

Local Priority: MITIGATE HAZARDS

- Keep communities safe from natural hazards
- Reduce threats that natural hazards pose to LIVES, PROPERTIES and the ECONOMY

The BENEFITS of mitigating hazards are

- SOCIAL
- ENVIRONMENTAL and
- ECONOMIC



Steps to think about:

- Identify your vulnerability
- Identify the benefits and co-benefits you will achieve by addressing this vulnerability

For ex: Will stabilizing the shoreline also benefit properties? Wildlife? Aquatic habitat? Recreation?

Source: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/fema_Riskmap-nature-based-solutions-guide-2020_071520.pdf



A single project may be eligible for a variety of public, private, state and federal funds

- Think outside the box
- Engage local staff that can play a role in NBS projects
- Apply to many sources of funding – local , state, regional and don't forget federal programs

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Example: Coastal community wants to reduce flooding by using nature based approaches. They could apply for

- 1) FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (floodplain restoration, storage, flood diversion)
- 2) A habitat conservation grant (USDA, NFWF)
- 3) A water quality grant
- 4) A coastal resilience grant from the state
- 5) A CDBG to augment other grants
- 6) Could enact a local enterprise fund (like a stormwater utility)



Recognizing diverse benefits can help pool resources from public (and private) partners to mobilize more funding for nature-based solutions

Who can help?

EFC – call me!

Your Council of Governments

Casco Bay Estuary Partnership

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Land trusts

Non profit organizations such as Island Institute, GMRI, TNC, CCAP members

state funders



Thank you!

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