

II. Plan Goals, Short and Long Term Objectives

Goal definition is critical to providing the plan with an overall vision. Steering Committee members developed these Goals over the course of several meetings. They are to serve as general guidance in the development of flood hazard mitigation project ideas and may be refined to apply to any project prioritization process. The **Short-term** and **Long-term Objectives** generated from Steering Committee meetings helped provide more specificity toward accomplishing the Goals. Short Term Objectives are defined as attainable in the next 1-3 years. Long Term Objectives are defined as implementable from 4 years and beyond. Additional ideas were incorporated from other plans adopted by the State and tailored to the unique flooding issues of Wahkiakum County. Targeted project action ideas geared to meet these Objectives are discussed in more detail in **Chapter VI Recommended Plan of Action**. While are not listed in order of priority, all the objectives listed below in some way contribute to the reduction of flooding risk either directly or indirectly. Ideally a successful flood mitigation project would help meet a suite of Goals and Objectives.

A. Flood Hazard Management Goals

Goal 1: *Reduce the Amount of Flood Hazard Risk to Public Infrastructure, Citizens and their Property.*

Goal 2: *Propose Flood Hazard Mitigation Projects that Protect or Enhance Fish Habitat and Habitat for other Species.*

Goal 3: *Increase the Level of Coordination and Dialogue among Community Members and Interests of the State that Promotes Effective Floodplain Management Strategies.*

Goal 5: *Enhance Public Awareness about Activities that Increase Flood Risk to Existing and Future Development.*

Goal 6: *Protect and Enhance Productive Lands and the Rural Character of Wahkiakum County*

B. Short Term Flood Hazard Management Objectives

Short Term Objective 1:

Use Flood Plan to identify funding sources for early implementation/pilot projects in each basin.

Short Term Objective 2:

In concert with the County, develop a list of potential structural and non-structural (Chapter 4) activities that reduce private property risk while increasing the County's ranking under FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS).

Short Term Objective 3:

Continue to develop local capacity to coordinate with ongoing studies related to sediment delivery dynamics in Wahkiakum County's watersheds and siltation trends of Grays Bay.

Short Term Objective 4:

Inventory opportunities for land restoration and/or acquisition in the floodplain to reconnect areas of floodplain habitat while providing flood mitigation benefits in the form of slowing stream energy, sediment delivery, and creating areas for storing discharge.

Short Term Objective 5:

Sponsor forums to better coordinate local project and permitting requirements with State and Federal entities.

Short Term Objective 6:

Maintain and expand membership of the "Stakeholders Group" to serve as a coordinating body among groups conducting flood hazard reduction projects in the County.

C. Long Term Flood Hazard Management Objectives

Long Term Objective 1:

Expand existing County capacity to support both programmatic and on the ground projects to implement actions identified (Chapter 6) in the CFHMP.

Long Term Objective 2:

Support ongoing and future studies that contribute to the planning and design of future floodplain mitigation projects in the County.

Long Term Objective 3:

Work with forest management agencies and private companies to prioritize areas for forest road improvement and/or closures to reduce sediment delivery into Wahkiakums' watersheds.

Long Term Objective 4:

Adopt additional land use measures to further reduce risk of flooding for development activities in the floodplain in concert with County Comprehensive Plan.

Long Term Objective 5:

Install long term mechanisms for public involvement to engage and better coordinate with the community in discussing flood related issues through workshops, mapping exercises, and field visits.

Long Term Objective 6:

Develop an ongoing education program to inform citizens about the principles of floodplain dynamics and flood mitigation project alternatives for addressing issues such as erosion, siltation, and streambank protection.

Long Term Objective 7:

Reduce the recurrence and amount of frequently flooded areas that continually isolate access to public roads and safety

Long Term Objective 8:

Obtain sufficient scientific and mapping data to support flood reduction strategies.