

ACQUISITIONS AND BUYOUTS WEBINAR SERIES



BACKGROUND

Please join FEMA Region X, American Rivers, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Washington Department of Ecology, the Washington Emergency Management Division, and TetraTech for this webinar series on acquisitions and buyouts. Please click the title of each webinar to add it to your calendar.

[**June 6, 12:00 - 1:00 PM: Flood Risk: The Need for Acquisitions and Buyouts \(Acquisition Webinar 1\)**](#)

This Lunch & Learn explores the need for acquisitions and buyouts in part from the perspective of Washington State EMD's newly created Disaster Resilience Program. Exploration includes national and state perspectives of flood risk and how local communities are taking action to reduce post-disaster losses, with a focus on costs, time, and impacts.

[**June 10, 2:30 - 4:00 PM: Crafting and Funding a Local Acquisition/Buyout Strategy \(Acquisition Webinar 2\)**](#)

In partnership with FEMA Region X, come learn and share strategies for crafting a property acquisitions and buyout strategy, either in advance of or in response to a damaging flood event. Topics will include clarifying the purpose of your strategy and establishing priority areas and parcels, equity considerations, and beginning to understand considerations about funding relative to community needs, competitiveness, requirements, timing of disbursements, and more.

[**June 13, 1:00 - 2:30 PM: Implementing a local acquisition/buyout Approach \(Acquisition Webinar 3\)**](#)

In partnership with FEMA Region X, learn specifics about the acquisition process, expertise needed for success and hear a panel of local experts reflect on lessons learned and approaches to implementing successful programs. Specific topics will include landowner engagement and generating interest, outreach letters, creating and sustaining willing buyer lists, demolition, and more.

[**July 11, 12:00 - 1:00 PM: Exploring Creative Roles States Are Playing to Get People out of Harm's Way \(Acquisition Webinar 4\)**](#)

Many states are already experiencing levels of flooding that far exceed, but are illustrative of what is to come in Washington. Learn from Courtney Wald-Wittkop, Manager of the Blue Acres program, how New Jersey has built an innovative, state-led acquisition program to cope with the increasing pace and magnitude of flooding and help move people out of harm's way quicker and with more ease for both administrators and those experiencing flooding.



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