

Ed Thomas is a Floodplain Manager, and Disaster Response and Recovery Specialist, and a practicing Attorney. His primary concern is the prevention of misery to disaster victims, the public purse, and to the environment. Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation through advocacy and development of locally orientated policies and procedures with a strong economic, moral and legal foundation is his chosen method of accomplishing this goal.

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