

Overview of NB Provincial Flood Risk Reduction Strategy

Stakeholder Workshop
January 28, 2014

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Direction - Speech from the Throne, Province of New Brunswick, November 2012:

*“Recognizing the continuing risks associated with extreme weather events and climate conditions, your government will begin a collaborative effort to develop a **province-wide Flood Risk Reduction Strategy**. This strategy will build on past experiences including the flood event in the Perth-Andover-Tobique area earlier this year. It will benefit all areas of the province in reducing risk to life and property in the future.”*

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Scope & Intent

- Province wide application.
- Encompass both coastal and inland flooding.
- Based on sound technical information and analysis.
- Build on existing work, e.g. Federal/Provincial flood hazard maps and Regional Adaptation Collaborative work.
- Identify actions that can be taken by communities, stakeholders, individuals and the provincial government.
- Implementation details to be addressed through subsequent initiatives.

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Strategy Development Process

- Speech from the Throne – *November 2012*
- Inter-departmental Working Group – *June 2013 to present*
 - DTI, DELG, DPS/EMO
- Two phased approach:
 1. Getting the facts straight: background research & analysis– *Jan to Sept 2013*
 2. Strategy development: draft objectives and actions – *Sept to Dec 2013*

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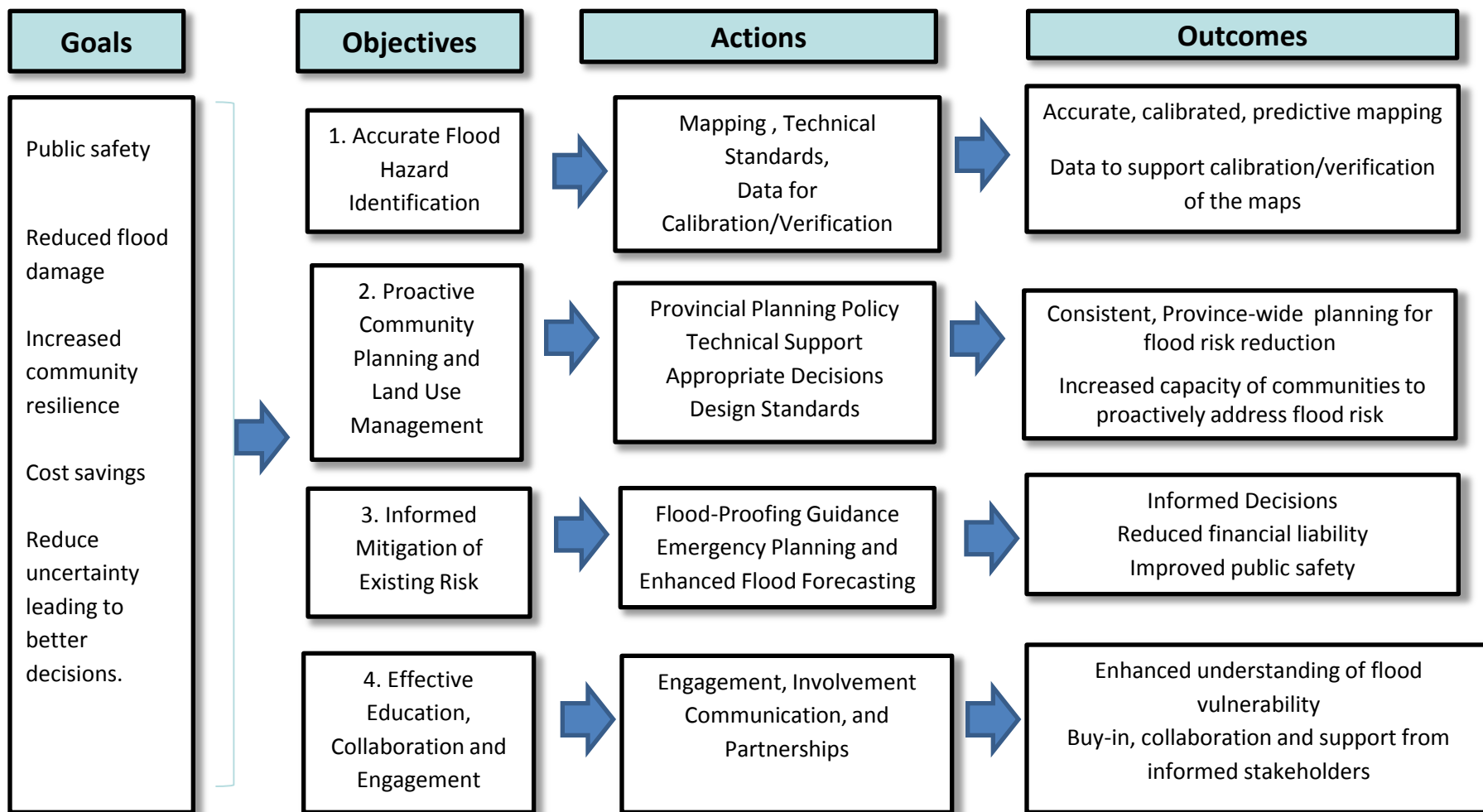
Draft Strategy Elements

Goals:

- Increase public safety and avoid personal hardships;
- Reduce flood damage to properties, infrastructure and the environment;
- Increase community resilience;
- Achieve cost savings for the taxpayers of New Brunswick; and
- Reduce uncertainty about flood risk, leading to better decisions.

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Draft Framework: New Brunswick Flood Risk Reduction Strategy



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Challenges & Opportunities

- Significant existing development along rivers and coastlines.
- Inconsistent and incomplete local planning response to flood risk.
- Incomplete and outdated flood hazard mapping.
- Unsustainable approach to disaster financial assistance.
- Residential flood insurance is unavailable in Canada.
- People and businesses are looking for information and tools to help address flood risk.
- Increasing expectation for government leadership.

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