

# Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)

Acquisition Projects | April 2021



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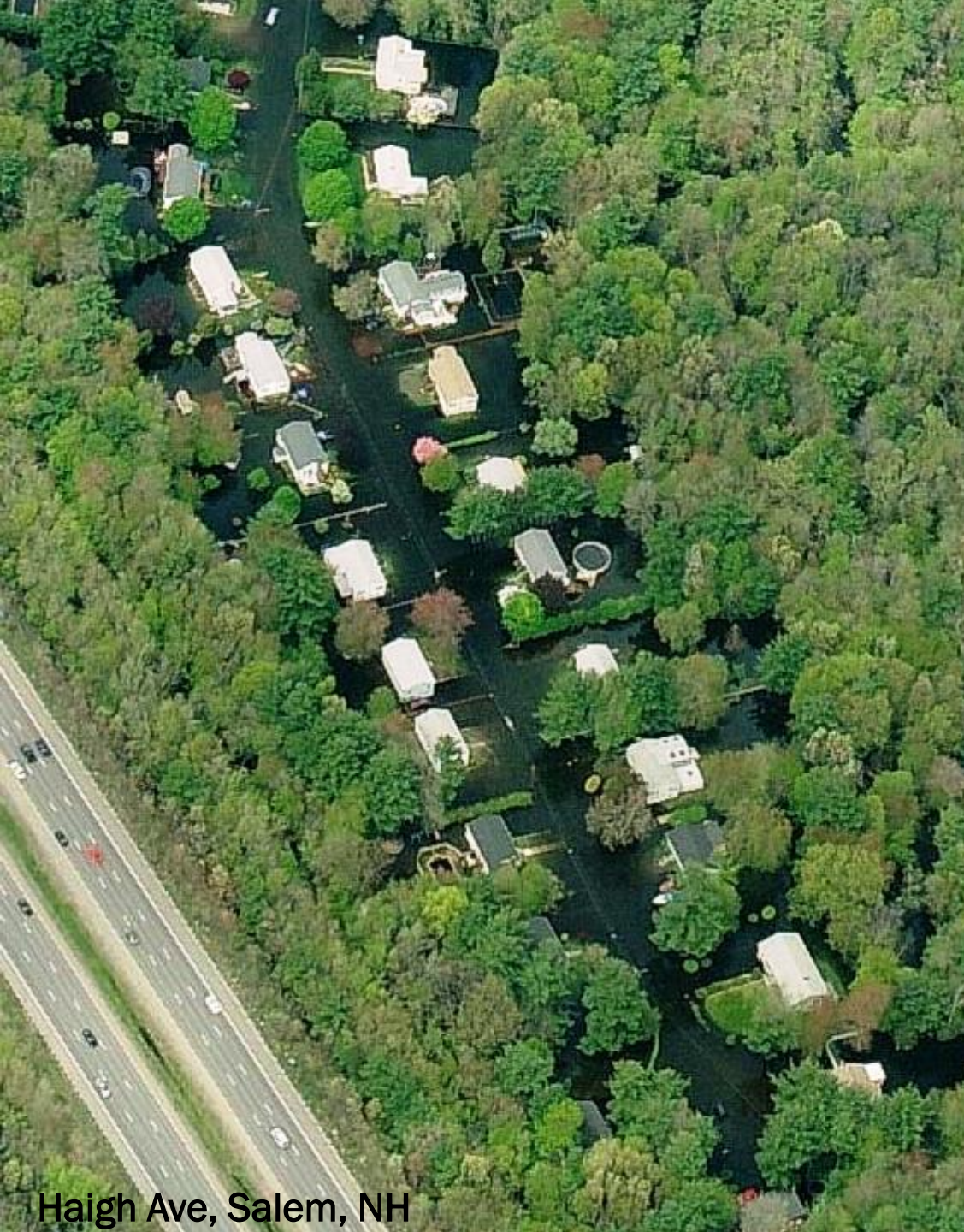
# Today's Presentation

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- What is hazard mitigation?
- Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants
- Eligibility Requirements
- Property Acquisition Activities
- Property Acquisition Success Story
- HMA Resources
- Questions and Contact Information



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Haigh Ave, Salem, NH

## What is hazard mitigation?

- Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from a hazard event.

# Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants

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- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**
  - post-disaster
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**
  - non-disaster
- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**
  - non-disaster

# Common Grant Activities in Region I

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- Property acquisition and structure demolition
- Structure elevation
- Minor localized flood reduction projects
- Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) development or update
- Generators (HMGP & BRIC only)
- Soil stabilization
- Non-structural retrofitting of existing buildings





# Property Acquisition

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- **Demolition** - The voluntary acquisition of an existing flood-prone structure and conversion of the land to open space through the demolition of the structure. The property must be deed-restricted in perpetuity to open space uses to restore and/or conserve the natural floodplain functions.
- **Relocation** - The voluntary physical relocation of an existing structure to an area outside of a hazard-prone area, such as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Relocation must conform to all applicable State and local regulations. The property must be deed-restricted in perpetuity to open space uses to restore and/or conserve the natural floodplain functions.

## Eligible Applicants/Subapplicants

	Applicant	Subapplicant	HMGP	FMA	BRIC
State or Territorial Agencies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Indian Tribal Governments	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Local Governments or Communities	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Nonprofit Organizations (PNPs)	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

\*Individuals and businesses are not eligible to apply for HMA funds; however, an eligible applicant or subapplicant may apply for funding on behalf of individuals and businesses.



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# Additional Eligibility Requirements

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- Eligible applicants and subapplicants
- Eligible activities
- Hazard mitigation plan
- Cost-effectiveness
- Feasibility and effectiveness
- Environmental and Historic Preservation
- Cost eligibility
- Cost sharing
- Other program requirements





# Benefit Cost Analysis

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- [BCA Toolkit Version 6.0](#)
- Pre-calculated benefits
  - acquisitions in Special Flood Hazard Areas
  - average benefits are \$276,000
- [bchelp@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:bchelp@fema.dhs.gov)



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# Property Acquisition General Application Requirements

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- The value of each property
- An appeal or reconsideration process for property owners who dispute the purchase offer
- Statement of Assurances
- A sample of the deed restriction
- Property owner documentation
- Voluntary interest documentation
- Certification of owner status for pre-event value
- Consultation regarding other ongoing Federal activities



## Deed Restriction

- Allowable uses: pavilions, picnic tables, small scale recreation courts, or ball fields
- Restricted uses: paved surfaces, walled structures, flood control structures, and bridges.



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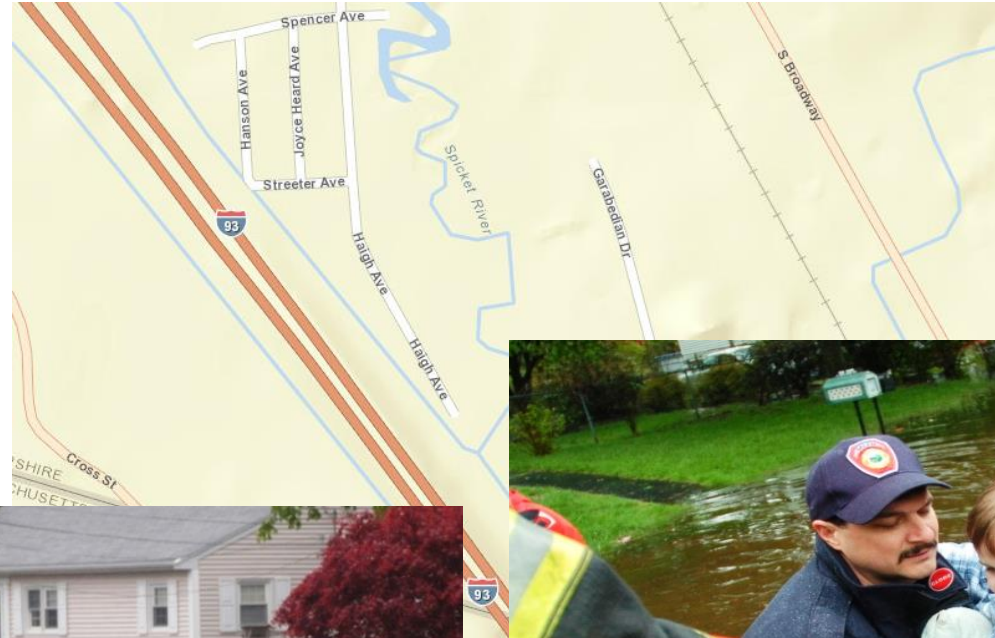




# Property Acquisition Demolition Success Story

## Haigh Avenue, Salem, New Hampshire

- FFY 2009 FMA
- Completed in 2013
- Total cost: \$2,533,352
  - Federal Share: \$1,889,802
  - Non-federal share: \$643,550
- 9 residential structures
- Match provided by NH DOT



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# Haigh Ave – Why It Flooded



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Haigh Ave - Flooding



# Before and During Flooding

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# Before and During Flooding

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# Before and After Mitigation

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# After Mitigation

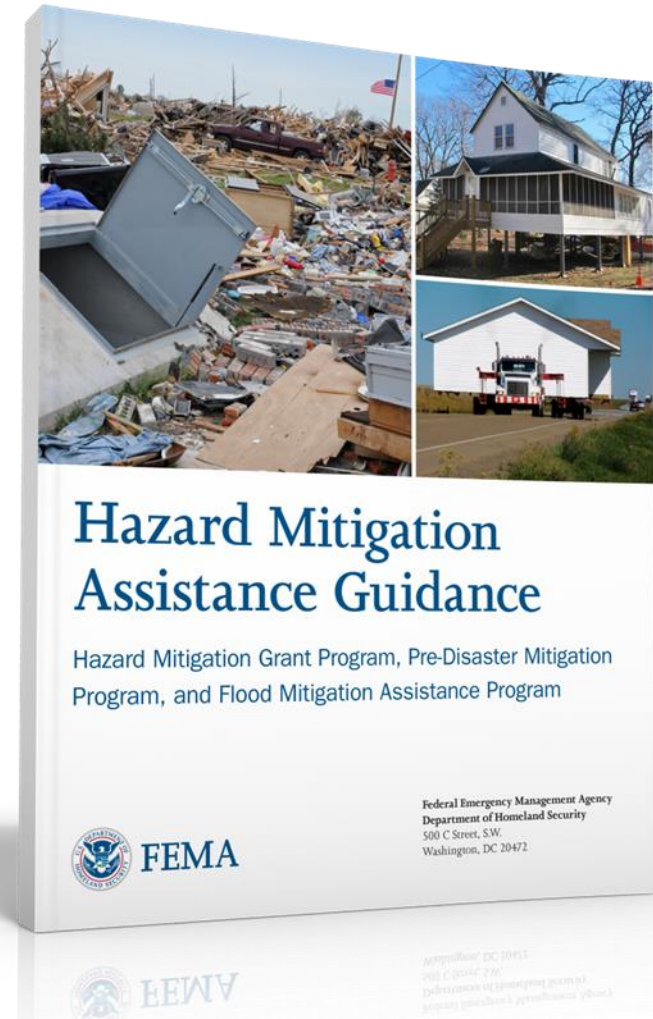


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# Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Guidance

- [2015 HMA Guidance](#)
- [2015 HMA Guidance Addendum](#)
- Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)
  - FMA and BRIC (grants.gov)
- [FEMA Cost Share Guide](#)
- [FEMA Model Deed Restriction](#)
- [BCA Reference Guide](#)



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