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HMPs have become extremely important tools for locals, states, and tribes to understand their disaster risks and collectively come up with feasible risk reduction measures. The plan development process itself is highly valuable and results in a risk-informed decision-making tool for local/state/tribal leaders. In many cases, successful federally-funded mitigation projects start during the HMP development phase, when ideas are often first discussed and vetted by the team developing the plan. Ensuring these plans remain federally grant-funded (i.e. low cost to communities) is key to ensuring the disaster risks to our people and most critical assets is continuously assessed and strategically reduced as much as possible. FEMA tools like RAPT are helpful and should be maintained and improved. The NRI should be improved, but communicated as a baseline tool for understanding the patterns of risk at national scales and is not usually useful when developing a local risk assessment for an HMP. DHS datasets, including HIFLD, should be maintained and improved - they are vital in understanding when critical assets are exposed to natural hazards.

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