

7. **Jefferson County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan** - Covering all types of hazards. The plan is quite lengthy, but the Table of Contents is a very useful guide to the plan. The section on wildfire is presented on pages 4-173 through 4-193. It includes maps and descriptions of historic fires and on wildfire risks in the county.

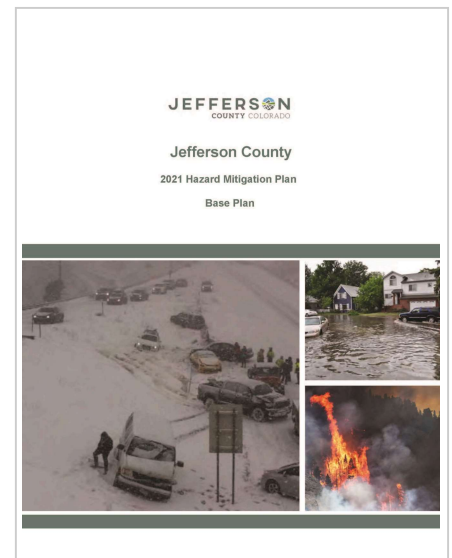
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Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)

Jefferson County completed the process for updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2020 - 2021 per the five-year update cycle required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 for a jurisdiction, to qualify for Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant funds. *Scroll to the bottom of the page for access to the adopted documents.*

The following jurisdictions have prepared and adopted this 2021 update of the Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP):

- Jefferson County
- City of Arvada
- City of Edgewater
- City of Golden
- City of Lakewood
- Town of Morrison
- City of Wheat Ridge
- Arvada Fire Protection District
- Elk Creek Fire Protection District
- Evergreen Fire Protection District
- Fairmount Fire Protection District
- Foothills Fire Protection District
- Genesee Fire Protection District
- Golden Gate Fire Protection District
- Indian Hills Fire Protection District
- Inter-Canyon Fire Protection District
- Jefferson Conservation District
- Lookout Mountain Water District
- North Fork Fire Protection District
- West Metro Fire Protection District



- Denver Water

Hazard Mitigation Documents

- [JeffCo 2021 HMP Annexes](#)
- [JeffCo 2021 HMP Appendices](#)
- [JeffCo 2021 HMP Base Plan](#)

What is Hazard Mitigation?

Why is Hazard Mitigation Important?

HMP Public Meetings

Hazard Mitigation is defined as reducing the loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. The Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan analyzes the County's vulnerabilities to natural and human-caused hazards and identifies proactive mitigation actions the county, towns, and cities can take to minimize impacts to people, property and critical facilities.

While natural hazard events such as wildfire and flooding cannot be prevented, the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan will evaluate the potential for future damaging events and work toward long-term solutions and strategies to help mitigate their impacts in the future. This long-term strategy also reduces future disaster losses by breaking the repeated cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction. According to a 2019 report by the National Institute of Building Sciences, it is estimated that for every \$1 invested in hazard mitigation, an average of \$6 is saved on long-term disaster response and recovery.

Hazard mitigation can reduce or eliminate the need for emergency response and greatly reduce the recovery period. Many types of mitigation actions are things done on a daily basis without much forethought such as purchasing insurance to protect a home investment, putting on your seatbelt, or putting in gutters around a roof to better direct rain runoff. The same concepts apply to community-level hazard mitigation planning. Hazard Mitigation planning is a process for county, city, and local governments or special districts to identify community-level policies and actions that will reduce the impacts of natural hazards.

Thank you to those who participated in virtual public meetings, responded to the public input survey, reviewed the plan and provided comment, recommended mitigation strategies, and shared their concerns. We leveraged these public engagement opportunities to gather your input to help us better understand our vulnerabilities, your experiences, and to discuss opportunities to reduce the impacts of hazards before they occur in Jefferson County. Questions? Email em@jeffco.us.

To view past meetings, please click on the links below.

- [HMP Kick Off Meeting, Dec 7, 2020](#)
- [HMP Public Meeting, Feb 11, 2021](#)
- [HMP Stakeholder Meeting, January 11, 2021](#)
- [HMP Public Meeting, June 8, 2021](#)

- [HMP Public Meeting, January 14, 2021](#)

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