Summary of Discussion

1. Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters achieved through risk analysis that provides a foundation for mitigation activities that reduce risk.
2. Hazards for a community include natural/environmental (hurricanes, tornados), man-made (cyber-terrorism, freight/rail) and vulnerable populations (low-income, elderly).
3. Capturing data throughout all phases of the response and recovery operations will better a position a community to access grants available for post-disaster mitigation programs.
4. There are a multitude of programs for mitigation related activities including: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL).
5. Following a disaster like Hurricane Ike, there may be a need to update your Hazard Mitigation Plan and Mitigation Action Strategies/Projects for post-Ike hazards.

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