

# Bridging the Gap: Bringing Mitigation Practitioners Together Across Disciplines

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# Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- What is NHMA?

# Opening Remarks

- Hazard Mitigation as the foundation of decent, safe, sanitary, affordable and sustainable communities
- Working together instead of in parallel or recreating the wheel
- NAI principles applied to Hazard Mitigation in general
- Patchwork Quilt approach



# What is NHMA?

NHMA WAS CREATED TO BRING TOGETHER THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF HAZARD MITIGATION.



# NHMA Membership Includes

- People wanting to make a difference and work towards reducing losses from disasters
- Engineers, planners, floodplain managers, government officials, community activists, academics, practitioners, students, etc.
- People involved in building resilient organizations and communities



# NHMA Goals

- Forum for professionals
- Source of training and technical information
- Voice for hazard mitigation practitioners
- Achieve a culture of mitigation
- Social component of mitigation
- Professionalization
- Develop more effective mitigation programs for the whole community

# NHMA Activities

- MOU with FLASH
- Partner in the SUFC
- Tri-Chair for the National Mitigation Collaborative Alliance
- Testimony before state legislatures
- Workshops such as Patchwork Quilt
- Yearly conference beginning in 2010



# NHMA Activities

- Work with ABA and APA
- Collaboration with ASFPM
- Active member list serv
- Comments provided on NFIP Reform, NDRF, and various technical publications.





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