

A vision for a more resilient Iowa

The Iowa Watershed Approach

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Flood Resilience Program Goals and Current Products

The IWA Flood Resilience Program seeks to:

- Measure, visualize, and communicate flood resilience resources
- Enhance flood resilience content in formal watershed plans
- Improve social resources for flood resilience

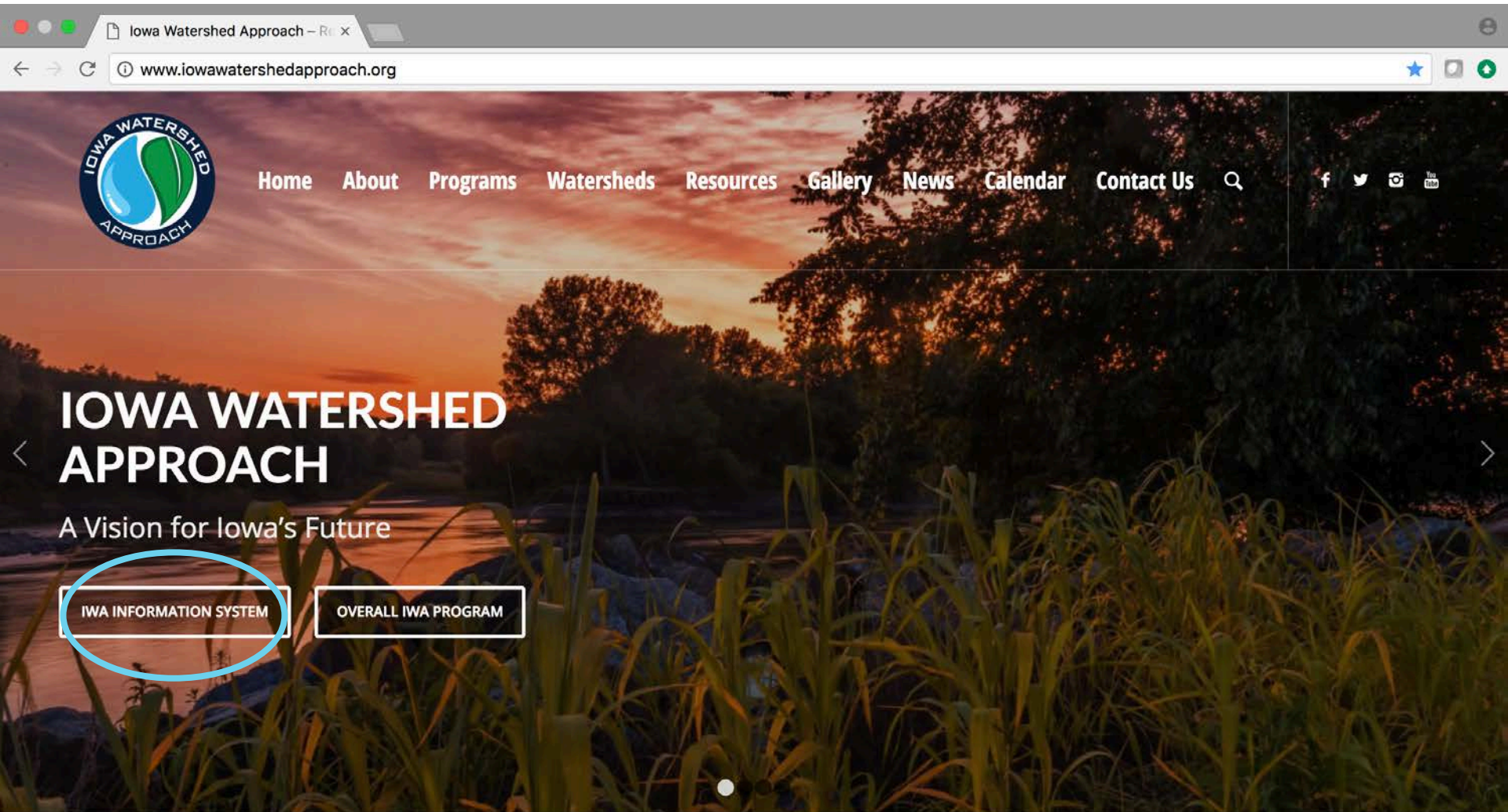
Current available products for select towns:

- Interactive flood damage estimations

Current products under development:

- Flood Resilience Action Plans
- Interactive Social Vulnerability & Flood Risk Platform
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Preparation Assistance
- Town-Scale Resilience Case Studies

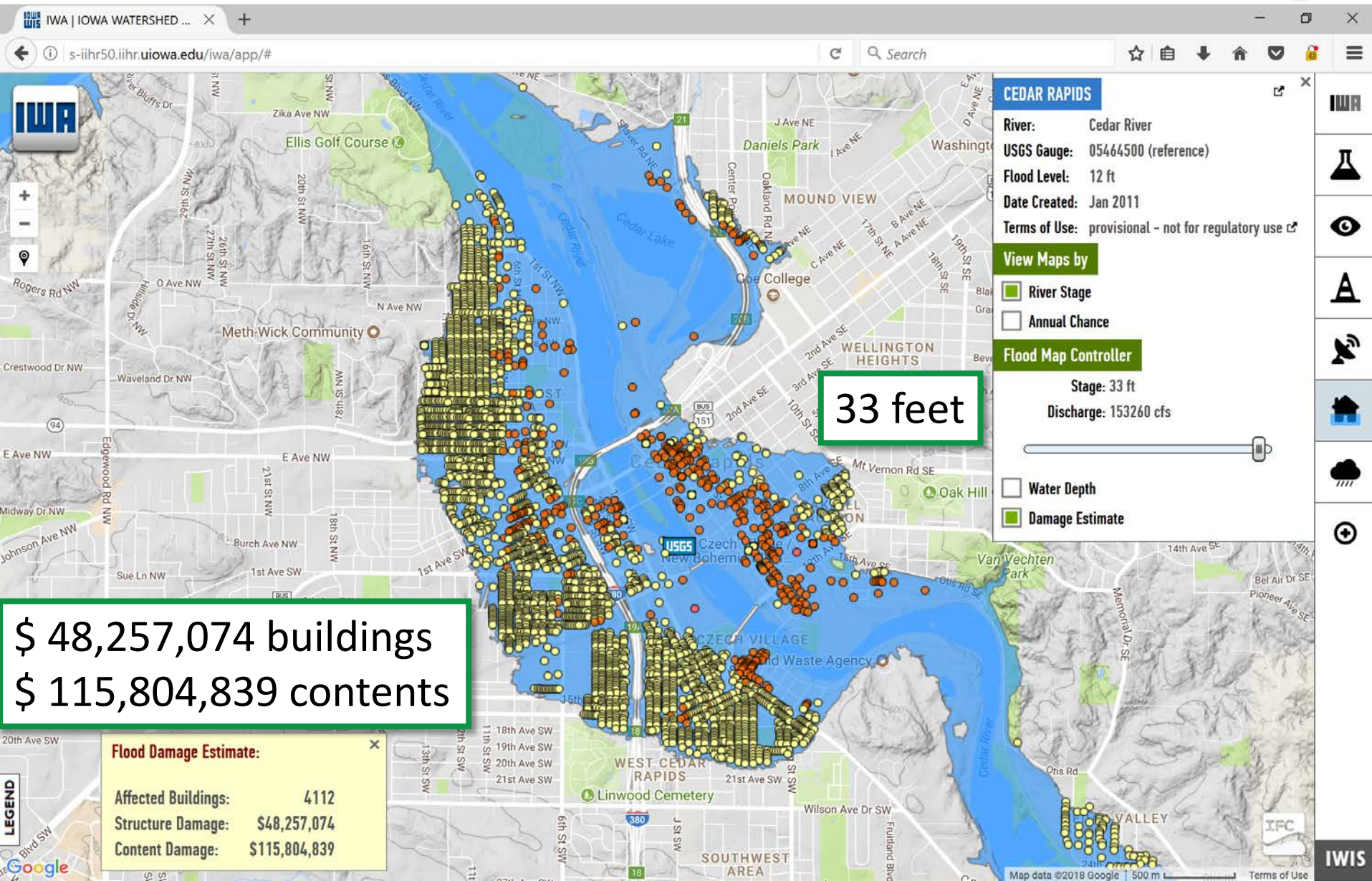
Iowa Watershed Approach Information System



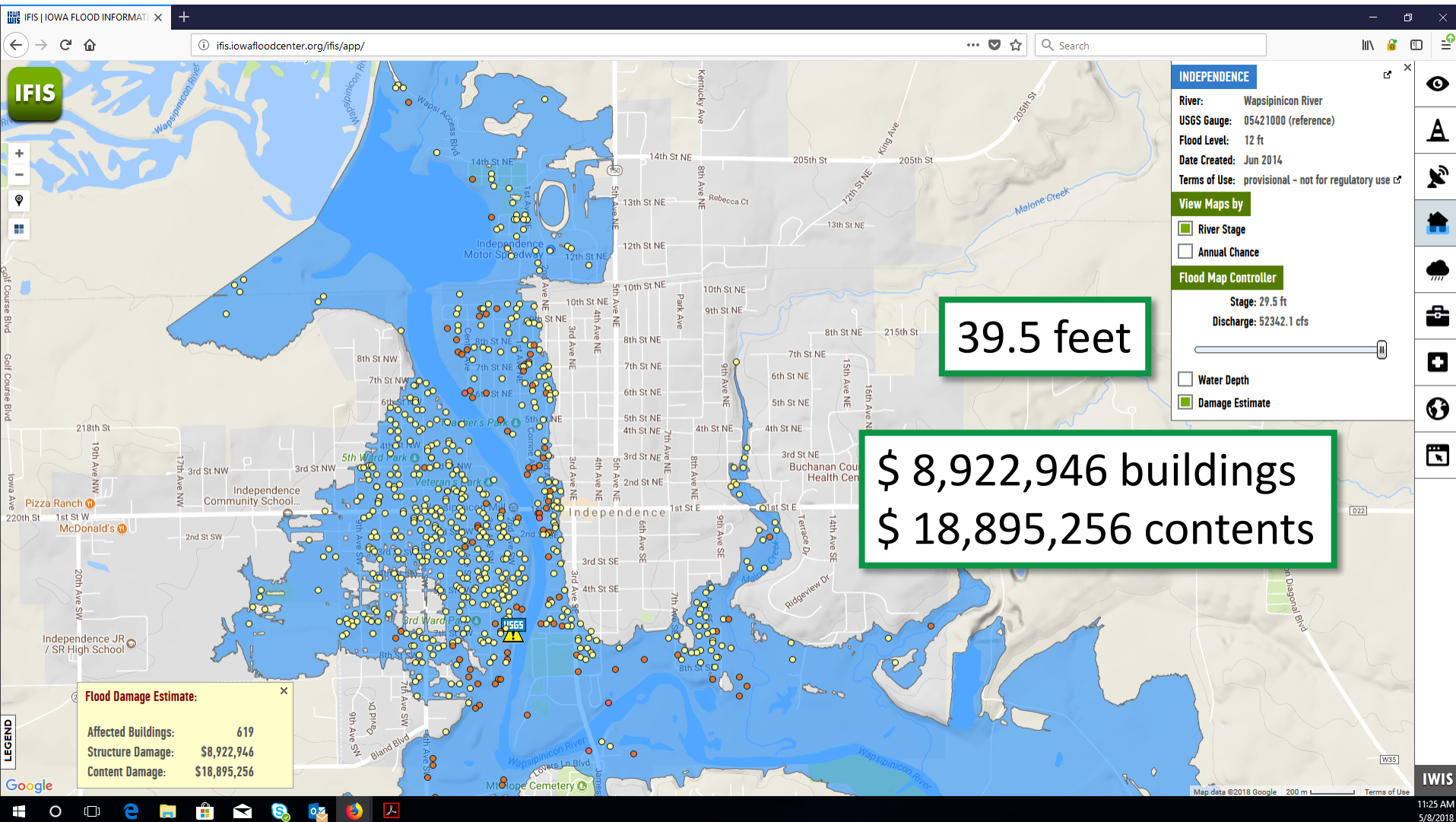
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HUD Disaster Resilience Grant to Iowa: \$96.9 million

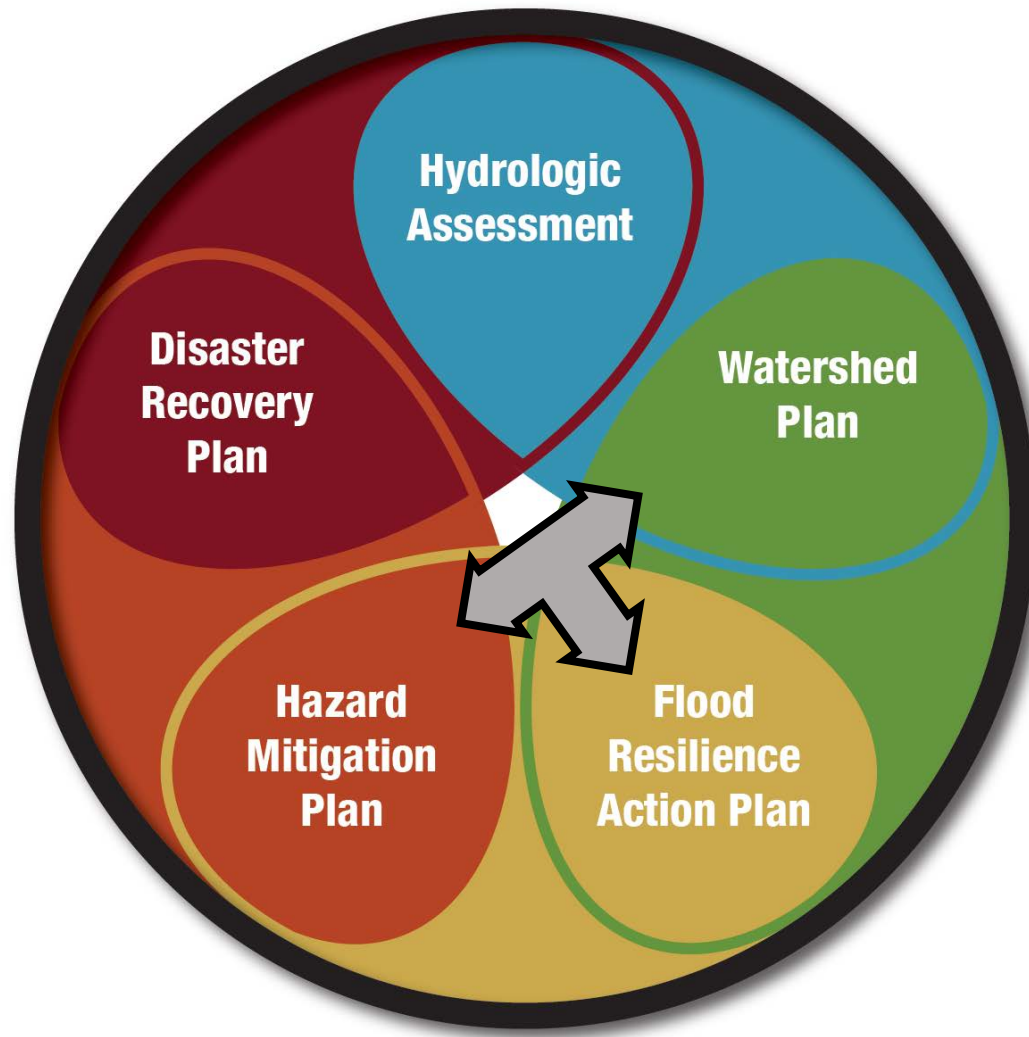
Interactive Flood Damage Estimations – Cedar Rapids



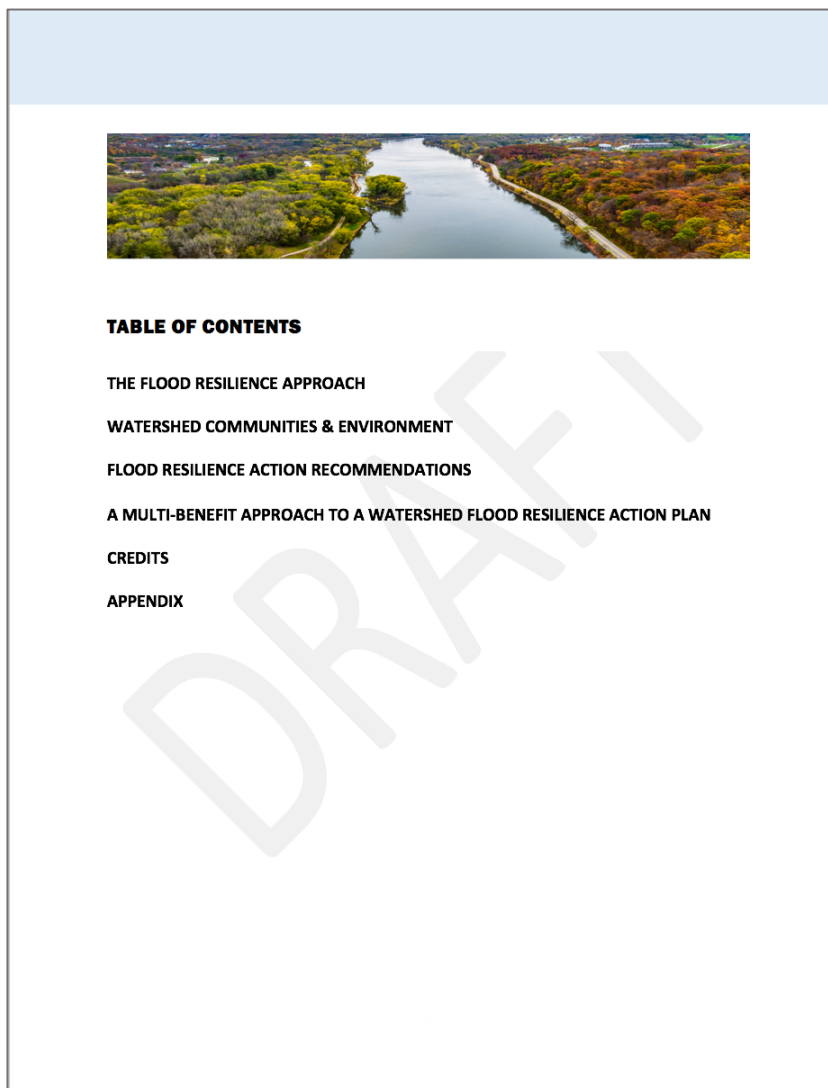
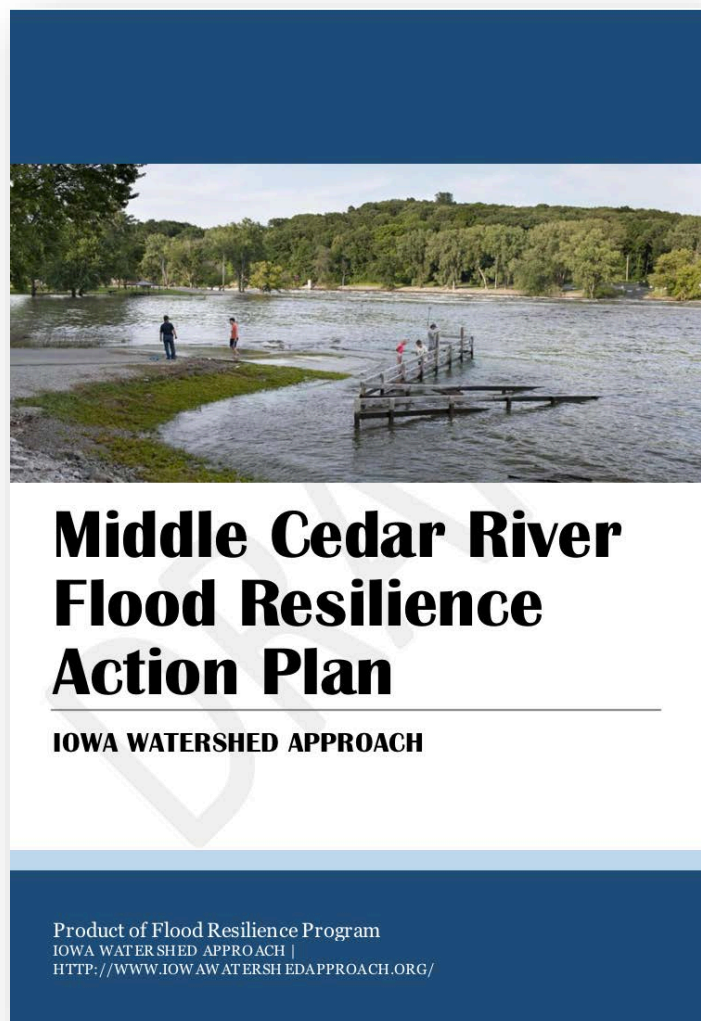
Interactive Flood Damage Estimations – Independence



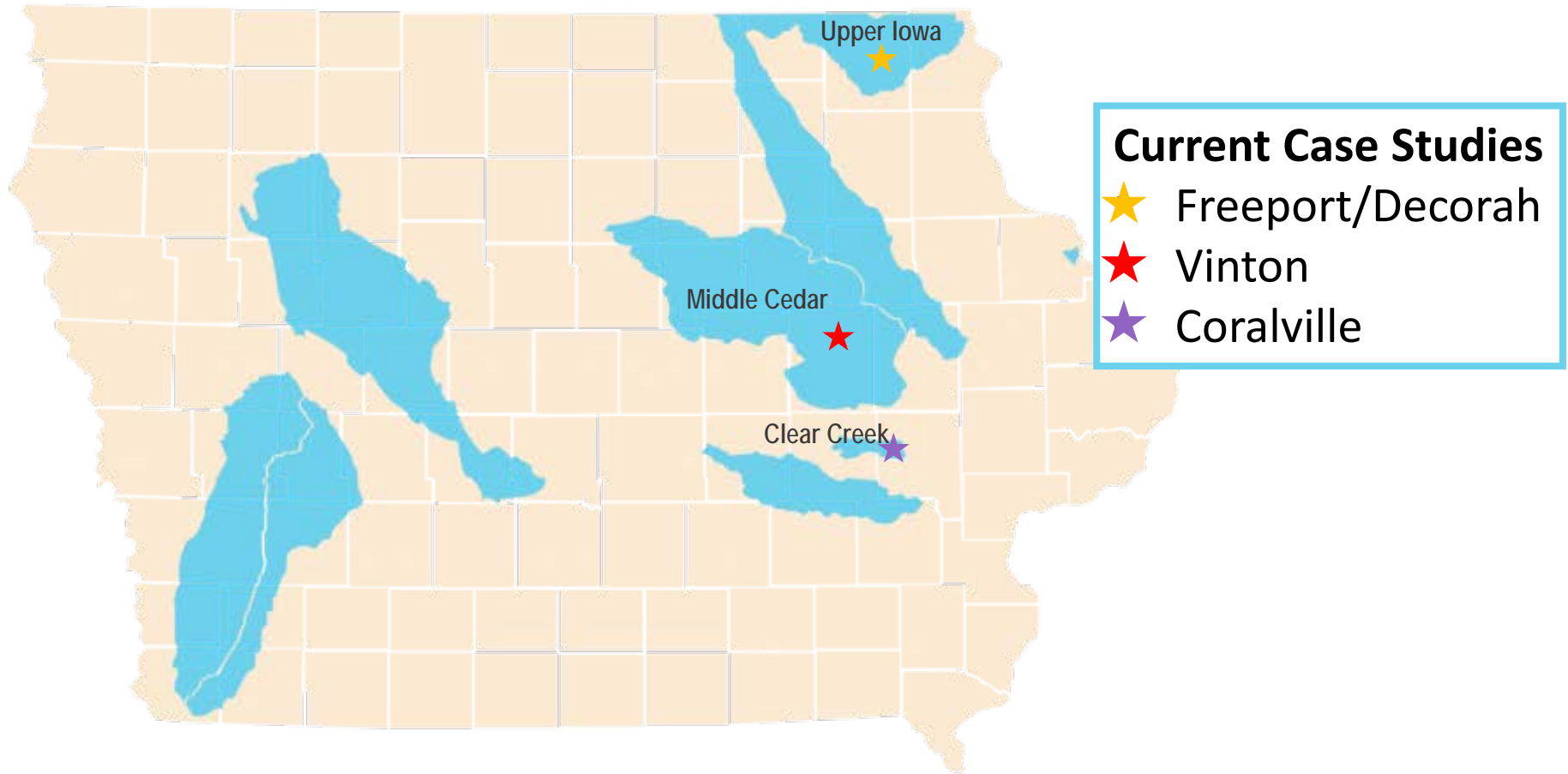
Flood Resilience Action Plans connect watershed plans and flood hazard mitigation plans



Our initial Flood Resilience Action Plans are under review



Detailed flood resilience case studies are under development



Social vulnerability indicators help prioritize actions

% Black

% Language barrier

% Renters

% Unemployed

% Poverty

% Children

% Elderly

% Hispanic

% Low Education

% Female head of household

% Disabled

% No vehicle access

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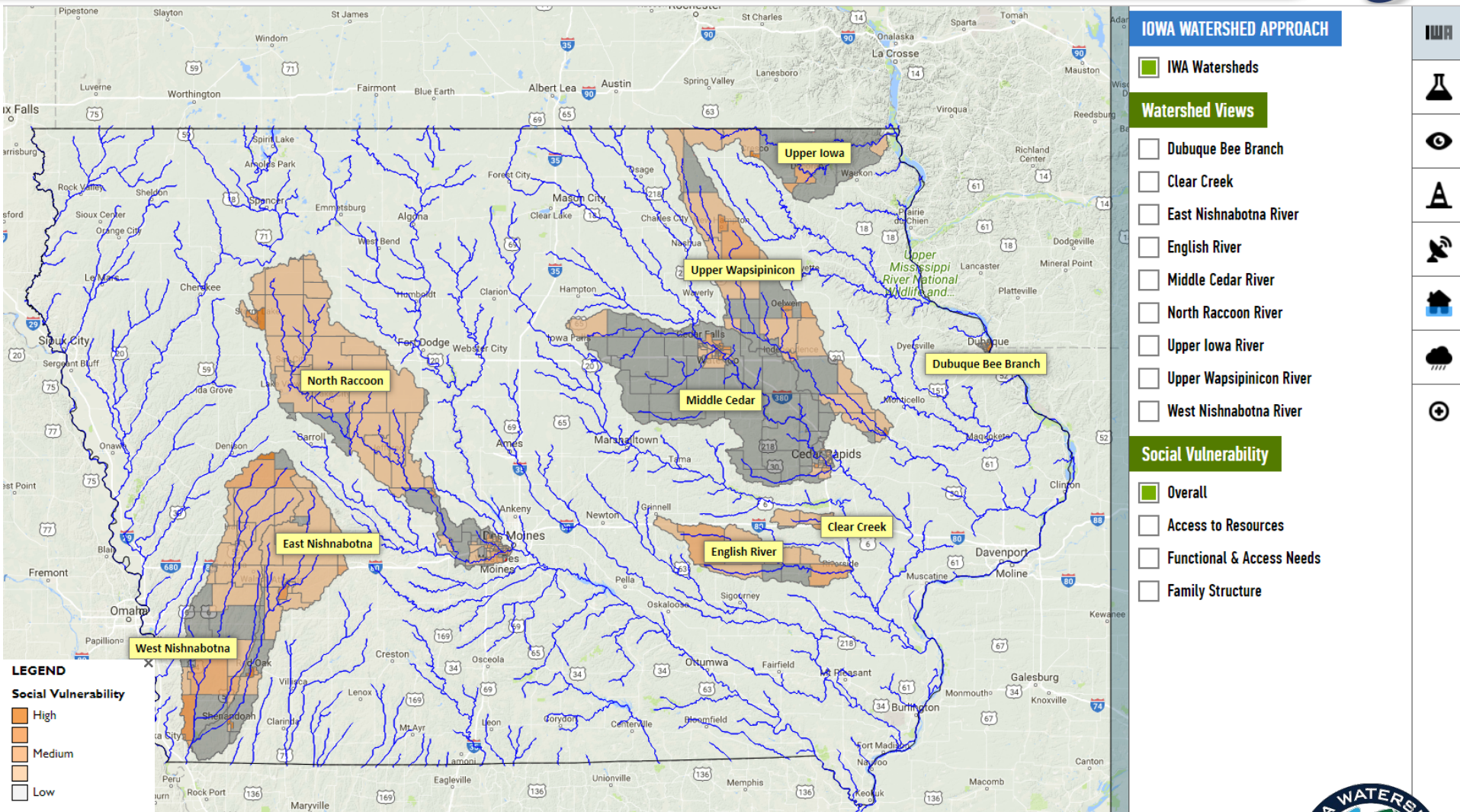


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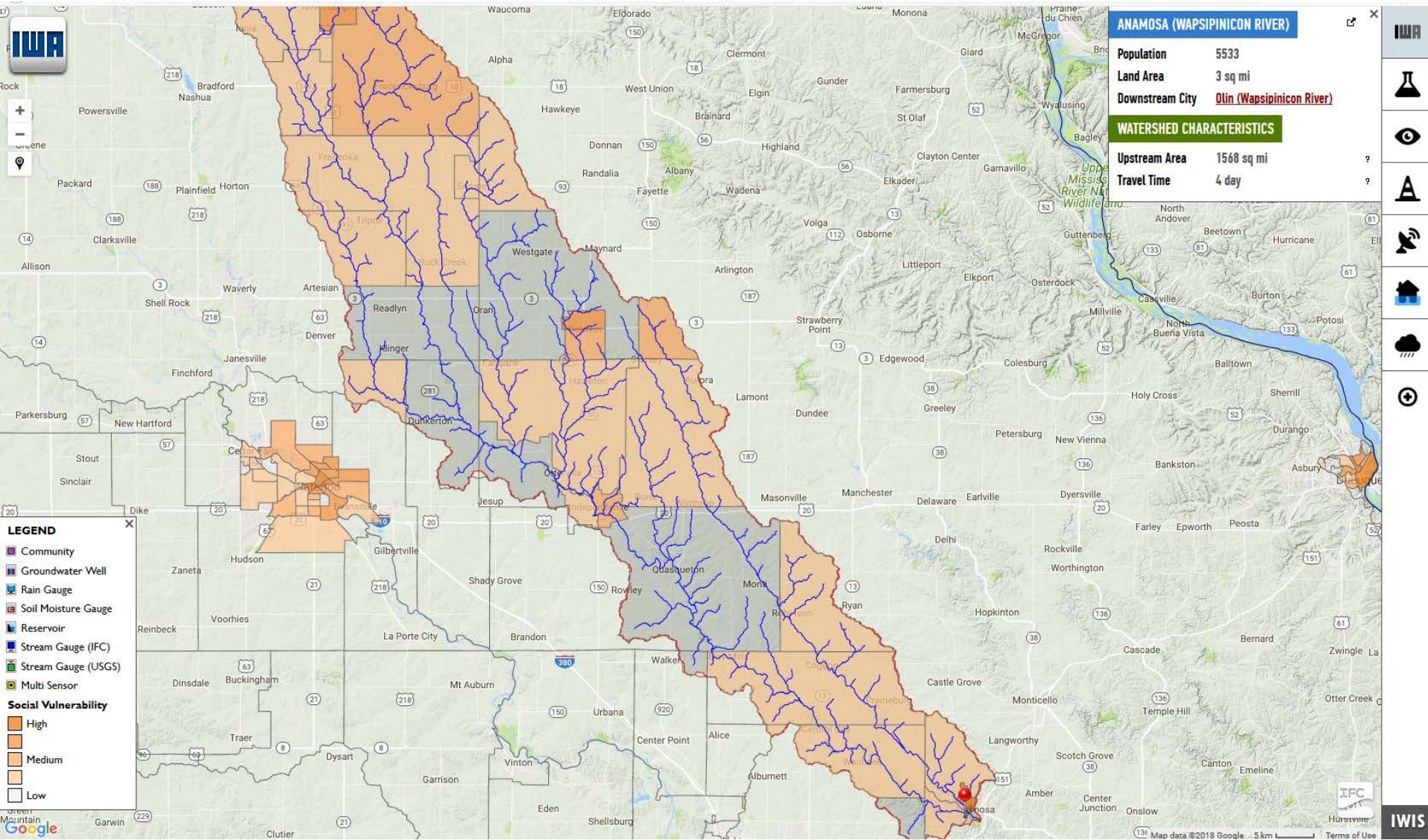
Flood recovery and property acquisition in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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Interactive Social Vulnerability & Flood Risk Platform



Social Vulnerability Overlay – Upper Wapsi





Social Vulnerability at the Intersections of Flood Risk - Independence



Social Vulnerability Narratives & Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grants

The **PDM goal** is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding in future disasters.

This program awards **planning and project grants** and provides opportunities for raising public awareness about reducing future losses before disaster strikes.

Mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

PDM grants are funded annually by Congressional appropriations and are awarded on a nationally **competitive** basis.

<https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program>

The IWA Flood Resilience Team wants to provide social vulnerability narratives for your PDM grant applications

EMAs, Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COADs), and 211

We are determined to add value to the emergency management agencies (**EMAs**) and community organizations active in disaster (**COADs**) that have engaged the IWA Flood Resilience Team.

- Benton, Buchanan, Winneshiek, etc.
- LAP-AID, Johnson County COAD, etc.

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) is working with the IWA Flood Resilience Team to better understand how the **211 system** can be improved for floods.

- 9/22/16 – 9/30/16 flood related calls = 2,920
- Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, and Linn Counties
- Housing/shelter; health/safety; food/water; transportation/fuel
- HACAP felt people were more prepared than in 2008



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