

How To Use This Plan

Each section of the **Skagit County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan** provides information to assist local governmental jurisdictions and agencies, local Indian Tribes, and the citizens of Skagit County in understanding the community in which we live and work and the hazard-related issues facing government, citizens, businesses, and the environment. Combined, the various sections of this plan work together to create a document that guides the mission to reduce vulnerability and minimize loss from future natural hazard events.

The structure of this plan enables people to use only that portion of the plan that is of interest to them and/or pertains to their needs. It also allows local government to review and update specific sections as new data becomes available. New data can be easily incorporated, resulting in a natural hazards mitigation plan that remains current and relevant to the needs of the citizens of Skagit County.

In many cases, the word “entity” is found in the plan. For the purposes of this plan, “entity” refers to all of the various local governmental jurisdictions, Indian tribes, and special purpose districts that participated in the development of this plan.

The **Skagit County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan** is organized into five sections.

Section I contains the introduction and an overview of the planning process.

Section II contains information regarding the various natural hazards that can affect Skagit County.

Section III contains multi-jurisdictional community profile information as well as information regarding multi-jurisdiction/multi-hazard mitigation measures and a listing of multi-jurisdictional mitigation strategies and projects suggested by stakeholders and citizens as part of the public process associated with the development of this plan.

Section IV contains jurisdiction-specific, tribal-specific and special purpose district-specific information as well as vulnerability assessment information and mitigation strategies for each jurisdiction, Indian tribe, and special purpose district that has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process.

Section V contains the various appendices to the plan.