

# Implementation of Hazard Mitigation under the Sector-Based Approach in Puerto

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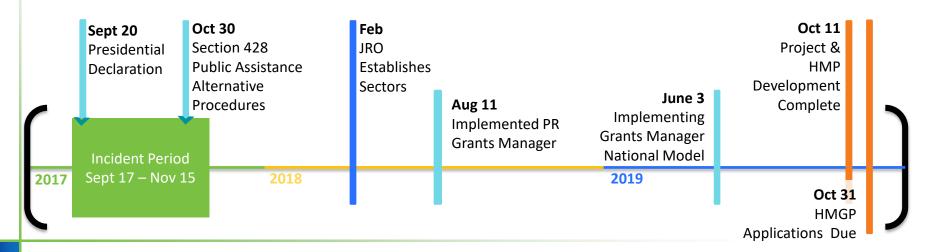




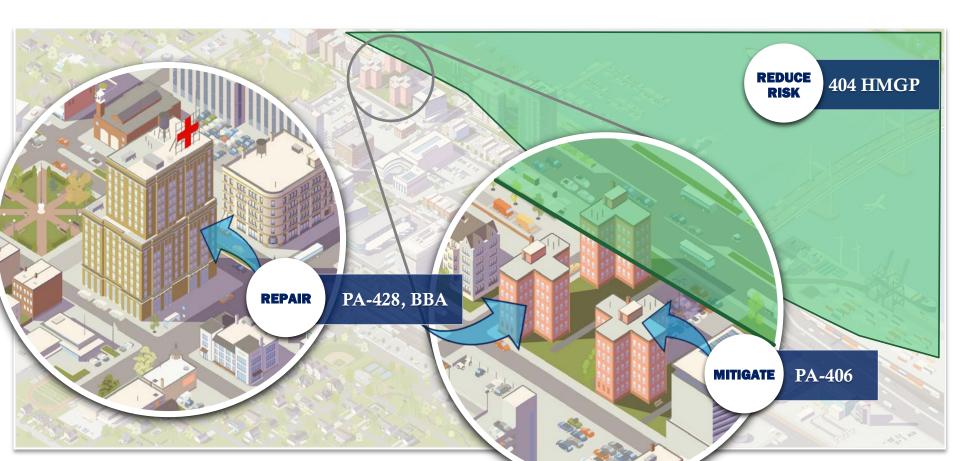
**WATER** + ENVIRONMENT + TRANSPORTATION + ENERGY + FACILITIES

# DR-4339-PR, Hurricane Maria

- Category 4 Hurricane
- Island-wide impact
- Estimated \$132 Billion in damages



# **FEMA Hazard Mitigation**



## The Sector-based Approach

#### National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)

- FEMA oversees recovery and coordinates with Recovery Support Functions (RSFs)
- Emphasizes coordination with local municipalities and Commonwealth (COR3)
- Focus on solutions-based recovery

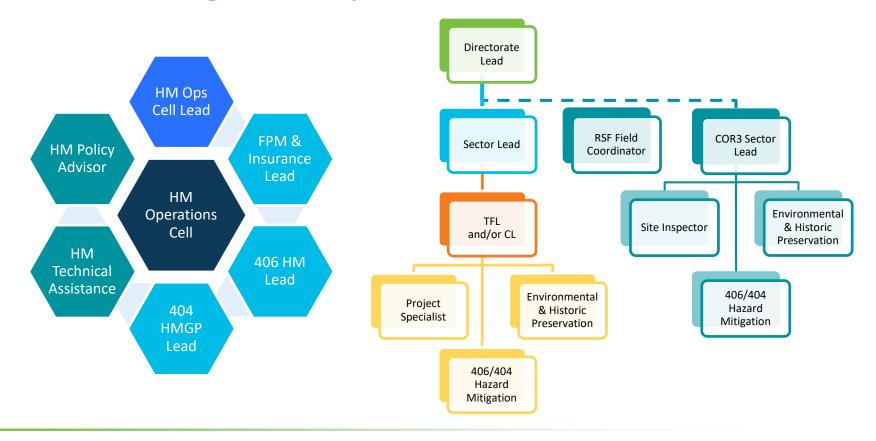
#### Intent of the Sector-based approach

- Focus on solutions-based recovery and unified, wholistic approach
- Improve community resilience beyond physical disaster-damages

# The Sector-based Approach



## **Hazard Mitigation Operations Cell**



# Advantages of the Sector-Based Approach

- Facilitates cross-agency collaboration
- Hazard mitigation is proposed based on municipality needs not funding source
- Focus on wholistic recovery rather than element-based mitigation

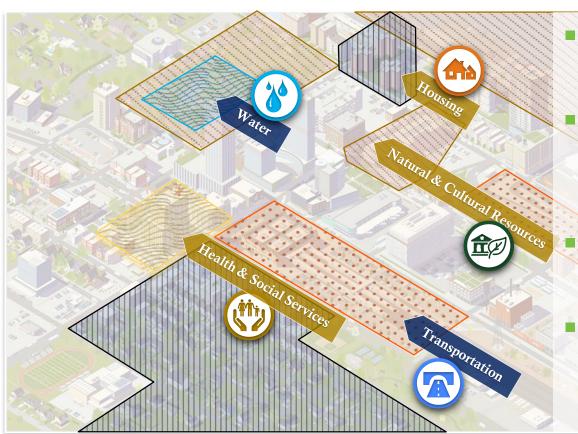








# Challenges of the Sector-Based Approach



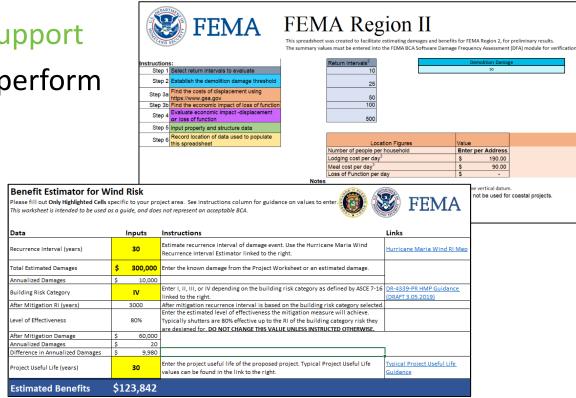
- Reaching MitigationSpecialists across sectors
- Facilitating cross-sector coordination and avoiding silo effect
- Information-sharing between sectors
- Standardizing resources for staff across sectors

# Tools to Support Sector-Based Mitigation

#### Benefit Cost-Analysis Support

Developing tools to perform Preliminary BCAs

Identifying BCA efficiencies



## **Tools to Support Sector-based Mitigation**

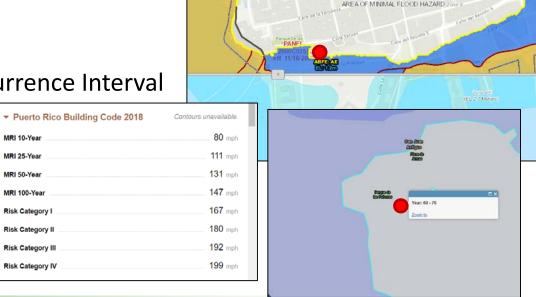
#### Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis Support

 Leveraging R2 Risk Analysis tools to streamline BCAs

Advisory BFE Maps

Wind Microzone + Recurrence Interval

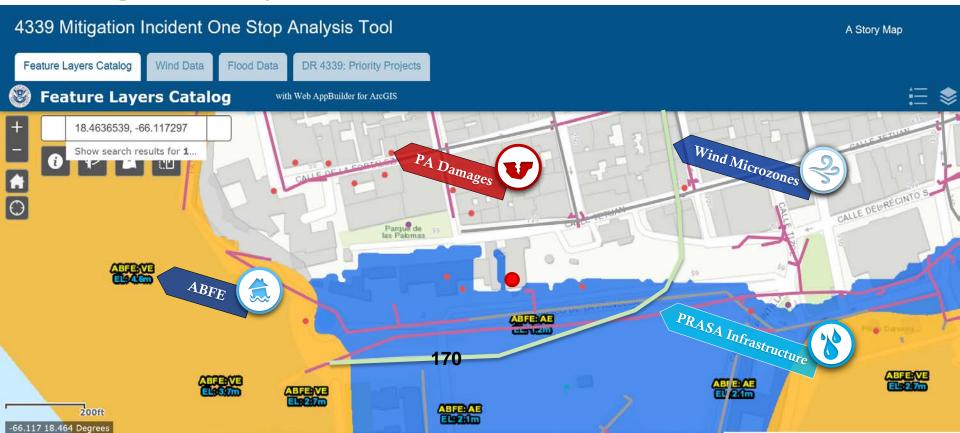
Maps



San Juan

## Tools to Support Sector-based Mitigation

Mitigation Analysis GIS Database



### Tools to Support Sector-based Mitigation

#### **Communication Outreach**

- SharePoint: Centralized data repository
- Weekly mitigation project meetings

BCA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PAGE

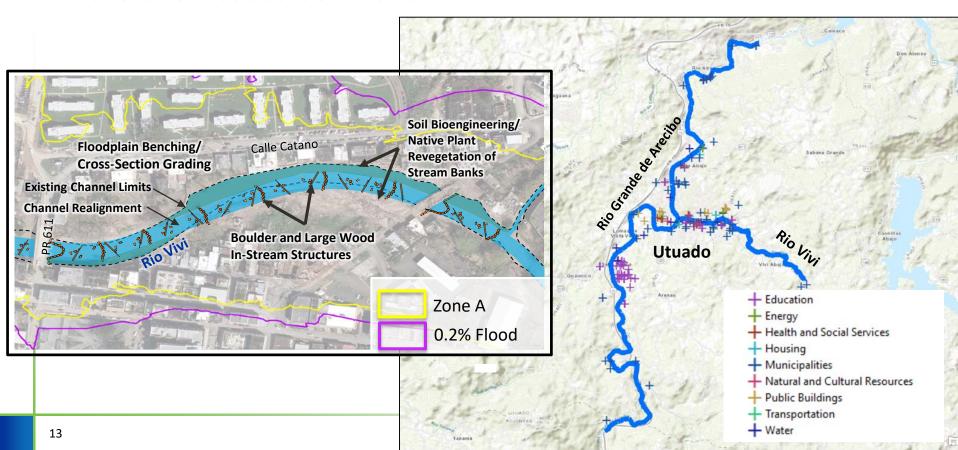


MITIGATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



## **Examples of Solutions-Based Recovery**

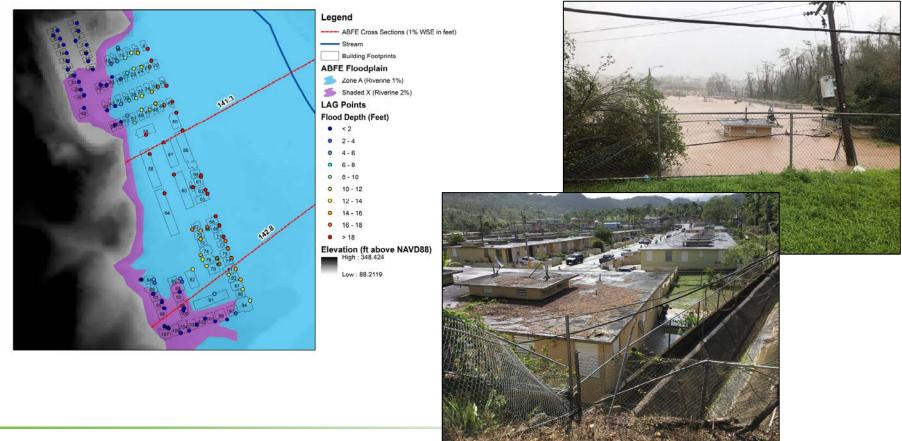
Watershed-based Solutions



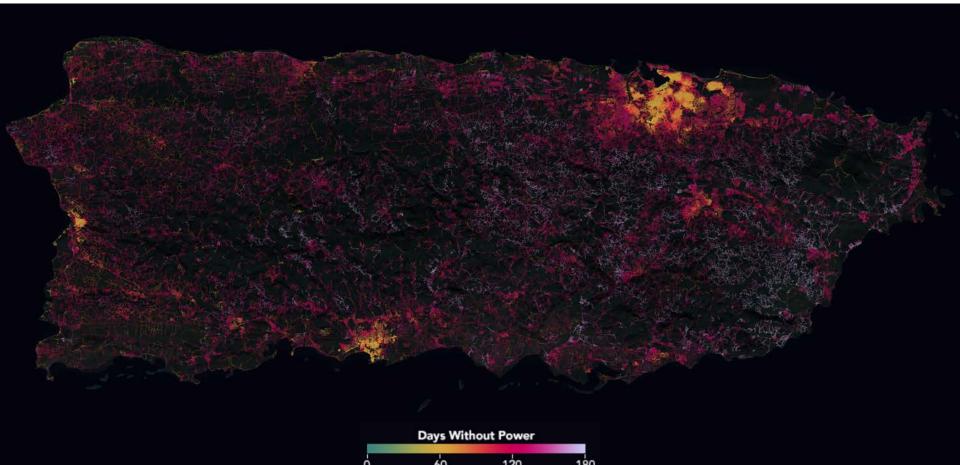
# Guajataca Dam



#### Dos Rios and Alturas de Ciales



# Island-wide Grid Rehabilitation



## Complexities of Solutions-Based Projects

- Fitting solution within current Public Assistance Policy or HMA Guidance
- Showing efficacy of risk reduction
- Prioritizing Hazard Mitigation during recovery process

Federal Mitigation Grants save \$6 for every \$1 spent on recovery If only 15% of Public Assistance repair costs are mitigated it will save \$120 Billion in future damages

#### 406 Hazard Mitigation across the Nation

Comparing

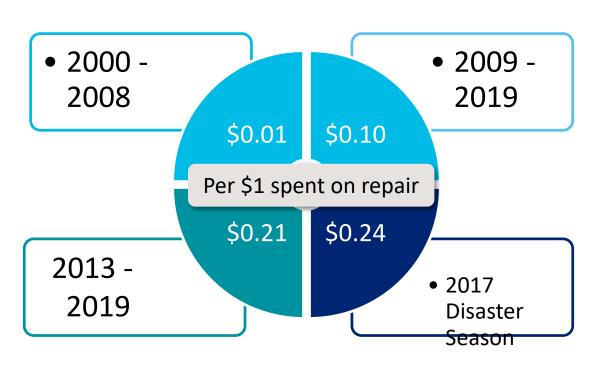
2000 - 2008 and

2009 - 2019 is a

**1000% increase** use of 406 hazard mitigation funding

Sandy: \$0.44

Maria Goal: \$0.77



## Reaching the 0.77% Goal

#### Section 406 Hazard Mitigation

- Front-loading hazard mitigation eligibility, technical feasibility, and cost-effective determinations
- Cooperative environment with Public Assistance Operations
  Team
- Coordination with State Hazard Mitigation Officer and COR3
- Applicant outreach and education on Hazard Mitigation
- Using BCAs as tool

#### **Lessons Learned**

- Encourage Regional Administrators to set Hazard Mitigation goals
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
  - Understand your Hazard Mitigation Priorities
  - Review local/State Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - Develop "shelf projects"
- Training staff on Hazard Mitigation
- Stand-up Hazard Mitigation Operations Cell
- Make recovery connections

