

Next Steps: Preparing Your Historic Resources for Disasters

FEMA and Historic Preservation

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The Disaster Cycle



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Hurricane Irene / Tropical Storm Lee



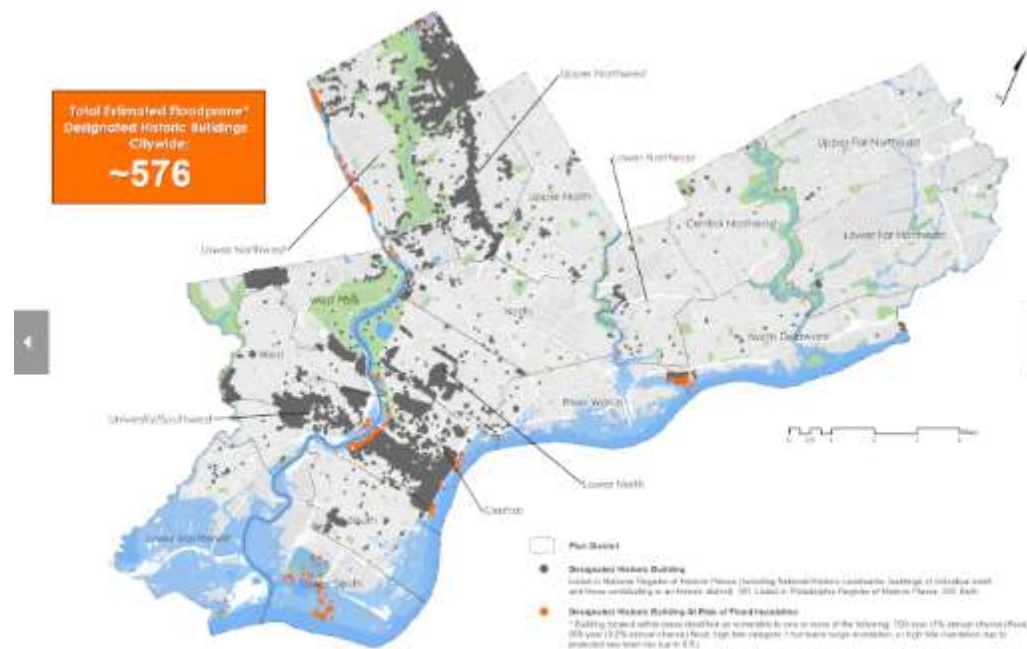

But how do I plan for that?

Why Historic Preservation Needs to Be Part of Disaster Planning

Almost two thirds of all states lack historic preservation strategies in their hazard-mitigation plans.



Integrating Historic Property and Cultural Resource Considerations Into Hazard Mitigation Planning
State and Local Mitigation Planning How-To Guide
FEMA 386-6 / May 2005



Historic Properties and Flood Insurance

- FEMA administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- FEMA has minimum standards for “historic structures” in the NFIP:
 - Found in 44 CFR 59.1 Definitions
 - **Exempt** from the substantial improvement requirement provided the alteration does not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a “historic structure”.
 - Once the improvement impacts the eligibility of the structure, it must come into full compliance.



West Pittston, Luzerne County, PA
(FEMA Region III)



Floodplain ordinances may...



Minot, North Dakota (FEMA Photo Library)

- Require a variance for substantial improvements to historic structures
- Require minimum relief necessary
- Include higher standards and additional documentation requirements

...at the discretion of the community.



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Tips On Preparation and Emergency Management

Historic Preservation Jobs & Internships

Links to Preservation Job Posting Sites

[PreserveNet - employment and internship opportunities](#)



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Thank you!

- Alliance for Response
 - <http://www.heritageemergency.org>
- Heritage Emergency National Task Force
 - <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/taskfer.htm>
- Historic Preservation in Disaster Planning Article
 - <http://www.citylab.com/housing/2016/04/why-historic-preservation-needs-to-be-part-of-disaster-planning/477318/>
- Integrating Historic Property and Cultural Resource Considerations into Hazard Mitigation Planning
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