

FEMA Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Requirements	Designate Critical Areas RCW 36.70A.170(1)(d)	Protect Critical Areas RCW 36.70A.060 (2)	Include Best Available Science RCW 36.70A.172(1)	Periodic Update RCW 36.70A.130	Comprehensive Plan - Urban Growth Areas RCW 36.70A.110	Comprehensive Plan - Avoiding Conflicts WAC 365-196-485	Comprehensive Plan - Land Use Element RCW 36.70A.070(1)	Comprehensive Plans - Public Participation RCW 36.70A.140	WAC Implementation Plan WAC 365-196-650
<p>This table describes the potential relationships between hazard mitigation planning requirements and comprehensive and critical areas planning requirements.</p>	<p>required all counties and cities to designate critical areas as defined in RCW 36.70A.030. RCW 36.70A.170(2) requires that counties and cities consider the Commerce Minimum Guidelines pursuant to RCW 36.70A.050.</p>	<p>required counties and cities to adopt development regulations that protect the critical areas required to be designated under RCW 36.70A.170.</p>	<p>requires the inclusion of best available science in developing policies and development regulations to protect the functions and values of critical area</p>	<p>Requires to update periodically update their comprehensive plans, development regulations and their CAO on an eight-year update cycle.</p>	<p>prohibits expansion of the Urban Growth Area into the 100-year floodplain.</p>	<p>Recommends that cities and counties avoid directing growth to areas where there is a high concentration of critical areas.</p>	<p>Where applicable, the land use element shall review drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off in the area and nearby jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective actions to mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state, including Puget Sound or waters entering Puget Sound.</p>	<p>Each county and city that is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall establish and broadly disseminate to the public a public participation program identifying procedures providing for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of comprehensive land use plans and development regulations implementing such plans.</p>	<p>Each county or city planning under the act should develop a strategy for implementing its comprehensive plan. The strategy should describe the regulatory and nonregulatory measures (including actions for acquiring and spending money) to be used to implement the comprehensive plan.</p>
<p>A1. Does the Plan document the planning process, including how it was prepared and who was involved in the process for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(1))</p>								<p>A “participation program” is required for the comprehensive plan and the hazard mitigation plan.</p>	
<p>A2. Does the Plan document an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as other interests to be involved in the planning process? (Requirement §201.6(b)(2))</p>				<p>Critical areas development must include coordination between governments, such as county-city, adjacent city</p>					
<p>A3. Does the Plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting</p>								<p>Critical areas regulations development process must include public involvement</p>	

stage? (Requirement §201.6(b)(1))									
A4. Does the Plan describe the review and incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information? (Requirement §201.6(b)(3))			Must include best available science and locally applicable data						
A5. Is there discussion of how the community(ies) will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(iii))				Periodic plan updates are required (every 8 years)				Public engagement is required during plan updates and for changes to plans for development regulations.	
A6. Is there a description of the method and schedule for keeping the plan current (monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan within a 5-year cycle)? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(i))				Periodic plan updates are required (every 8 years)					
B1. Does the Plan include a description of the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect each jurisdiction(s)? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(i))	Must include best available science and identify, at a minimum, areas at risk of 100-year flood, erosion, landslides, seismic hazards, volcanos, avalanches, others.								
B2. Does the Plan include information on previous occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future hazard events for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(i))	Must include best available science and identify, at a minimum, areas at risk of 100-year flood, erosion, landslides, seismic hazards, volcanos, avalanches, others.								
B3. Is there a description of each identified hazard's impact on the community as well as	Describes hazard location, type, extent, and may include impact.	Mandates regulations to mitigation the impacts identified.			Identifies and avoids impacts or potential impacts.	Identifies and avoids impacts or potential impacts.	Identifies and avoids impacts or potential impacts.		

an overall summary of the community's vulnerability for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(ii))									
B4. Does the Plan address NFIP insured structures within the jurisdiction that have been repetitively damaged by floods? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(ii))									
C1. Does the plan document each jurisdiction's existing authorities, policies, programs and resources and its ability to expand on and improve these existing policies and programs? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3))		Expands on existing authorities, provides regulatory capability.							
C2. Does the Plan address each jurisdiction's participation in the NFIP and continued compliance with NFIP requirements, as appropriate? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(ii))					Supports compliance with NFIP requirements.				
C3. Does the Plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(i))		While not written as mitigation plan goals, the purpose of this function is to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities and impacts.	While not written as mitigation plan goals, the purpose of this function is to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities and impacts.		While not written as mitigation plan goals, the purpose of this function is to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities and impacts.	While not written as mitigation plan goals, the purpose of this function is to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities and impacts.	While not written as mitigation plan goals, the purpose of this function is to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities and impacts.		
C4. Does the Plan identify and analyze a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects for each jurisdiction being considered to reduce the effects of hazards, with emphasis on new and		Includes mitigation actions, substantial source of mitigation actions and the capability to implement mitigation actions.			Mitigation action in and of itself.	Mitigation action.	Mitigation actions for identified areas is required.		Plan implementation strategy may include mitigation actions.

existing buildings and infrastructure? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(ii))									
C5. Does the Plan contain an action plan that describes how the actions identified will be prioritized (including cost benefit review), implemented, and administered by each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iv)); (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iii))									Plan implementation strategy, including mitigation actions both regulatory and non-regulatory.
C6. Does the Plan describe a process by which local governments will integrate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms, such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(ii))	Critical areas requirements should be consistent with other planning requirements, including Shoreline Master Program, SEPA	Critical areas requirements should be consistent with other planning requirements, including Shoreline Master Program, SEPA							Implementation plan may include integration with other planning initiatives.