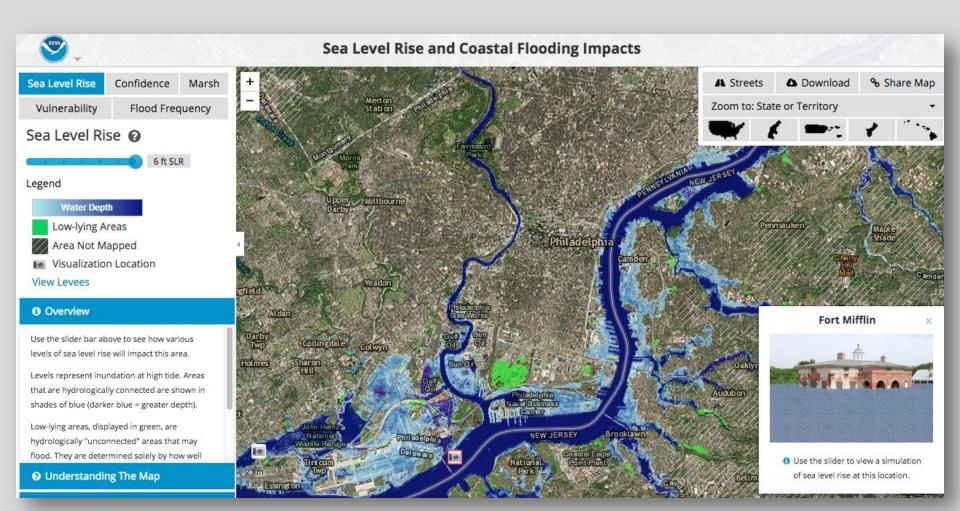


Collecting Building Elevation Data for Historic (Pre-FIRM) Buildings PHMC's Hazard-Specific Historic Resource Survey Form





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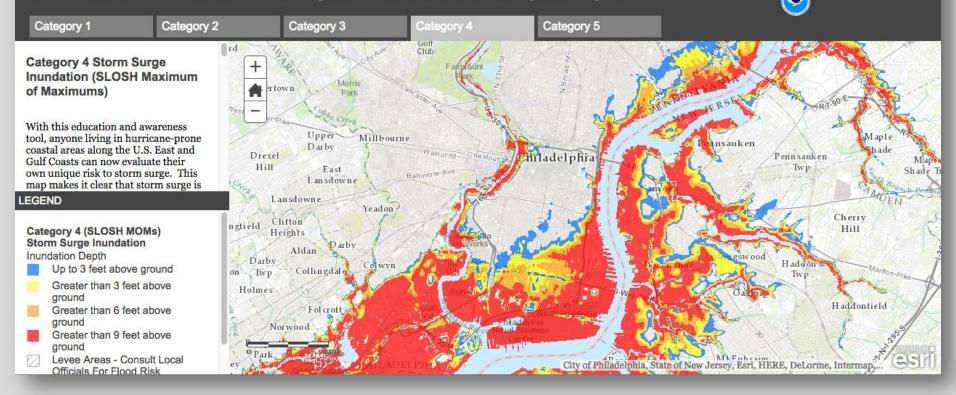




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Storm Surge Inundation (SLOSH Maximum of Maximums)

This web map displays a seamless national map of near worst case storm surge flooding (inundation) scenarios using the National Weather Service (NWS) SLOSH model maximum of maximums (MOMs) product for different hurricane wind categories at a high tide



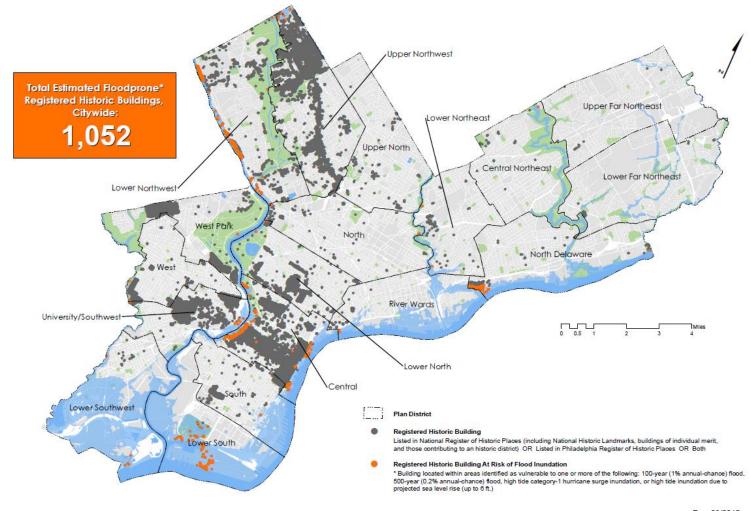


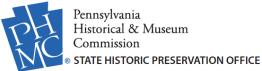
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Registered Historic Buildings at Risk: Various Flood Inundation Scenarios

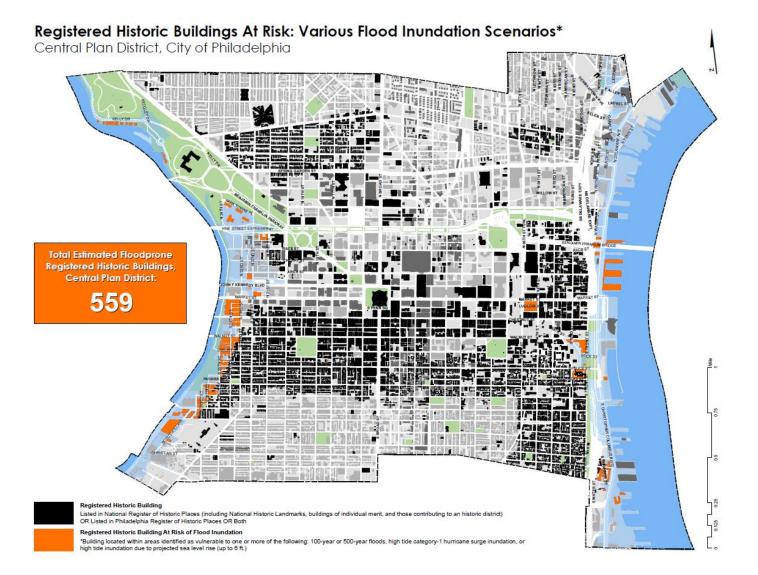
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Table 1. Estimated total number of historic buildings* in each of the various identified flood hazard areas in Philadelphia (citywide).

	Historic Building Designation Type				
<u>Estimated</u> Number of Historic Buildings in…	National Historic Landmark (NHL) Listed Buildings*	National Register Listed Historic Buildings*	Philadelphia Register Listed/ Locally Designated Historic Buildings*	TOTAL Historic Buildings** (NHL-Listed* <i>OR</i> Listed in National Register* <i>OR</i> Listed in Philadelphia Register*)	
100-Year Flood Inundation Areas ^{a***}	15	412	164	481	
500-Year Flood Inundation Areas ^{a***}	20	914	444	1,036	
Category-1 Hurricane Surge Inundation Areas ^{b***}	0	34	38	50	
+2 ft. Sea Level Rise Inundation Areas ^{c***}	1	20	23	31	
+4 ft. Sea Level Rise Inundation Areas ^{c***}	1	69	26	80	
+6 ft. Sea Level Rise Inundation Areas ^{c***}	3	133	32	150	

*Including buildings of individual merit and buildings contributing to an historic district.

**Buildings may have more than one type of historical designation. For example, a building may be listed in the National Register of Historic Places and may also be listed locally in the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.

***Buildings may be located within more than one type of flood inundation area. For example, a building may be vulnerable to inundation from a 100-year flood as well as from more regular flooding from high tides due to projected sea level rise.

* As identified by National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

^b As identified by the "Sea, Lake, and Overland Surge from Hurricanes" (SLOSH) model of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service.

° As identified by the "Sea Level Rise Impacts" model of the NOAA's Coastal Services Center.



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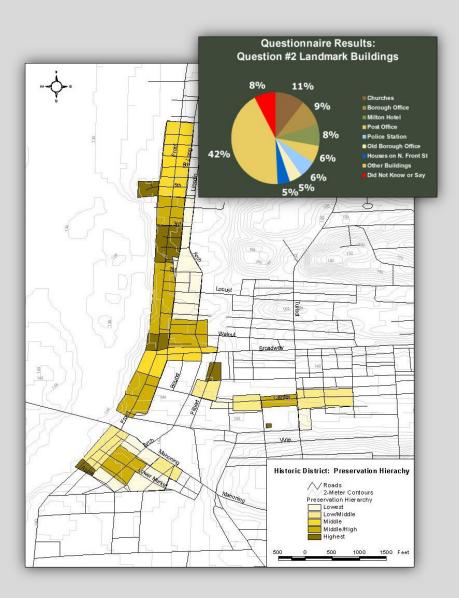








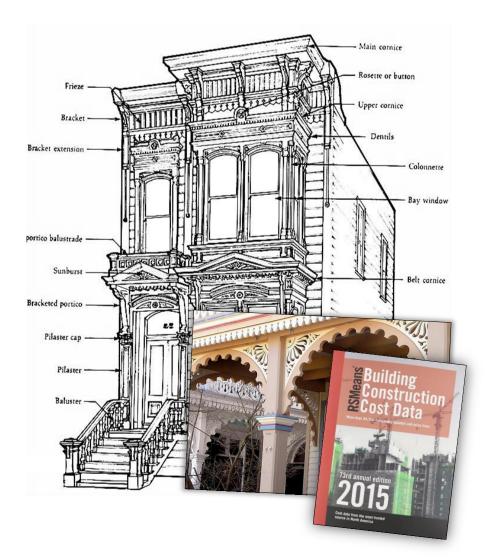




Establish a Preservation "Hierarchy"

- Prioritize historic properties for mitigation
 - Which properties would the community miss most if destroyed by disaster?
 - Public input is <u>critical</u> to identifying and prioritizing these properties
- Hierarchy of historic properties will inform mitigation action priorities in Phase 3
- Variables that may influence preservation priorities:
 - Public sentiment
 - Economic importance
 - Level of historical/cultural significance
 - Integrity





Estimate Historic Building Replacement Costs

- Difficult to place a dollar value on elaborate and unique craftsmanship of historic buildings, but these estimations are necessary to understand costeffectiveness of various hazard mitigation alternatives
- Modern-day industry standards (RSMeans) for construction costs recommended—
 PLUS a multiplier (20% to 25%) for historic buildings
- Qualified preservation architect or historic building rehabilitation contractor can assist with these estimations





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Phase 3: Develop a Mitigation Plan

1. Develop mitigation goals and objectives for your historic properties based on your community's preservation priorities/hierarchy

2. Identify, evaluate, and prioritize actions

- 3. Prepare an **implementation strategy**
- 4. Document the mitigation planning process and public input





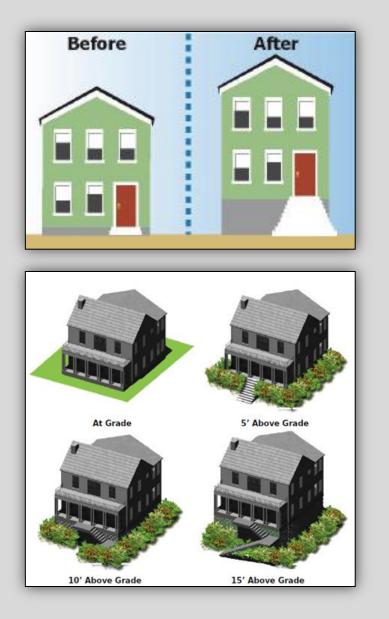
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Alternatives to Demolition and Relocation

- Pennsylvania's early settlement patterns have resulted in many floodprone historic communities
- Acquisition/demolition most commonly funded flood mitigation technique for repetitive loss properties
- What alternatives may minimize risk without compromising the integrity and historic fabric of your community?



Identify, Evaluate, and Prioritize Mitigation Actions Minimize Risk and Minimize Damage to Community Character



Phase 3: Develop a Mitigation Plan

Identify appropriate and cost-effective mitigation actions

- Consider the impacts of actions on historic buildings
 - Appearance
 - Setting
 - Scale

Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA)

 How does the cost of implementation compare to the amount of damage it would prevent?



ENGLISH HERITAGE

Flooding and Historic Buildings



Disaster Mitigation for Historic Structures: Protection Strategies PREPARED BY 1000 FRIENDS OF FLORIDA

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES; FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMEN

Elevation Design Guidelines

For Historic Homes in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Region





This guidance is designed to assist those who live in, own or manage historic buildings that are threatened by flooding. Advice is provided on preventative measures as well as on the inspection, conservation and repair of historic buildings after flooding. www.english-heritage.org.uk/ flooding.and.historic-buildings

International Best Practices for Historic Property Flood Mitigation

Risk Reduction vs. Level of Impact to Historic Properties

Flood Mitigation Alternative	Reduction of Risk	Level of Impact to Historic Properties		
Acquisition & Demolition	High	High		
Relocation	High	Medium to High		
Elevation	Medium	Medium		
Dry Floodproofing	Low to Medium	Low to Medium		
Wet Floodproofing	Low	Low		
Stream Channel Improvements	Low	High (for Archaeological Resources)		
Levees & Floodwalls	Medium	Medium		



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Phase 4: Implement the Plan and Monitor Progress

1. Required regulatory review

- Section 106 of the NHPA
- Pennsylvania History Code
- 2. Apply for grants to implement historic property actions
- 3. Update your historic property inventory data
 - Submit data request to SHPO for CRGIS updates every 5 years

1. Evaluate and update your plan

- FEMA requires every 5 years
- Consult PEMA Standard Operating Guide for new historic/cultural resource checklist items

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