

# Chapter 6.0

## Plan Process and Development

### Introduction

Chapter 6 describes the process for developing this plan, including who was involved and how it was completed. It documents the jurisdictions that participated in the update, the various committees that shaped the plan, and public engagement activities.

### Process Overview

This multi-jurisdictional plan consists of two parts: 1) A core plan, which encompasses the entire planning area; and 2) The annexes or subsets of this plan, reflecting information for a single jurisdiction.

The partners developed the two parts of the plan in tandem. The regional planning process brought representatives from multiple jurisdictions together to craft the core plan, and to supply guidance to the plan partners for developing their jurisdiction's annex. Each jurisdiction also followed their own

unique local process to update or create their annex. This chapter documents the regional process and the annexes speak to each jurisdiction's local process.

Both the regional and the local planning processes follow the basic four-step hazard mitigation planning process (Figure 6.0-1).

**Figure 6.0-1: Basic Four-Step Hazard Mitigation Planning Process**



## Federal Planning Requirements

This chapter documents the federal hazard mitigation planning process requirements specified in 44 CFR Section 201.6(b) and Section 201.6(c)(1):

...(b) Planning process. An open public involvement process is essential to the development of an effective plan. In order to develop a more comprehensive approach to reducing the effects of natural disasters, the planning process shall include:

- (1) An opportunity for the public to comment on the plan during the drafting stage and prior to plan approval;
- (2) An opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development, as well as businesses, academia and other private and non-profit interests to be involved in the planning process; and
- (3) Review and incorporation, if appropriate, of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information.

(c) Plan content. The plan shall include the following:

- (1) Documentation of the planning process used to develop the plan, including how it was prepared, who was involved in the process, and how the public was involved.

In general, the federal planning requirements with the words “**shall**” and “**must**” indicate a mandatory item that must be included in the plan. Absent such items, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will not approve the plan. Regulations with the word “**†**” indicate that the item is strongly recommended for inclusion, but its absence will not cause FEMA to disapprove the plan.

## Guiding Principles

The Guiding Principles reflect the partners’ values and continuing commitment to making the region safer and more disaster resilient. These principles have carried over from the previous two editions of this plan and continue to guide the plan update process. They describe the purpose of the plan, the

importance of educating and engaging the public about hazards, how the plan supports local decision making, how the plan complies with federal requirements, encourages coordination across jurisdictions, and identifies actions to reduce losses.

**1. Provide a Methodical Approach to Mitigation Planning**

– The process identifies vulnerabilities to future disasters and proposes the mitigation initiatives necessary to avoid or minimize those vulnerabilities. Each step in the planning process builds upon the previous, providing a high level of assurance that the mitigation initiatives proposed by the participants have a valid basis for both their justification and priority for implementation.

**2. Enhance Public Awareness and Understanding of Hazards**

– This plan contains data and information that can be used in a variety of ways to enhance public awareness about the most destructive hazards that threaten the region. This information gives community members a better understanding of each hazard’s historical significance, and how each hazard is likely to impact or threaten the public health, safety, economic vitality of businesses, and the operational capability of important institutions in the future. The process provides opportunities for public involvement and information. This multi-jurisdictional effort reaches out to stakeholders from municipalities, academia, and special districts, as well as county and tribal government.

**3. Create a Decision-Making Tool for Policy and Decision Makers**

– This document provides basic information needed by managers and leaders of local government, business and industry, community associations, and other key institutions and organizations to take actions to address vulnerabilities to future disasters. It also articulates proposals for specific projects and programs that are needed to eliminate or minimize those vulnerabilities. The mitigation actions in this plan are reviewed to assess their benefits and costs, and are prioritized for implementation. This approach creates a decision-making tool for the management of participating organizations and agencies regarding the purpose of the initiatives, their priority, cost, and timeline.

**4. Promote Compliance with State and Federal Program Requirements**

– At a minimum, local hazard mitigation plans must satisfactorily comply with the federal requirements in 44 CFR Section 201.6 to receive federal mitigation assistance program grants. It is crucial for local government decision-makers to take an active role in preparing their communities for future disasters – because the effects of natural and human-induced hazards are unique to each community, understood best and felt by the community. Developing flexible plans that factor for the unknown is a good practice in risk management.

5. **Assure Inter-Jurisdictional Coordination of Mitigation-Related Programming** – The planning process aims to ensure that the participating jurisdictions review and coordinate proposals for mitigation initiatives. This approach creates a high level of confidence that the initiatives proposed by one jurisdiction or participating organization will, when implemented, be compatible with the interests of adjacent jurisdictions and unlikely to duplicate or interfere with other’s mitigation initiatives.
6. **Create Jurisdiction Specific Hazard Mitigation Plans for Implementation** – A key purpose of the plan is to provide each participating local jurisdiction with a specific plan of action that each can adopt and implement pursuant to its own authorities and responsibilities. Each participating jurisdiction develops an annex, that is adopted as part of this plan, with jurisdiction-specific information, including their mitigation initiatives. The jurisdictions will implement their mitigation initiatives according to their individual needs and schedule. In this way, the plan format and the operational concept of the planning process ensures that proposed mitigation initiatives are coordinated and prioritized effectively among jurisdictions and organizations, while allowing each jurisdiction to adopt only the proposed mitigation initiatives that fall within its authority or responsibility to implement when resources are available.

## Plan Funding

In 2012, Thurston County submitted a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application to secure funding to update the plan. In 2014, FEMA awarded Thurston County \$50,741 under the DR-4083 call for projects. Washington State provided \$8,750 match (12.5 percent), and the county provided the remaining match (\$10,509) in the form of in-kind staff time. The county managed the grant and Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) led and facilitated the plan development process. Plan partners supplied additional in-kind staff support for participating in the regional planning process and developing their annexes.

## Planning Process

### Plan Participants and Roles

The plan was updated through a proven regional planning process that resulted in successful plan approval, adoption, and implementation of both the original plan (2003-2008) and the second edition (2009-2014). Thurston County, cities, special districts, and a variety of stakeholders contributed to the creation of this plan (Figure 6.0.2).

### Public and Community Stakeholders –

Residents, business owners, employees, and community organizations have an interest in the outcome of the planning process. Engaging the public builds support for prioritizing and implementing mitigation initiatives. Public sector interests were engaged and their interests were considered at the beginning of the planning process and before adoption.

**Plan Partners** – Local governments including the county, cities, towns, and special districts that intend to develop and adopt a mitigation plan serve as partners to the *Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region*. Prior to submitting the HMGP grant application in 2012, 16 local government partners signed a “Statement of Intent to Participate” in the update of the plan. Partners participate in both the regional planning process and simultaneously produce an annex for concurrent adoption with the core plan.

#### Plan Partner Hazards Mitigation Plan Adoption and Annex Development Status

Plan Partners	2009 Plan Adoption Date	Signatory to Statement of Intent to Participate	2017 Plan Annex Development
<b>Cities/Town/County</b>			
Bucoda	12/22/2009	Yes	Pending
Lacey	12/17/2009	Yes	Pending
Olympia	03/02/2010	Yes	Yes
Rainier	06/08/2010	Yes	Pending
Tenino	04/27/2010	Yes	Pending
Tumwater	01/19/2010	Yes	Yes
Yelm	11/24/2010	Yes	Pending
Thurston County	10/27/2009	Yes	Yes
<b>School Districts</b>			
North Thurston	01/05/2009	Yes	
Olympia	01/25/2010	Yes	Pending
Rochester	N/A	No	Pending
Tenino	N/A	No	Pending
Tumwater	12/10/2009	Yes	Pending
Yelm	12/17/2009	Yes	Pending
<b>Fire Districts</b>			
SE Thurston Regional Fire Authority	12/03/2009	Yes	No
Fire District No. 8, South Bay	11/20/2009	Yes	Pending
Fire District No. 17, Bald Hills	N/A	Yes	Pending
<b>Other Special Districts</b>			
Thurston County PUD No. 1	N/A	No	Yes
Intercity Transit	04/07/2010	Yes	Yes
<b>Higher Education</b>			
South Puget Sound Community College	04/08/2010	Yes	Pending
The Evergreen State College	11/11/2009	Yes	Yes

**Figure 6.0.2 Thurston Region Hazard Mitigation Planning Participants**



**Steering Committee** – As in the previous plan development cycles, the Emergency Management Council of Thurston County (EMC) is responsible for updating and maintaining the plan (see Chapter 5). Composed of designated representatives from Thurston County, the Nisqually Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, the Town of Bucoda, and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, Rainier, and Yelm, the EMC serves as the plan’s steering committee. The hazard mitigation plan remained a standing agenda item at the EMC’s

fourth Tuesday monthly meeting throughout the plan update process. Thurston County staff briefed the EMC on the plan’s status throughout the project.

The EMC provides leadership and direction to the mitigation planning process, with responsibility for:

- Inviting local governments, tribes, and other mitigation partners to participate in the plan update

- Fostering stakeholder and public involvement at all stages of the planning process
- Ensuring consistency between the goals and policies of the region’s hazard mitigation plan, the Washington State Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the region’s comprehensive emergency management plans
- Identifying, prioritizing, and considering the benefit to cost effectiveness of the countywide mitigation actions
- Finding resources to maintain the plan
- Approving how the plan will be monitored and maintained (see Chapter 5)

#### Members of the Emergency Management Council of Thurston County

Member	Representative
Town of Bucoda	Alan Carr, Mayor
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Cal Bray, Emergency Manager
City of Lacey	Joe Upton, Police Commander
Nisqually Indian Tribe	Ken Choke, Emergency Management Director
City of Olympia	Greg Wright, Deputy Fire Chief
City of Rainier	Randy Schleis, Mayor
Thurston County	Kurt Hardin, Vice Chair Director of Emergency Services
City of Tumwater	Scott LaVielle, Fire Chief
City of Yelm	Todd Stancil, Chair, Chief of Police

**Project Manager** – TRPC managed and facilitated the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning process, performing all primary project management functions including:

- Coordination and facilitation of the Hazard Mitigation Workgroup
- Coordination and facilitation of the plan partners
- Research and data development
- Production of maps and Geographical Information Systems analysis
- Provision of technical assistance to plan partners for all phases of annex development
- Coordination of public participation
- Writing the plan
- Ushering the plan through the state and federal review processes

**Hazard Mitigation Planning Workgroup** – Each plan partner designates a representative to serve on a regional planning team known as the workgroup. Additional stakeholders who wanted to be involved in the process, but not develop an annex to the plan, also participated on the workgroup. The workgroup met regularly throughout the planning process to shape the core plan and seek guidance for developing an annex. The members’ primary responsibilities include:

- Reviewing and recommending planning methodologies
- Evaluating and updating the plan’s hazard information and the risk assessments
- Participating in public education and outreach events
- Assessing and documenting the region’s mitigation capabilities
- Revising and prioritizing the countywide mitigation strategy
- Considering opportunities to leverage neighboring jurisdictions’ mitigation strategies where appropriate
- Contributing data and information as appropriate
- Overseeing all aspects of their jurisdiction-specific planning efforts for the development of their annex, including final adoption

**Members of the Hazard Mitigation Workgroup**

Member	Representative
<b>Cities/Town/County</b>	
Bucoda	Katrina Van Every, Associate Planner
Lacey	Bracy DiLeonardo, Human Resources Analyst Tom Palmateer, Mngt. Analyst, Public Works
Olympia	Greg Wright, Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Knouff, Emergency Mngt. Sr. Program Specialist
Rainier	Katrina Van Every, Associate Planner
Tenino	Katrina Van Every, Associate Planner
Tumwater	David Ginther, Senior Planner
Yelm	Todd Stancil, Chief of Police
Thurston County	Sandy Eccker, Emergency Mngt. Andrew Kinney, Emergency Mngt. Coord. Vivian Eason, Emergency Mngt. Coord. James Yates, Emergency Mngt. Coord.
<b>School Districts</b>	
Griffin	Randy Martin, Facilities Supervisor
North Thurston	Brian Eko, Director of Facilities Robbi Wright, Loss Prevention Coord./Risk Mngt.
Olympia	Wendy Couture, Safety & Risk Reduction Mngt.
Rochester	Larry Quarnstrom, Maintenance Director
Tenino	Brock Williams, Principal, Parkside Elementary School
Tumwater	Mel Murray, Supervisor, Construction & Capital Projects
Yelm	Chris Hansen, Dir. of Facilities
<b>Fire Districts</b>	
Fire District No. 8, South Bay	Brian VanCamp, Chief
Fire District No. 17, Bald Hills	Beverly Wright, Lieutenant
<b>Other Special Districts</b>	
Port of Olympia	Bill Helbig, Dir. of Engineering
Thurston County PUD No. 1	Carrie Bowen, Administrative Assistant
Timberland Regional Library	Bill Wilson, Director of Facilities
Intercity Transit	Jessica Brandt, Environmental and Sustainability Coord.
<b>Higher Education</b>	
South Puget Sound Community College	Robert Shailor, Director of Safety and Security
The Evergreen State College	William Mikesell, Emergency Response Coord. Matt Lebens, Envir. Health & Safety Coord.
<b>Workgroup Facilitator</b>	
Thurston Regional Planning Council	Paul Brewster, Senior Planner

**Technical Partners** – Local, state, and federal government staff from a variety of agencies contributed data, guidance, and information to support the update of the risk assessment.

**Regulatory Partners** – The Washington State Emergency Management Division, FEMA Region X, Washington State Department of Ecology, and other federal and state agencies provided data, training, guidance on mitigation planning requirements, best practices, and other planning resources.

## Planning Activities

### Invitation to Participate in the Plan Update

On September 4, 2014, the EMC chair sent an invitation to every tribe, city, town, college, fire district, school district, and other special districts in Thurston County to participate in the update of the plan. Mayors, chairs, board members, and directors of 39 organizations received information about the plan update process, a statement of intent to participate form, and the date of the first Hazard Mitigation Workgroup Meeting. Twenty-one jurisdictions attended the first workgroup meeting.



## Hazard Mitigation Workgroup Meetings

The Hazard Mitigation Workgroup met 15 times between September 2014 and December 2016. The meetings were generally scheduled from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Emergency Coordination Center and all were open to the public. Throughout the planning process, TRPC maintained correspondence with the workgroup members by email, telephone, and through a SharePoint site. The following table summarizes the date and agenda items of each workgroup meeting.

### Hazard Mitigation Workgroup Meeting Dates and Agenda Topics

Meeting	Date	Agenda Topics
1	18 Sept 14	Overview of planning process, schedule, member roles and responsibilities
2	16 Oct 14	Goals and policies discussion #1, new hazards, Share Point demonstration
3	20 Nov 14	Washington State Enhanced Hazards Mitigation Plan and federal grant programs, Elizabeth Minor (Washington State)
4	18 Dec 14	Goals and policies discussion #2, mitigation strategy development introduction, and mitigation categories
5	15 Jan 15	Hazard delineation data for GIS analysis, goals and policies discussion final review
6	19 Mar 15	Countywide mitigation initiatives review #1, essential facilities inventory data discussion #1, National Estuary Grant Program – Climate Adaptation Plan discussion
7	23 Apr 15	Countywide mitigation initiatives review #2, community profile contents discussion
8	18 Jun 15	Community mitigation capabilities assessment review essential facilities inventory data discussion #2, public outreach strategy discussion
9	20 Aug 15	Hazard exposure analysis and risk assessment discussion #1, public outreach strategy discussion #2, local planning process update
10	15 Oct 15	Distribution and discussion of draft vicinity maps, draft hazard maps, and draft hazard exposure analysis results, local planning process update
11	15 Nov 15	The Evergreen State College Seismic Retrofit Activities Presentation by Richard Davis, hazard exposure analysis updates, developing problem statements for mitigation activities exercise
12	21 Dec 15	Community hazards assessment GIS story map, Hazus earthquake modeling loss estimation results, risk assessment parameters, DR-4242 and DR4243 grant program call for projects information sharing
13	21 Jan 16	Review and update plan adoption, implementation, monitoring and maintenance chapter, plan partner local process updates
14	19 May 16	Review draft countywide mitigation strategy and prioritization, plan partner mitigation strategy development updates
15	1 Dec 16	Final risk assessment rating, public open house meeting and materials discussion, core plan development activities and next steps for state and federal review

## Technical Assistance Activities

TRPC sought assistance, information, and training from local, state, and federal agency staff during the plan update process. These activities informed the development of the risk assessment. The following table provides a summary of these activities.

### Technical Assistance Meetings, Training, and Plan Coordination

Date	Activity	Subject
26-27 Mar 13	Training, Tacoma Washington	Hazus MH Comprehensive Data Management System (CDMS) Training
19 Sept 13	Meeting at Thurston County ECC w/ Andrew Kinney, Thurston County Emergency Mngt. and Kelly Stone, FEMA	Reviewed Thurston County earthquake Hazus modeling results and its applications for the Hazard Mitigation Plan
17 Nov 14	Teleconference w/ Elizabeth Minor, WA Emergency Mngt. Division	Washington State Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs Assistance Presentation Planning for the Hazard Mitigation Workgroup
19 Feb 15	Meeting w/ Andrew Kinney and Stephen Slaughter and Tim Walsh, WA State Dept. of Natural Resources, Hazards Div.	Earthquake, landslide, and tsunami hazards and data
6 May 15	Webinar	The role of hazard mitigation planning in post-disaster Recovery CM 1
26 May 15	Meeting w/ Chief Brian VanCamp, Fire District 8, Chief Steve North, Fire District 5 and 9, and Jane Potter, WA Dept. of Natural Resources	Wildland fire hazards, prevention, regulation, and wildfire starts data for the DNR South Sound Region
28 May 15	Meeting w/ EMC and Randy Tarter, Williams Pipeline Company	Discussion of pipeline hazardous materials transport and Executive Disaster Seminar Planning
18 Sept 15	Meeting w/ Kelly Stone, FEMA and Jerry Franklin, WA Dept. of Ecology	RISK MAP and Hazus Data meeting and data exchange
27 Oct 15	Training at FEMA Region X, Lynnwood, WA	G318 Hazard Mitigation Planning Course
11 Nov 15	Teleconference with Kelly Stone, FEMA	Hazus data analysis and mapping
27 Jan 16	Meeting w/ the Thurston County Fire Chiefs Association	Wildland Fire Hazard Risks and Countywide Wildland Urban Interface area mapping initiative
9 Feb 16	TRPC participated in webinar	HMGP Grant Application – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation
23 Feb 16	TRPC participated in webinar	HMGP Grant Application – Eligible Activities
7 Mar 16	Teleconference with Kelly Stone, FEMA	Flood Hazus data update for Thurston County RISK MAP
20 Jan 17	Teleconference with Kelly Stone, FEMA	Flood Hazus data update for Thurston County RISK MAP
17 Mar 17	Draft Plan Submitted to Derrick Hiebert, State Hazard Mitigation Strategist	State review of Draft Plan
21 Mar 17	Meeting with Derrick Hiebert, WA Emergency Mngt. Division and Sandy Johnson and Andrew Kinney, Thurston County Emergency Mngt.	Orientation to Draft Plan for state review of draft plan for compliance with federal planning requirements. A printed copy was provided to attendees.

## Public Involvement



The hazard mitigation planning process offers an ideal opportunity to inform community members about local hazard conditions. Community outreach events can also help property owners identify measures they can take to protect their property and loved ones such as securing hot water heater tanks, installing earthquake brace and bolt reinforcements in home foundations, purchasing flood insurance, or completing preparedness activities like the acquisition of essential supplies and medications. The near- and long-term economic vitality and sustainability of the Thurston Region is important to residents, employees, and business owners. Their involvement in the planning process can help shape priorities and build support for local mitigation strategies.

TRPC and the planning partners engaged the public in a variety of ways including a project website, public events, community meetings, and an open house. The events and community meetings allowed people to speak one-on-one with staff about the region's hazards and learn what actions communities are taking to make the region more disaster resilient.

## Emergency Preparedness Expos

The EMC hosts an annual free Emergency Preparedness Expo to inform and engage community members about the importance of emergency and disaster preparedness. Local government programs and services, vendors, demonstrations, and guest speakers provide day-long activities for people to enhance their disaster awareness and readiness. TRPC and Thurston County Emergency Management used the 2014, 2015, and 2016 expos to engage community members and solicit feedback on the mitigation plan during its development stage.

TRPC staff hosted a mitigation planning booth at each expo, showcasing information about the plan update process, and encouraging people to sign up for more information. Maps of the hazard areas, data about hazard exposure, and copies of mitigation activities were displayed.

Expo attendees received bookmarks with links to the project website, and comment forms. In 2016, TRPC showcased a cloud-based Thurston Region Hazards Assessment story map. This online interactive GIS map allows users to enter an address, zoom and pan to the county or property level, and explore what natural hazards they may be exposed to. The story map includes facilities data. Users can click on the facilities to learn what is potentially at risk to hazards, its valuation, and construction and design quality information.

Thurston County Emergency Management Staff hosted a booth to promote information about flood awareness and the flood insurance process. The EMC invited Tim Walsh, a geologist with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Geological Hazards Division, to present information about hazards. In 2016, Thurston County offered attendees an opportunity to sign-up for the county’s AlertSense Emergency Alert System: <http://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?regionid=1186>.



**Emergency Preparedness Expos: Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Outreach Activities**

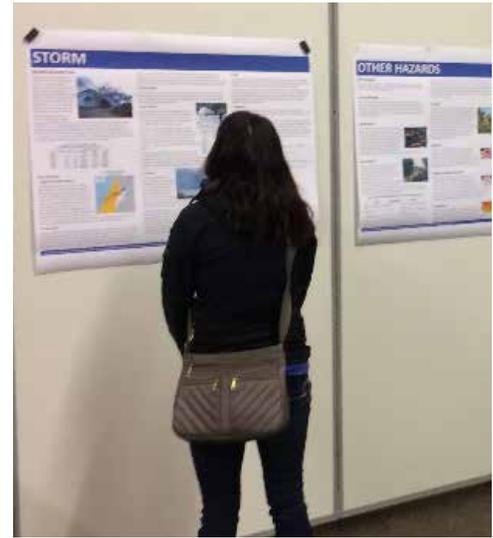
Date	Location	Number of Attendees
September 24, 2014	Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School, Tumwater	300
September 26, 2015	Yelm High School, Yelm	275
September 17, 2016	Rochester Middle School, Rochester	250

## Community Meetings

The following table summarizes the numerous community meetings Thurston County Emergency Management attended to present information about local hazard conditions, individual preparedness, and the region’s mitigation activities.

### Thurston County Emergency Management Community Meetings

Date	Location	Number of Attendees
April 11, 2014	Thurston County Water Utility: hazards of Thurston County, preparedness and mitigation	32
April 28, 2014	City of Yelm: hazards of Thurston County, preparedness and mitigation	18
June 19, 2014	Delphi Homeowners Association: hazards of Thurston County, preparedness and mitigation	15
September 10, 2016	Lake Saint Clair: Flooding and flood mitigation	12
May 2, 2015	Thurston County Fire Chiefs Association: hazards of Thurston County, preparedness and mitigation	15
September 25, 2015	Steamboat Island Homeowners Association: hazards of Thurston County, preparedness and mitigation	33
September 25, 2015	The Evergreen State College: hazards of Thurston County, preparedness and mitigation	18
January 28, 2016	Steamboat Island Homeowners Association at the Griffin Fire Station: hazards of Thurston County, preparedness and mitigation	85
May 2, 2016	KXXO MIX96 Radio Interview: AlertSense Emergency Alert System, preparedness, and mitigation	n/a



## Executive Seminars

Independent of, but related to the plan update, the EMC invited local elected officials, key decision makers and planning directors of the county, cities, tribes, special districts, key infrastructure, and utility providers to attend a series of Executive Seminars on Catastrophic Disasters and Recovery. These seminars set a stage for recovery planning under the National Disaster Recovery Framework. The seminars introduced policy makers to a variety of topics on major natural and human-induced hazards. Using a combination of presentations, group exercises, and facilitated discussions, the seminars brought in industry representatives and disaster recovery planning experts from local, state, and federal governments. The seminars evaluated a variety of tools and

planning formats that may serve as the basis for recovery planning in the region, including the *Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region*. TRPC presented an overview of the mitigation planning process at the October 2014 seminar.

All the meetings were held in the evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Emergency Coordination Center. While open to the general public, the seminars' content and discussions were intended to engage the region's decision makers and build support for all phases of emergency management, but most importantly to develop recovery planning strategies. The seminars were also useful for building and maintaining relationships among the region's policy makers.

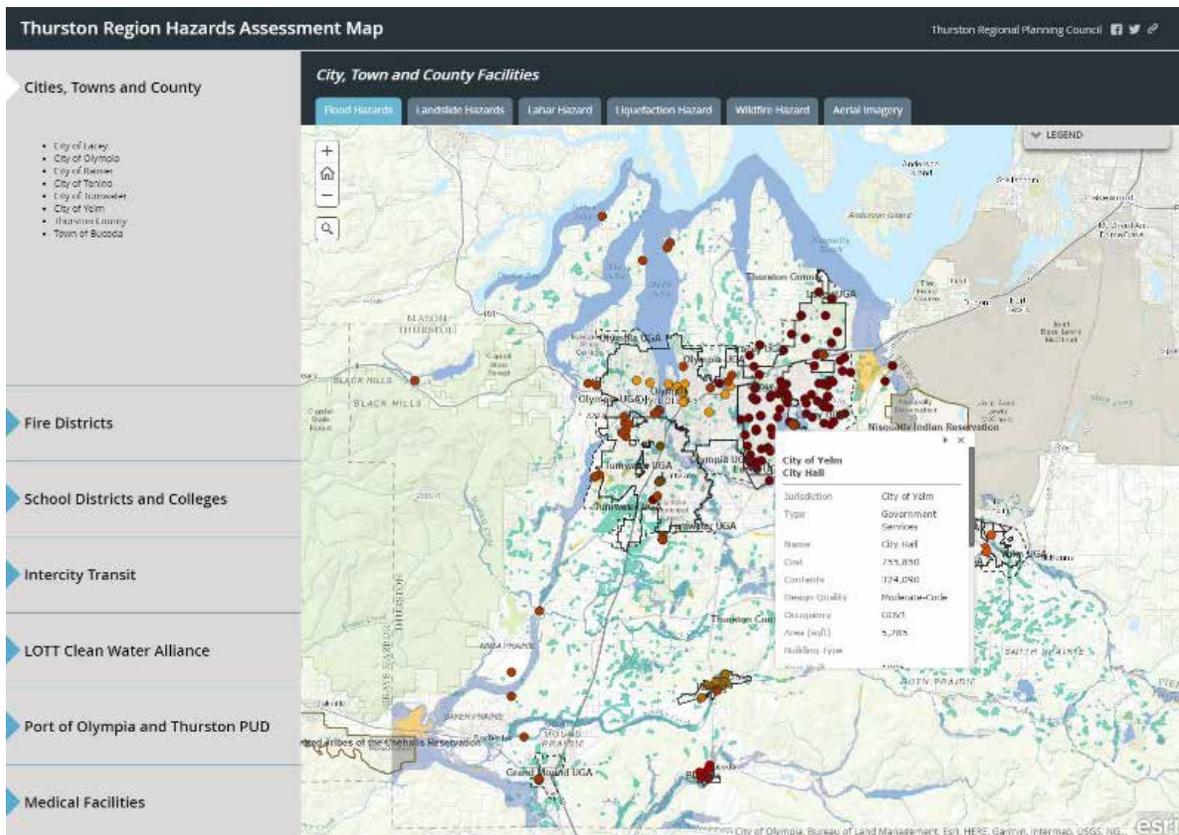
### Executive Seminar on Catastrophic Disasters and Recovery Events

Date	Meeting Topic
May 30, 2013	Introduction to Catastrophic Disaster Recovery
March 27, 2014	The earthquake of Christchurch, New Zealand and its implications for Thurston County
October 20, 2014	Floods and Winter Storms in Thurston County and an introduction to the hazards mitigation process
March 15, 2015	Mount Rainier Hazards
October 19, 2015	Hazardous Materials Transport in Thurston County
December 12, 2016	Recovery Prioritization

## Open House Meeting on Draft Plan

The planning partners held an open house meeting for community members to review the draft plan. Meeting notifications were distributed by email, social media, and a press release, as well as cross-promoted through individual partner’s communications networks. The meeting was held at the Thurston County Emergency Coordination Center on December 14, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thirteen community members attended the meeting.

Staff were on hand to answer questions and solicit feedback. A variety of posters and other printed materials were displayed. Attendees could access two computer workstations: 1) The Thurston Region Hazards Assessment GIS story map; and 2) A Thurston County GeoData Flood Hazard and Assessors Office Database. The workstations enabled attendees to explore the hazards around their property, neighborhood, and community.





The open house presented several large format posters:

- Hazards mitigation process overview
- Risk assessment introduction
- Earthquake hazards
- Flood hazards
- Lahar hazards
- Landslide hazards
- Storm hazards
- Wildland fire hazards
- Other hazards
- Vision, Goals, and Objectives
- Countywide initiatives

Meeting handouts included: copies of the planning partners' mitigation initiatives for review; bookmarks with the project website and the hazard story map website; comment forms soliciting feedback on the risk assessment, mitigation strategy, and other topics; and a meeting evaluation form. No one submitted comment or evaluation forms, however the attendees' interactions with staff expressed support for the planning process and the information presented at the open house.

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*Find examples of public outreach materials in **Appendix A**.*

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## HAZARDS

### ASSESSMENT MAP

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*Learn what hazards impact  
your home and community.*

For more information contact Paul Brewster, [brewstp@trpc.org](mailto:brewstp@trpc.org) or call 360-741-2526.



## Final Draft Plan Review

Thurston Regional Planning Council published a draft plan for a two-week public comment period from 8:00 a.m. March 22 to 5:00 p.m. April 5, 2017. Public comment notifications were distributed by email, social media, and a legal notice, as well as cross-promoted through individual partner's communications networks. The Olympian published an article about the plan and the public comment period in both the March 31 online edition and in print on April 1. The plan was posted online and copies were made available upon request. An online comment form with instructions and staff contact information accompanied the plan. Written public comments were accepted by email and mail. A total of eight comments were received and are shown in Appendix A. TRPC responded to everyone that submitted comments. The public comments were shared with the plan partners. The EMC reviewed the comments during their April 27 meeting.

## Regulatory Review (Pending)

The final draft plan was submitted to the Washington State Emergency Management Division on March 17, 2017. The state and FEMA reviewed the draft plan for its compliance with federal hazard mitigation planning requirements in 44 CFR Section 201.6.

***The outcomes of the state and federal review process will be documented in this section.***

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*Find additional information about state and federal regulatory review process: **Chapter 5: Review, Adoption, Implementation, Evaluation, and Maintenance.***

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