



# Cameron County Hazard Mitigation Plan



**Planning Partner: City of Harlingen**

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## *“Preparing for a Sustainable Future for Human Life and Property”*

### **What is a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP)?**

The HMAP is a planning mechanism used by counties and cities to identify potential natural hazards, such as drought, flooding, hail, and hurricane winds, which can be life-threatening, destroy property, disrupt the economy, and lower the quality of life of individuals living in the area. The plan seeks to alter the physical environment to reduce or eliminate the potential risks to human life and property from hazards through effective mitigation measures.

### **What does the HMAP contain?**

The plan reflects conditions that have had an impact area-wide by looking at historical data and the impact to residents and property. The plan identifies mitigation actions, preventive actions, property protection techniques, natural resource protection strategies, structural projects, prevention and public information, and awareness activities. The actions are prioritized and schedules for implementing, elevating, and monitoring actions were developed.

### **Why is the HMAP important?**

The HMAP allows counties and cities to prioritize mitigation actions based on the hazards which present the greatest risk to lives and property. The HMAP will serve as a planning tool making it possible to be eligible for grant funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs to implement mitigation projects that have been identified in the plan. The HMAP will serve to close the gap in existing plans that the counties and cities have to reduce the hazard vulnerability.

We invite the Public to review the document and submit any comments or questions in writing to:

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