

Learn About Your Community's Emergency Plan

Overview

- Contact your local community leaders to learn about your community's emergency plan and evacuation plan in order to better prepare for emergency situations including flooding.
- A community emergency plan will help the residents save time and money and will increase resiliency to flooding events.
- **If your community does not have an emergency plan and/or evacuation plan, encourage your community leaders to develop these plans.**
- The community emergency plan should contain information relevant to all potential emergency situations (e.g. coastal flooding, hurricanes, wind, riverine flooding, public health crises, etc.).
- Encourage your community leaders to practice implementing the emergency plan at least once per year.
- Although this method will not extend the life of property, it can give coastal residents more time to evacuate as well as move any valuables/furniture and implement any temporary flooding strategies.
- Additionally, sign up for the Delaware Emergency Notification System (DENS) to receive notifications regarding emergency situations.



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Key Takeaways

During flood events or other natural disasters, the health, safety, and welfare of Delawareans may be at risk.

When residents receive warning of emergency conditions, it is important that they are ready to respond quickly to better ensure their comfort, cost savings, and even survival.

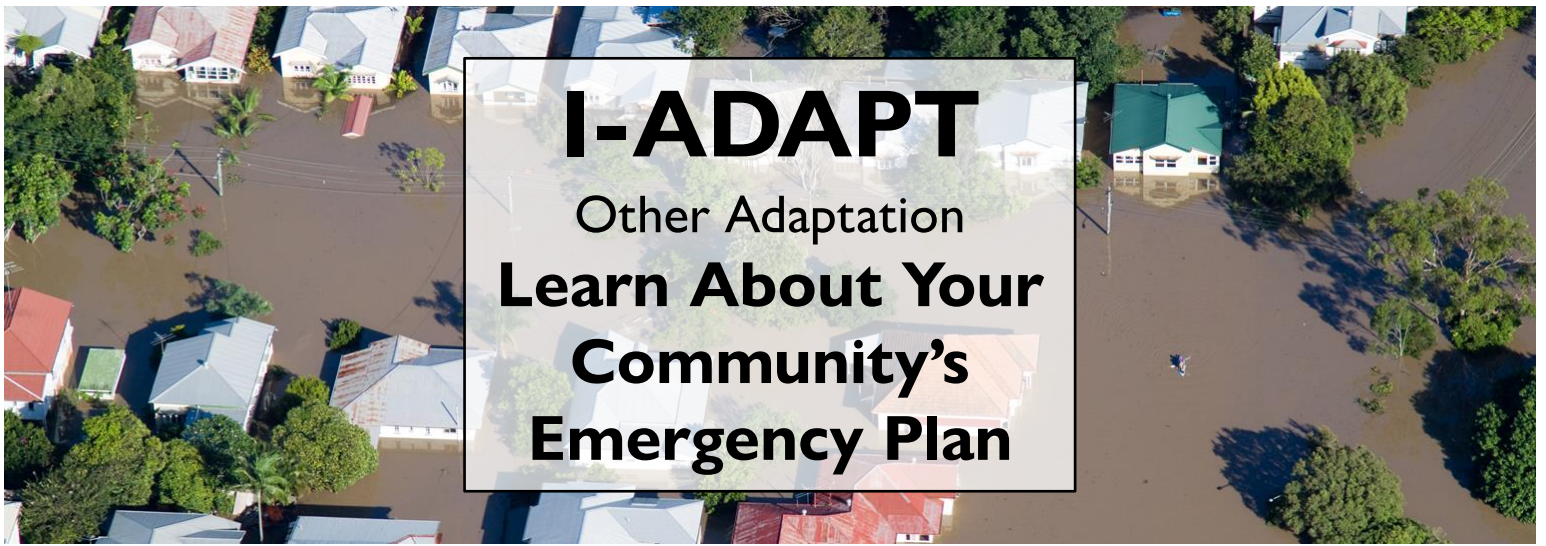
In order to better prepare for emergency conditions such as flooding, learn about your community's emergency plan.



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Estimated Costs/Benefits

*U.S. dollars (2022), estimates are subject to change

Potential Costs		Potential Benefits	
Item	Estimate	Benefit	Estimate
Learn about your community's emergency plan	\$0	Help avoid delays and obstacles when trying to evacuate	Incalculable
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$0	ESTIMATED TOTAL SAVINGS	Incalculable

Expected Maintenance

- Update any changing information on the emergency contact list.
- Help community leaders update the emergency plan as needed.

Additional Resources

- [Delaware Emergency Management Agency \(DEMA\)](#)
- [Delaware Emergency Notification System \(DENS\)](#)
- [Delaware Homeowner Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards](#)
- [Ready.gov](#)

Resources can also be found at <https://de.gov/iadapt>

Additional Actions

- Encourage the community to create a community emergency plan if one does not already exist.
- Sign up for the Delaware Emergency Notification Systems (DENS).
- Consult with neighbors and/or community regarding evacuation procedures if necessary.
- Implement any temporary flooding adaptation strategies prior to enacting the emergency plan and evacuating the property.

Permitting Agencies

- No permits are required.

Who to Contact

- DEMA
- Your community officials

Technical definitions and more information are located on the I-ADAPT website: <https://de.gov/iadapt>.



This information is intended to be used for planning purposes. It is not intended to substitute or take precedence over the guidance of design engineers, contractors, utility companies or regulatory agencies.

For more information, contact DNREC's Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy at DNREC_IADAPT@Delaware.gov

