

# Mitigation Action Selection and Prioritization Criteria

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- Does the proposed action protect lives?
- Does the proposed action address hazards or areas with the highest risk?
- Does the proposed action protect critical facilities, infrastructure, or community assets?
- Does the proposed action meet multiple objectives (multi-objective management)?
- Is there a strong advocate for the action or project that will support the action's implementation?
- Does the project address equity or protect vulnerable populations?

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Developed by FEMA, this method of applying evaluation criteria enables the planning team to consider in a systematic way the social, technical, administrative, political, legal, economic, and environmental opportunities and constraints of implementing a particular mitigation action. For each action, the HMPC should ask, and consider the answers to, the following questions:

**Social** - Does the measure treat people fairly (different groups, different generations)? Does it consider social equity, disadvantaged communities, or vulnerable populations?

**Technical** - Will it work? (Does it solve the problem? Is it feasible?)

**Aministrative** - Is there capacity to implement and manage project?

**Political** - Who are the stakeholders? Did they get to participate? Is there public support? Is political leadership willing to support it?

**Legal** - Does your organization have the authority to implement? Is it legal? Are there liability implications?

**Economic** - Is it cost-beneficial? Is there funding? Does it contribute to the local economy or economic development? Does it reduce direct property losses or indirect economic losses?

**Environmental** - Does it comply with environmental regulations or have adverse environmental impacts?