

Hazard Resilience Strategies

Instructions

The Hazard Resilience Strategies (HRS)

The *Hazard Resilience Strategies (HRS)* document is a companion to the *Hazard Resilience Index (HRI)*. It provides some suggested strategies for enhancing disaster resilience through concrete action. These strategies are based on research of best practices in disaster management and resilience. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list but should provide some ideas about how to move forward with your Disaster Resilience Plan by focusing on actions to address the specific areas you identified as priorities for your community in the hazard resilience assessment process that you did by completing the *HRI*.

As with the *HRI*, the strategies are gathered in 17 categories.

As you will already know from reading the *Community Disaster Resilience Planning Guide* and from using the *HRI*, disaster resilience is related to a complex web of community characteristics, resources, and processes. No one solution fits all communities. So, as you review these strategies, consider how you might shape them to suit what you know about your community, the people who live there, and the actions that have helped or been successful in addressing risks and resilience in the past. Consulting Elders, Traditional Knowledge holders and community experts in the community can enhance your actions, so including them in discussions is important. You may also consider how several strategies could be combined to improve resilience in several domains simultaneously. Again, holistic views gained from Traditional Knowledge will be useful.

When considering which strategies to add to your Disaster Resilience Plan, remember to consider both immediate, easy to initiate strategies and those that may require longer-term planning and commitment of resources. Disaster and emergency management requires on-going commitment to risk reduction and the development of resilience, so keep in mind that the planning process will never be fully complete. You will need to review your plan regularly and exercise the community to ensure the plan will work and continues to be appropriate.