

Section 17. Mitigation Vision, Goals, and Objectives

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Vision

The mitigation vision for the Guadalupe River Basin is:

- Intergovernmental coordination and cooperation on mutual issues of concern related to floodplain management and hazard mitigation.
- Local governments and regional entities with high levels of capability for hazard mitigation planning and project implementation, leveraging State, Federal and private resources for investments in mitigation;
- Buildings located outside of hazardous areas and built to withstand the natural and man-made hazards that threaten them;
- An informed citizenry aware of the risks they face and the measures that can be taken to protect their families, homes, workplaces, communities and livelihoods from the impact of disasters.
- Basin communities integrating hazard mitigation concerns into routine planning and budgetary decisions and plans for future growth and development; with disaster resistance an integral part of the livability and sustainability of the basin.





Goals and Objectives

Overall Goal

To reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life and property damage in the Guadalupe River Basin from the full range of disasters.

GOAL 1. Increase the coordination and cooperation among intergovernmental entities in carrying out hazard mitigation.

Objective 1.1 Promote partnerships among the counties, cities and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

Objective 1.2 Facilitate communication and coordination within and among Federal, State and local governments and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority in carrying out floodplain management and hazard mitigation.

GOAL 2. Build the capability for carrying out hazard mitigation activities.

Objective 2.1 Build and support partnerships to help communities become less vulnerable to hazards.

Objective 2.2 Maximize the use of Federal, State and private sector funding for hazard mitigation.

Objective 2.3 Promote adequate staffing, training and expertise for carrying out hazard mitigation.

GOAL 3. Heighten public awareness and support for hazard mitigation.

Objective 3.1 Increase public understanding of the full range of natural and man-made hazards they face.

Objective 3.2 Educate the public on actions they can take to prevent or reduce the loss of life or property from all hazards.

Objective 3.3 Publicize and encourage the adoption of appropriate hazard mitigation measures.





GOAL 4. Protect public health and safety.

- Objective 4.1 Advise the public about health and safety precautions to guard against injury and loss of life from hazards.
- Objective 4.2 Provide adequate communication of hazard events.
- Objective 4.3 Reduce the danger to, and enhance protection of, dangerous areas during hazard events.
- Objective 4.4 Provide guidance to assist local jurisdictions in helping to ensure that critical facilities and services can continue to operate in disaster situations.

GOAL 5. Protect existing and new properties.

- Objective 5.1 Reduce repetitive losses to the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Objective 5.2 Protect existing buildings and public infrastructure from hazards.
- Objective 5.3 Promote measures to ensure that development will not put people in harm's way or increase threats to existing properties.
- Objective 5.4 Maximize insurance coverage to provide financial protection against hazard events.

GOAL 6. Promote growth in a sustainable manner.

- Objective 6.1 Incorporate hazard mitigation into long-range planning, budgeting and development activities.
- Objective 6.2 Promote beneficial uses of hazardous areas while expanding open space and recreational opportunities.
- Objective 6.3 Prevent creation of future hazards to life and property.