

# 2021 Maryland All-Hazards Mitigation Plan

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

## Update

State of Maryland



### CORE COMPETENCIES

- Multi-jurisdiction Workshop Facilitation
- Plan Integration
- Hazard Identification/Risk Assessment
- Implementation Plans
- Gap Analysis
- Needs Assessment
- Event Coordination/ Logistics
- Meeting Materials Development
- Consensus Building
- Public Outreach and Education
- Collateral Material Development
- Presentation Development

### PROJECT SUMMARY

In coordination with AECOM, and Maryland Environmental Service (MES) VPC plays a critical role in the 2021 State of Maryland Hazard Mitigation Plan Update process. VPC helped prepare for, and conduct the project Kickoff Meeting with the State Project Manager and the MEMA Core Planning Team. The Kickoff Meeting included a review of project timelines, milestones, and identification of Steering Committee members and stakeholders. VPC also assisted with overall facilitation of additional stakeholder meeting coordination, including developing and managing agendas and any specific presentations, and identifying and securing appropriate meeting presenters. All meetings will be conducted virtually via an agreed upon video conferencing platform.

### PROJECT DETAILS

VPC developed a comprehensive stakeholder engagement strategy to garner participation from three different stakeholder groups – State departments and agencies; County and Local jurisdictions; and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). VPC developed an online survey for each stakeholder group as well as assorted resource tables to capture each group, organization, or departments current, and future, mitigation, planning, and preparedness resources, programs, and data into one, useful, “at-a-glance” reference table.

VPC also assisted with designing an online mapping exercise where County/Local jurisdictions have the opportunity to identify where in their region they feel are particular “trouble spots” and make recommendations for state sponsored mitigation actions.

VPC communicates virtually with the State Project Manager, the Core Planning Team, and the Steering Committee to review and confirm, or update, the State’s existing Goals

and Objectives, as well as each item in the Mitigation Action Plan from the 2016 Plan. All meetings are conducted virtually via an agreed upon video conferencing platform (Teams).

VPC updated the Mitigation Strategy so it is action-oriented, straightforward, and clearly connects mitigation actions with the identified risks. VPC will also develop an Implementation Strategy to include a timetable for action, potential lead and supporting agencies, estimated cost, and potential funding sources.

VPC will complete the FEMA State Mitigation Plan Review Tool as a crosswalk, which will also help to assist with the FEMA review process. VPC will work in coordination with AECOM to finalize and incorporate any edits received from MEMA for submittal of the Final Plan to FEMA.