Why Do A Vulnerability Assessment?
City of Portsmouth, NH
Hazard Mitigation Plan 2010

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Typical Areas Covered in a Hazard Mitigation Plan

Flooding
Hurricanes
Earthquakes
Snow & Ice Storms
Ice Jams / Flooding
Dam Failures
Wildfires
Tornadoes
Severe Wind
Extreme Heat/Lightning

Vulnerability Assessment also considers:
- Ecosystem impacts
- Drinking water/ Water resources
- Stormwater management
- Agriculture
- Energy infrastructure
Hazard Mitigation Plan uses information from the past to predict hazards.

A Vulnerability assessment uses current information to project changes and vulnerabilities which are predicted to happen in the future. This type of assessment must develop scenarios and simulate changes using models or map visualizations.
Important to consider consequences of decisions to avoid unintended consequences