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I've participated as a community volunteer, supporting the development and/or revision of hazard mitigation plans in my county. The process serves a number of really important functions, including helping the county think through hazards that may impact it, do some prioritization and focusing of those impacts and then, critically, provides a pathway to start the process of addressing those risks. In my county, the most recent revision also included thinking ahead with impacts associated with climate change in mind, and that was really helpful to us. My thinking is that in most places that are economically disadvantaged, including in my county, this planning would not happen in the absence of the federal oversight and motivation - there are just too many priorities that get in the way of this core planning activity. Federal funding support for this type of planning is also really important and helpful in making it happen effectively - with more engagement on the part of the community, providing the ability to hire consultants with expertise that the county doesn't have, and things of that nature. Again, planning for hazards is a really important process.

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