

### Preparing to Preserve

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### Some of my favorite words

- Preservation friends
- Collaboration
- Integration
- Risks
- COOP

#### Preparing for Preservation

- Local contacts
  - Local emergency management director
  - Local preservation groups

**State Contacts** 

State emergency agency

**SHPO** 

Private groups

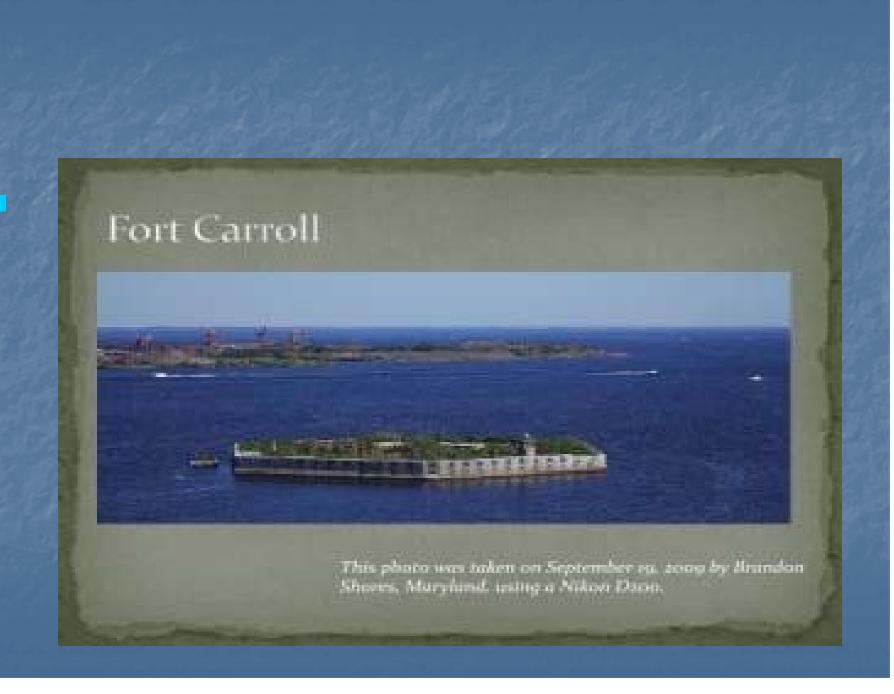
### What is Hazard Mitigation?

Hazard Mitigation - any sustained action taken to reduce loss of life and property due to hazard events. Hazard Mitigation may include both structural and non-structural activities. Risk identification is key.



#### Structural Mitigation Activities

- Structural activities may include but are not limited to:
  - Acquisition and relocation or demolition
  - Elevation
  - Flood proofing
  - Tornado safe rooms
  - High wind roof retrofits or window shutters
  - Floodwalls and Levees
  - Stormwater Management Projects



#### Non-Structural Mitigation Activities

- Non-structural hazard mitigation activities include but are not limited to:
  - Land use regulations and policies, including floodplain management regulations
  - Adoption and enforcement of building codes
  - Document preservation
  - Outreach and public education

# Westernport Park Following Acquisition



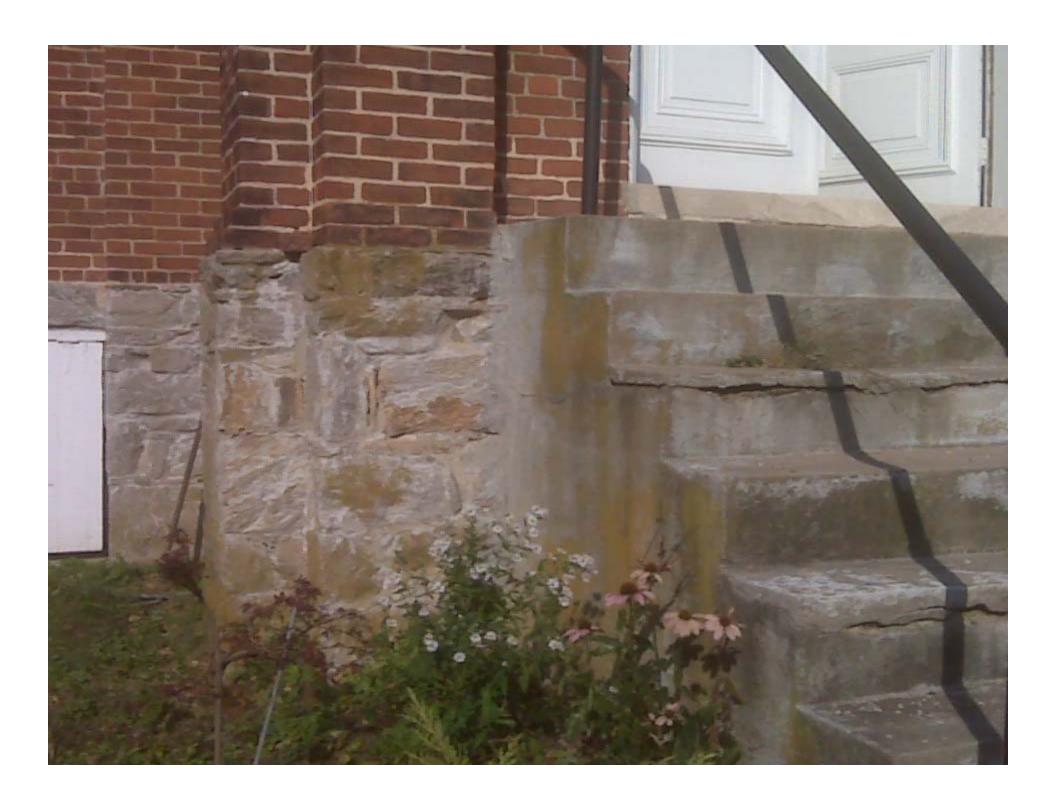
## Floodwall Prince George's County

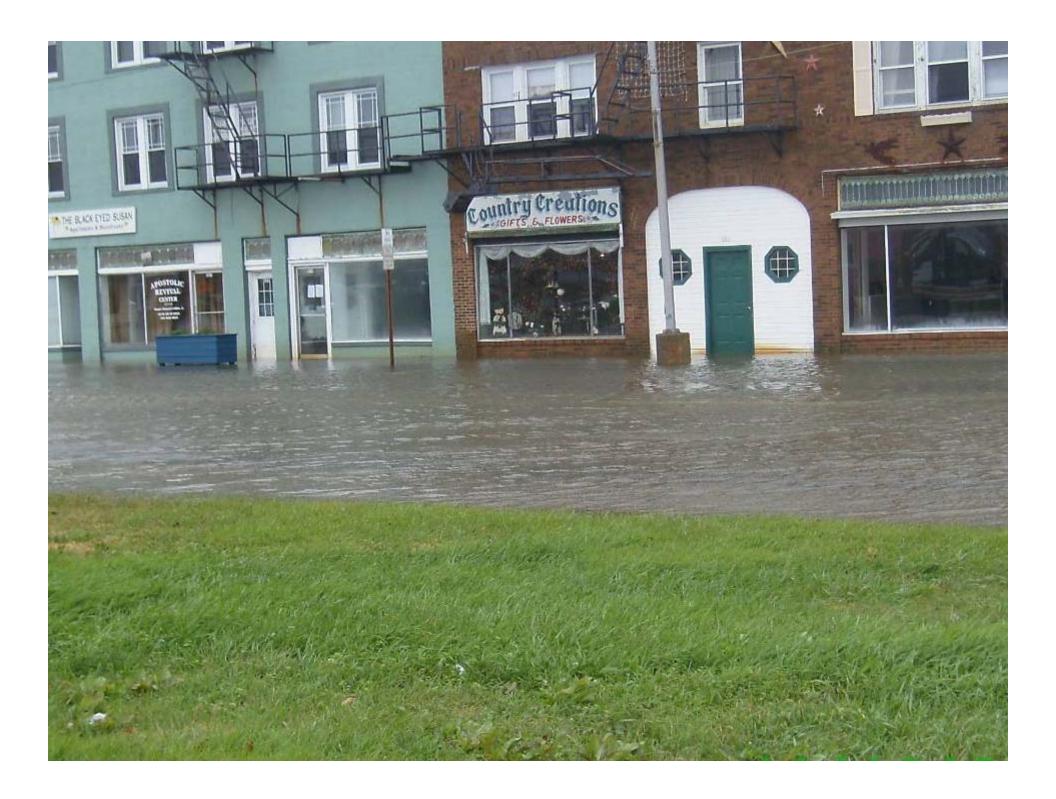




### Mitigation Planning

- Identify hazards based on frequency and severity
- Identify areas most vulnerable to damage Identify facilities, infrastructure and populations at risk
- Identify strategies to eliminate or reduce risk
- Planning required for both local and state governments to retain eligibility for funds





### I f you don't take away anything else today!!

- At local level work with your local emergency management director
- At state level work with your emergency management agency
- State agency website most have links to local EMs

### Local Mitigation Plans

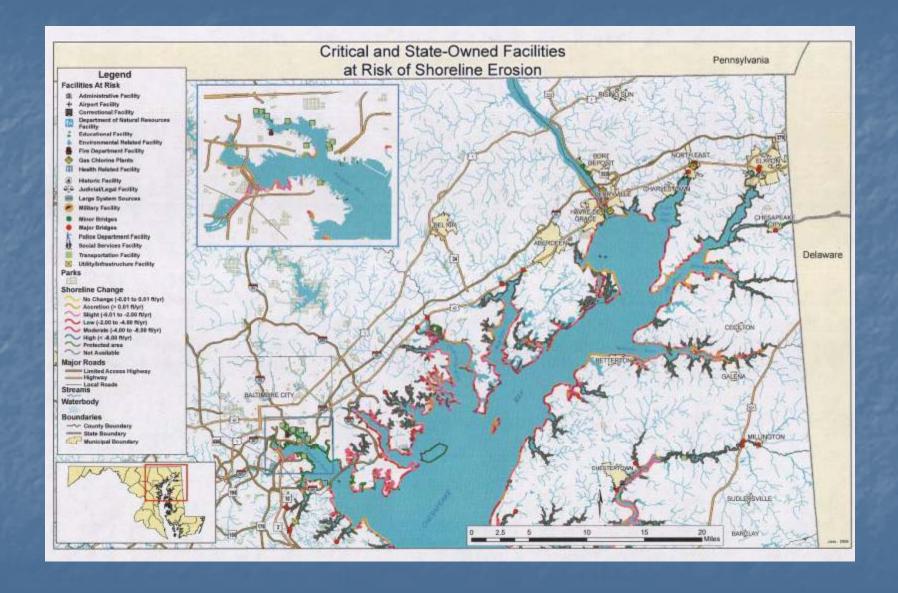
- Local Plans must include a hazard analysis, risk assessment and mitigation strategies
- Address critical facilities, residential areas, industrial and commercial centers
- Plans must be linked to mitigation projects for them to be eligible for grant funding.
- Here is where you come in!

### Local Mitigation Plans

- All jurisdictions within the State have completed local mitigation plans
- Updated local plans must be approved by FEMA five years from the initial approval
- Mitigation monies are available for local planning updates
- Start planning your update early
- Work with local EM to be part of the solution

### State Mitigation Plan

- Emphasis on state-owned and critical facilities
- Hazards addressed those identified
- Coordinate with State planning



### Federal Programs

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
HMGP
Flood Mitigation Assistance Program
FMAP
Pre-Disaster Mitigation PDM

#### HMGP, PDM, FMAP

- Cost share:
  - 75% federal, 25% non-federal for HMGP, FMAP and PDM
  - 90% federal, 10% non-federal for SRL
  - 100% federal for RFC
- Private property owners cannot apply directly to State for funding
- Local governments must apply through the State
- Private non-profits
- Grants must be consistent with Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Federal post-disaster program
- State receives up to 15% of disaster costs
- All hazard
- Funds used for statewide projects
- 7% of funds available for planning projects
- 5% of funds available for projects which do not meet FEMA Benefit Cost requirement
- No application period currently open for HMGP

### Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)

- Nationally competitive program, available annually
- All hazard
- No flood insurance requirement
- Planning and Project funds are available
- Applications undergo a national peer review process
- Projects with high benefit cost ratios

# Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP)

- Funded through the NFIP.
- Eligible Projects: Measures that eliminate or reduce flood risk associated with properties which have flood insurance
- Funds have been used for the acquisition and demolition or elevation of properties
- Properties must have a flood insurance policy in effect at the time of application
- Applicants must have an approved flood mitigation plan meeting FMA guidelines

## Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) Grant Program

- Provides 100% Funding for flood mitigation projects
- Includes both acquisition and elevation
- Home must have flood insurance and at least one claim to be eligible
- The local jurisdiction must certify that they do not have the capacity to come up with the match required by other grant programs.
- Nationally competitive like the PDM



## Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) Grant Program

- New program under development for the most flood prone insured properties
- Nationally competitive in Maryland
- Provides up to 90% of project costs
- Property owners who refuse a mitigation offer from the State under the SRL will be charged actuarial rates on their flood insurance
- Only four eligible properties in the State, all are in Western Maryland

#### The Application Process

- Complete project or planning application
- Submit to State EMA
- 3. Applications will be evaluated for eligibility and completeness by State EMA
- 4. Eligible applications will be ranked
- 5. State will submit the applications to FEMA
- Applications will be reviewed, and notification made



#### Sources

- http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=
   1935 (best practices)
- http://www.fema.gov/resourcelib/othresources.s
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