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## **Everett to start update process for its Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The process will include opportunities for the community to learn more and provide input.

EVERETT, WA – The City of Everett has started the process of updating its [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) (HMP), which is its long-term strategy for reducing the risk and impact of natural disasters. Community involvement will be an important component of this update.

The HMP focuses on community resilience by identifying hazards and areas of vulnerability and developing strategies to mitigate the potential impacts. The purpose of the HMP update is to identify natural disasters that may impact the City and identify actions to reduce losses from those hazards. This planning process helps the City and whole community understand the importance of mitigation and develop actions based on current and future risks and capabilities.

Throughout the plan update process, there will be opportunities for community members to provide input and the City of Everett highly encourages all those who live, work, and play in the greater Everett area to participate. In the coming months, there will be public meetings and other chances to learn more and share feedback. More information, including maps and updates on the plan's progress, will be available at [everettwa.gov/HMP](http://everettwa.gov/HMP).

The planning process and the update to the HMP will be led by Jim Sande, director of emergency management, with support from Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, and directed by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team. This team is made up of representatives from the City and other key stakeholders from within the planning area as well as from county, state, and federal agencies.

It is anticipated the plan process will take approximately nine to twelve months to complete.

To learn more, please visit [everettwa.gov/HMP](http://everettwa.gov/HMP).

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