

## **Identifying Action Steps to Support Goals**

After you've identified your goals, consider what specific actions need to be taken to reach those desired outcomes. To achieve a more informed community or better preparedness for a hazard like flooding, what concrete things need to be done? The action statements could address things such as: Do you need more information about the hazard in your community? How will you get that information? Are any changes needed to local government to focus on climate issues, such as the creation of a committee or task force? What policy changes are needed to address hazards? Where can you obtain funding to implement this plan? What individuals and organizations need to be involved in work to implement this plan? How will you recruit them? How will you get community input and buy-in?

In addition to actions that will be taken by municipal officials or staff, consider actions that invite civic participation, such as volunteering or participation on Environmental Advisory Councils. Resiliency is a community-wide effort, and your plan should include actions that a variety of community members will take. Identifying actions that use existing assets is a good strategy to include different parts of the community. For example, if you've identified a key community meeting space in a park or city building as an asset, consider hosting an event series there. If a major employer is a key asset, consider how they might be a partner in resiliency efforts that will affect their employees or their business.

### Examples:

- Work with the local Parks and Public Works Departments to identify commonly flooded areas, and create a plan to convert them into native wetlands.
- Create an educational campaign with a local non-profit about community flooding risk, and distribute materials at the community center and via social media.
- Apply for a grant from the Arbor Day Foundation and work with local tree care businesses to provide pruning or other services at free or reduced rates for low-income residents.
- Work with the local Extension office to secure funding and volunteers to monitor natural areas for invasive species.
- Create an educational campaign about radon exposure with a local high school media class.
- Work with PennDOT and LANTA to distribute a survey asking about any landslide risk along the routes people use to commute to work.

### Resources:

- [U.S. Climate Resilient Toolkit: Step 3. Investigate Options](#)
- [FEMA Disaster Resilience Case Studies](#)
- [Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)