

- Health and Safety Considerations (Countywide)
- Cost of Implementing the Initiative
- Benefit to Cost Ratio (FEMA Formula)
- Probability of Community Acceptance
- Probability of Funding
- Feasibility of Implementation and Environmental Acceptability
- Consistency with Other Plans and Programs
- Time Frame for Accomplishing
- Ranking Priority

In characterizing a mitigation project for incorporation into the LMS plan, it is important to recognize that the level of analysis conducted by each organization involved has been intentionally designed to be appropriate in this stage in the planning process.

In the interest of the LMS Working Group to have a satisfactory level of confidence that a proposed mitigation project, when it is implemented, will be cost effective, feasible to implement, acceptable to the community, and technically effective in its purpose. To do this, the technical analyses conducted, including the development of a benefit to cost ratio for each proposal, have been based on a straightforward, streamlined approach, relying largely on the informed judgment of experienced local officials.

The analyses have not been specifically designed to meet the known or anticipated requirements of any state or federal funding agency, due largely to the fact that such requirements can vary with the agency and type of proposal. Therefore, at the point when the organization proposing the project is applying for funding from any state or federal agency, or from any other public or private funding source, that organization will then address the specific informational or analytical requirements of the funding agency.

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After the vulnerability assessment has been performed and mitigation projects are identified, the information used to characterize the project is submitted to the Working Group for review and inter- jurisdictional coordination.

The Working Group members assure that the proposal is consistent with the goals and objectives established by each jurisdiction for the planning period. Once the Working Group has reviewed and coordinated the submitted project, it is formally considered for incorporation into the Bradford County LMS. The proposed project is identified as consistent with the goals and objectives for the planning period and would be beneficial for the community as a whole if and