# Mitigating Hazards Through Land Use Solutions Workshop

## WHEN:

JUNE 7, 2018

## WHERE:

**DENVER AREA** 

To be determined based on selected communities.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The team, completed application questions, and supplemental materials (optional) are due on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.



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## WHAT:

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DHSEM), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) want to continue to support communities to put land use solutions that save lives and money in place. This group invites you to a one-day workshop to kick-off implementation of land use solutions that can reduce the impacts of hazards in your community.

The workshop will guide participants through developing and adopting mitigation actions. There will be a focus on updating land use and development codes to reduce the impact of natural disasters, and creating incentive programs to promote development in safer areas. Utilizing the *Planning for Hazards:* Land Use Solutions guide (www.planningforhazards.com) and supplemental materials, the workshop will draw on lessons from communities that have successfully implemented a variety of tools and strategies.

#### **WORKSHOP GOAL:**

Communities that participate will be able to implement their identified land use mitigation action(s) within one year of attending the workshop.

## WHO:

This workshop is **free of charge to accepted communities** and is an ideal opportunity for:

- Jurisdictions that are updating their Comprehensive Land Use/Development/Building and Zoning Codes and Policies;
- Counties that have recently updated their FEMA-approved local Hazard Mitigation Plan or another long-range plan and would like to implement specific land use tools to achieve their mitigation goals; and
- Municipalities that would like to minimize the level of damage caused by hazards such as wildfires, geologic concerns, or floods by making updates to their development standards.









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## **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- · Readiness to take action
- Community has prepared goals for land use solutions to mitigate hazards.
- Community team has been created to support the land use solution effort.

# **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

## A. Readiness to take action

- 1. Why is your community interested in this workshop?
- 2. Describe your community's capacity and political will to successfully implement land use solutions, to reduce risk to hazards.

## B. Community Goals for land use solutions to mitigate hazards:

Please prepare by reviewing the suggested materials prior to answering questions. Please respond to each of the three areas; hazards, strategies, and desired outcomes.

- 1. Hazards: What hazard(s) do you hope to address through land use solutions? What do you know about your community's hazards and what data is available to you to evaluate these hazards? Describe why the selected hazard(s) are a priority for your community. Please review your community's multi-hazard mitigation plan and other relevant materials prior to answering this question.
- 2. Strategies: What land use solutions do you think may be useful for your community to explore to help mitigate your identified hazards? Why do you think these would be useful? Are any specific land use actions identified in your hazard mitigation plan or other community plans? If yes, please list or describe. Use planningforhazards.com as a resource to identify strategies and tools that best fit the needs of your community.
- 3. Desired Outcomes: What does your community hope to achieve by implementing a land use solution to mitigate hazards?



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#### **Contact Information:**

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## C. Community Team:

Each participating community must have a team that attends the workshop, with at least three team members, who represent the recommended and optional capacities below. The intent of the team is to have the staff subject area expertise and decision-making power to carry the land use tool through to adoption. The team should also have a member who has experience working with the primary hazard(s) to be addressed by the selected strategies. This team should be comprised of:

- Land Use/Community Planners (strongly recommended)
- Emergency Managers (strongly recommended)
- Elected and appointed community officials, such as Planning Commissioners, to champion the effort (highly encouraged)
- Chief Building Official and/or Zoning Administrator
- · Local champions
- Building and zoning permit reviewers

Please list the following information for each team member:

- 1. Lead Team Member Name;
- 2. Lead Team Member Position; and
- 3. Lead Team Member Contact Information (email address, phone number)
- 4. Please list your supporting team members name, email address, and position.
- 5. What skills, relationships, and knowledge does each team member have to support this effort? If you have not included team members that are from the strongly recommended positions, please explain why these community roles have not been included.

## D. Supplemental Materials (optional):

Teams may include materials to demonstrate their understanding of the identified community hazard(s), letters of support from local officials, and other materials to demonstrate community willingness or team capacity to carry land use solutions through to implementation. These may be uploaded via the application.

**Expenses Covered:** Selected teams will be able to attend the workshop at no charge, have all workshop materials covered, and meals provided for breakfast and lunch.



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