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SECTION 6. MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Table 67. Carteret County Mitigation Strategies

Number	Strategy	Goal Addressed (see page 6-3)	Hazard Addressed (see page 3-1)	Applicable Jurisdictions	Priority	Responsible Party/Dept.	Funding Sources
CA1	Address the sheltering needs of County residents. Continue to work on improving the preparedness of all existing shelter facilities, including the installation of on-site transformers at all shelter locations. Maintain updated information regarding all shelters on the County website. Continue support of the NC Coastal Region Evacuation and Sheltering (CRES) plan aimed at providing inland sheltering resources for coastal counties and preparation and adoption of a county sheltering plan.	1, 2, 4, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Carteret County Social Services 	GF, NCDPS, ARC
CA2	Provide information regarding evacuation procedures and routes through County and municipal websites, as well as other means when feasible. These efforts will involve assisting the Towns of Atlantic Beach, Cape Carteret, Indian Beach, Morehead City, and Pine Knoll Shores with efforts relating to bridge closures and re-entry policies and procedures. As part of these efforts, the County will make handouts available for citizens and visitors outlining evacuation routes and procedures.	1, 2, 4, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 5, 6	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • NC Highway Patrol • Atlantic Beach Administration • Cape Carteret Administration • Indian Beach Administration • Morehead City Administration • Pine Knoll Shores Administration <p><i>Emerald Isle continues to maintain links to the Carteret County evacuation information page on its flood and emergency webpages.</i></p>	GF, NCDPS
CA3	Continue to maintain the County's Continuity of Operations Plan in an effort to ensure ongoing governmental operations following a natural or man-made disaster event. The County, in conjunction with all participating municipal jurisdictions, will review this plan annually and update as deemed necessary.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Municipal Administrations <p><i>Emerald Isle has its own OP specific to Emerald Isle operations.</i></p>	GF, NCDPS

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CA4	Annually review and update the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to ensure compliance with all NCEM and NCOEMS procedures and policies. Through these updates, the County will work closely with all participating municipalities to ensure that all jurisdictions continue to be educated and prepared for activation of the EOP in the event of a disaster event.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services 	GF, NCDPS
CA5	Maintain, and where necessary, establish backup generators at all identified critical facilities. Additionally, County Emergency Services will evaluate the equipment on a regular basis to assure it continues to meet operational demands at county facilities.	4, 6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Independent Facility Operators • Town Public Utilities <p>Emerald Isle Public Works continues to maintain backup generators at Town buildings. .</p>	GF, NCDPS, NCDOT, HMGP
CA6	Maintain a contract with a qualified post-disaster recovery service provider. This contract will include the provision of essential services and equipment, including generators, and will include documentation required for reimbursement from FEMA/NCEM.	2, 4, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Governing Board • Municipal Governing Boards <p>Emerald Isle maintains a contractor for generators and storm cleanup.</p>	GF, HMGP

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CA7	Hold a public information meeting (once annually) aimed at educating the public and elected officials about the jurisdictions' overall vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards, and the jurisdictions' hazard mitigation efforts.	1, 2, 4, 6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>Public officials were invited to meetings concerning flooding and other hazards (e.g. hurricanes) during an NCEM meeting held in May and have been invited to a meeting to be held in September. Emerald Isle discussed flooding with the Board of Commissioners in July 2016 at the monthly meeting. The Town of Emerald Isle Planner participated on a panel that discussed a number of mitigation issues with the Crystal Coast Women's Realtors Association.</p>	GF
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CA8	Maintain the County's Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) in an effort to coordinate implementation and update of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County MAC 	GF, NCDPS
CA9	Continue to work on the five-year implementation of the HMP. At the end of this five-year period, the County will undertake efforts to update the plan including the following ten (10) steps: (1) Organize to prepare the plan, (2) Involve the public, (3) Coordinate with other agencies, (4) Assess the hazard, (5) Assess the problem, (6) Set goals, (7) Review possible activities, (8) Draft an action plan, (9) Adopt the plan, and (10) Implement, evaluate, and revise.	1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Carteret County MAC • Municipal Administrations 	GF, NCDPS, HMGP, PDM, UHMA
CA10	Continue to maintain the County's Crisis Management System in an effort to efficiently deal with emergency situations. These efforts will involve training for officials and relevant staff regarding use of the program.	2, 4, 6, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Carteret County Planning <p>Although Crisis Track has not been field deployed in an emergency situation, Emerald Isle staff has attended county trainings and continues to review its damage assessment procedures annually or more frequently.</p>	GF, NCDPS

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CA11	Meet annually with all electric service providers operating within the County prior to hurricane season, in preparation for the effects of severe weather, and will provide the preliminary planning steps required for effective post-disaster recovery.	1, 4, 5, 6, 7	1, 2, 3, 5, 6	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Municipal Administrations <p><i>Done annually in conjunction with Carteret County</i></p>	GF, NCDPS, Electric Service Providers
CA12	Maintain all property acquired within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as undisturbed open space in perpetuity. Continue to proactively establish open space within the floodplain and floodway as HMGP grant funds become available to carry out this initiative.	2, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p><i>Emerald Isle will maintain property within the SFHA acquired with FMA or HMGP funding as undisturbed open space.</i></p>	GF, NCDPS
CA13	Integrate, when feasible, new greenway and public park improvements into comprehensive planning and capital improvement efforts (including coordination with the County's certified CAMA Land Use Plans).	1, 2, 6, 7	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Morehead City	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Parks and Recreation • Carteret County Planning • Morehead City Parks and Recreation 	GF, NCDENR
CA14	Maintain reciprocal mutual aid agreements with all neighboring communities in an effort to ensure adequate fire protection throughout the County. Additionally, all jurisdictions will provide preventive maintenance efforts to ensure the fire hydrants and equipment are working properly.	1, 2, 4, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Municipal Administrations • Volunteer Fire Departments <p><i>Emerald Isle has mutual aid agreements with Carteret County all municipalities in Carteret County, and the Town of Swansboro. Hydrants are maintained annually. This includes flowing the hydrant and lubricating the threads.</i></p>	GF, NCDPS

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CA15	Review and update respective Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances as deemed necessary. Once annually, all jurisdictions will conduct a review to ensure that the current FDPO is compliant with all FEMA and NCEM mandates.	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal NFIP participants <p>Have had no proposed amendments to our flood damage prevention ordinance. We have discussed moving our 2 ft. freeboard requirement from the definition section of the UDO to the flood portion of the ordinance.</p>	GF, NCDPS
CA16	Maintain and map GIS-based data related to floodplain management and mitigation. These efforts will involve maintaining the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), as well as GIS locations for each property either acquired or mitigated under current or prior year mitigation grant projects. Repetitive loss areas will also be mapped through this process.	2, 4, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Carteret County Information Technology Department • Carteret County Tax Department • Municipal Administrations <p>Emerald Isle continues to maintain FIRMs and to map its repetitive loss properties annually.</p>	GF, NCDPS
CA17	Continue to require a finished floor elevation certificate for all development within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) in both incorporated and unincorporated portions of the County. All elevation certificates will be submitted on an official FEMA elevation certificate. All elevation certificates shall be kept on file by the County or municipalities.	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Inspections • Municipal Building Inspections <p>Emerald Isle requires and maintains all under construction and finished construction elevation certificates.</p>	GF
CA18	Establish and/or maintain reconstruction policies that include procedures for issuance of building permits after a natural disaster.	1, 2, 4, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations 	GF

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CA19	Strive to maintain respective CRS ratings through implementation of a comprehensive floodplain management program.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Morehead City, Newport, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>Staff continues to provide required CRS recertification documentation on an annual basis and to conduct credited activities to maintain its CRS Rating Class 7.</p>	GF, NCDPS, HMGP, PDM, UHMA
CA20	Maintain a map information service involving the following: (1) Provide information relating to Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) to all inquirers, including a provision of information on whether a given property is located with a flood hazard area; (2) Provide information regarding the flood insurance purchase requirement; (3) Maintain historical and current FIRMs; (4) Advertise once annually in the local newspaper the availability of FIRMs; and (5) Provide information to inquirers about local floodplain management requirements.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Morehead City, Newport, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>Emerald Isle continues to provide a map information service.</p>	GF, NCDPS
CA21	Mail a notice annually to all property owners in an effort to educate citizens about dangers associated with flooding in low-lying coastal areas.	1, 2, 5, 7	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Morehead City, Newport, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>Assisted by Carteret County mailings</p>	GF, NCDPS

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CA22	Continue to work with local real estate agencies to ensure that agents are informing clients when property for sale is located within a SFHA. The County will provide these agencies with brochures documenting the concerns relating to development located with the floodprone areas and ways that homeowners may make their home more disaster resistant to strong winds, lightning, and heavy rains.	1, 2, 4, 6	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning 	GF, NCDPS
CA23	Make information regarding hazards and development regulations within floodplains available through the following: (1) Ensure that the local library maintains information relating to flooding and flood protection; (2) Provide a link on the county website to FEMA resources addressing flooding and flood protection; (3) Provide a link on all participating municipalities' websites to FEMA resources addressing flooding and flood protection, evacuation procedures, disaster preparedness, and post-disaster recovery; and (4) Provide website links to relevant hazard mitigation websites.	1, 2, 4, 6	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>Emerald Islen maintains links to FEMA resources on its website.</p> <p>Emerald Isle maintains an emergency preparedness page as well as a flood page with relevant hazard mitigation links.</p>	GF, NCDPS
CA24	Support the efforts of the Carteret County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in their effort to address hazards associated with the storage of chemicals, noxious waste material and bulk fuel.	1, 2, 6, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County LEPC 	GF, NCDPS

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CA25	Continue to support the NC Office of Dam Safety in its efforts to monitor and inspect all dams throughout the state. The County will rely on this agency to ensure that all dam facilities, both public and private, are properly maintained and stable.	1, 2, 4, 6	1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>NA</p>	GF, NCDPS, NCDENR
CA26	Continue to monitor water resources in an effort to mitigate the impacts of drought conditions. These efforts will include maintaining a local water shortage ordinance. This ordinance will be activated in coordination with all utility providers as the need arises.	1, 2, 7, 8	11	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>No municipal water system</p>	GF, NCDENR
CA27	In the event of a substantial flooding event or other natural hazard occurrence, perform damage assessments in coordination with NCEM. These assessments will assist the county in determining the extent of the damage caused by the respective disaster event. This data, in conjunction with the information outlined in this plan, will be utilized as a tool for land use planning and future hazard mitigation plan updates.	1, 2, 4, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>Emerald Isle continues to review its windshield survey process on an annual basis in the event the damage assessment is necessary.</p>	NF, NCDPS, HMGP
CA28	Review all land use planning and regulatory documents pertinent to hazard mitigation in an effort to: (1) Reduce exposure to natural hazards (2) Promote resource protection (3) Encourage the use of best management practices	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning • Municipal Administrations <p>Emerald Isle continues to review its land use plan and Unified Development Ordinance on a regular basis to help ensure that hazard mitigation and other critical planning goals are met. We are in the process of updating our Land Use Plan</p>	GF

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CA29	Consider developing a hazardous materials actions plan focused on addressing the potential impacts of hazardous materials spills. Specifically, the plan will identify and address risk associated with known hazardous materials risk areas.	1, 2, 4, 6, 7	Man-made	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services 	GF, NCDPS
CA30	Continue to enforce the NC State Building Code. Local government inspections staff will re-certify the NC State Building Code as the adopted local regulation applying to all construction activities on an annual basis. Through enforcement of the NC State Building Code, jurisdictions will work to ensure that all structures, including manufactured homes, are properly anchored to minimize potential impacts stemming from a disaster event.	1, 2, 5, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Inspections • Municipal Building Inspections <p><i>Emerald Isle continues to enforce the NC State Building Code by contracting our inspections program with Carteret County</i></p>	GF
CA31	Collaborate to provide education and training to local government officials in an effort to broaden understanding of public policy relating to hazard mitigation.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Emergency Services • Carteret County Administration • Municipal Administration <p><i>Staff attends meetings of the Carteret County Floodplain Administrators group and is supportive of efforts to provide training to local government officials.</i></p>	GF
CA32	Continue to proactively seek out grant funding through NCEM and FEMA for mitigation of repetitive loss properties (RLP's) from future flooding events. The County will maintain a list of RLP's, and on an annual basis, will apply for funding for all structures that meet cost-benefit thresholds as defined by FEMA. Carteret County will assist all municipal jurisdictions in working through the structural mitigation grant funding process.	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12	Carteret County, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Bogue, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Morehead City, Newport, Peletier, Pine Knoll Shores	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carteret County Planning Department • Carteret County Board of Commissioners • Municipal Administrations 	GF, NCDPS, HMGP, PDM, UHMA

