RESILIENCY AND
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

PUBLIC MEETING #3
Planning for a More Resilient New Bern

July 2021
Welcome!

› We appreciate your attendance. Please reference the Meeting Information Sheet for further information.

› Hybrid meeting format

› Meeting Rules of Conduct
  - Be respectful and courteous of others
  - Keep yourself on mute / turn off your video to lessen distractions
  - Wait for your turn for your question to be asked
  - If your question does not get addressed during the meeting, the planning team will respond in a timely manner

› How to ask questions:
  - If participating virtually, please send in questions in the "Chat" feature – OR – use the "raise your hand" feature.
  - If participating in-person, please come to the podium microphone to ask your question.
  - Time limit: under 4 minutes for public comments.
Agenda

Review the DRAFT New Bern Resiliency Plan:
- Outline of Sections
- Opportunity for Public Input* (during meeting):
  - Vision Statement
  - Resiliency Pillars
  - Goals

*The following are in DRAFT mode to allow the public an opportunity to weigh in on aspects of the Plan.

Discuss the Next Steps for the Resiliency Plan
- Public to submit comments via online form on website (TBD)
DRAFT New Bern Resiliency Plan: Outline of Sections

• Table of Contents
• Executive Summary
• Introduction
• Planning Process
• Community Profile
• Capability Assessment
• Cultural Heritage
• Vulnerability Assessment
• Resilience Strategy
• Implementation
• Appendices
Opportunity for Public Feedback: DRAFT Vision Statement

› By implementing the New Bern Resilience and Hazard Mitigation Plan, the City of New Bern, its residents, businesses and community stakeholders will prepare for, adapt to, and respond to a future of rising tides and extreme storms, embrace equitable and sustainable development, increase economic security, protect public health, and promote its cultural heritage.

› A strong vision statement helps determine and drive a community’s direction.

› The Core Planning Team developed several draft vision statements for consideration.

› The final vision statement presented was selected from a list of three (3) initial draft vision statements.
Opportunity for Public Feedback: DRAFT Resiliency Pillars

Resiliency pillars create broad categories to define and categorize the community’s goals and objectives as they relate to community resilience.
Opportunity for Public Feedback: DRAFT Goals

Goal 1.A.: Provide accessible and affordable basic health services and communication.

Goal 1.B.: Ensure easy access to fresh and healthy foods.

Goal 1.C.: Increase construction of connected and equitable pedestrian sidewalks, trails, greenways, and bike paths for exercise and access.

Each resilience pillar is supported by goals and objectives.
Opportunity for Public Feedback: DRAFT Goals

- **Goal 2.A.:** Educate citizens of best practices related to finances in predation of home ownership.

- **Goal 2.B** Educate citizens on best practices related to homeownership.

- **Goal 2.C.:** Partner with developers to create sustainable PUDs preserving open spaces for flood control and limiting impervious surfaces.

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Opportunity for Public Feedback: DRAFT Goals

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- **Goal 3.A.**: Advance racial equity.
- **Goal 3.B.**: Build business resilience.
- **Goal 3.C.**: Provide training and educational opportunities for job skills/trades and provide a path to careers through internships and apprenticeships.
- **Goal 3.D.**: Advance Small Business startups throughout the community.
Opportunity for Public Feedback: DRAFT Goals

- **Goal 4.A.:** Ensure daily peak capacities and operating reserve capacities are available and ensure redundancy in operating systems.

- **Goal 4.B.:** Ensure reliability through financial stability, design, testing, maintenance, and repairs.

- **Goal 4.C.:** Inventory all sidewalks and roads and compare for equitable access to well-maintained sidewalks and roadways.

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Opportunity for Public Feedback: DRAFT Goals

- **Goal 5.A.**: Design new developments to protect natural resource areas.

- **Goal 5.B.**: Convert flood-prone areas into safe accessible green and public spaces, making sure to include women, children, older persons, and persons with disabilities.

- **Goal 5.C.**: Design educational components in natural areas to convey their importance.

- **Goal 5.D.**: Promote physical and mental health through improvements in water quality and air quality.

- **Goal 5.E.**: Reduce flood risk while improving water quality and enhance wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

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Opportunity for Public Feedback: DRAFT Goals

» **Goal 6.A.**: Implement a public awareness and engagement program to support proactive action by property owners, stewards and residents in preparing themselves and their older and historic buildings for future disasters.

» **Goal 6.B.**: Lead with infrastructure resilience efforts in flood adaptation and mitigation to protect historic and culturally significant neighborhoods.

» **Goal 6.C.**: Ensure that disaster recovery incorporates a “build back better” approach that prioritizes building rehabilitation over demolition.

» **Goal 6.D.**: Align land use and economic development planning to incentivize the adaptation of cultural and natural heritage assets.

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Next Steps for Resiliency Plan

DRAFT Resiliency Plan Review by City of New Bern
Public Open Comment Period on DRAFT Resiliency Plan – Coming SOON to website!
› Review the plan during 30-day window
› Submit comments
All comments to be incorporated into FINAL Resiliency Plan

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THANK YOU