



# New England States Government Finance Officers Association

The STORM Act - Resilience Revolving Loan Program

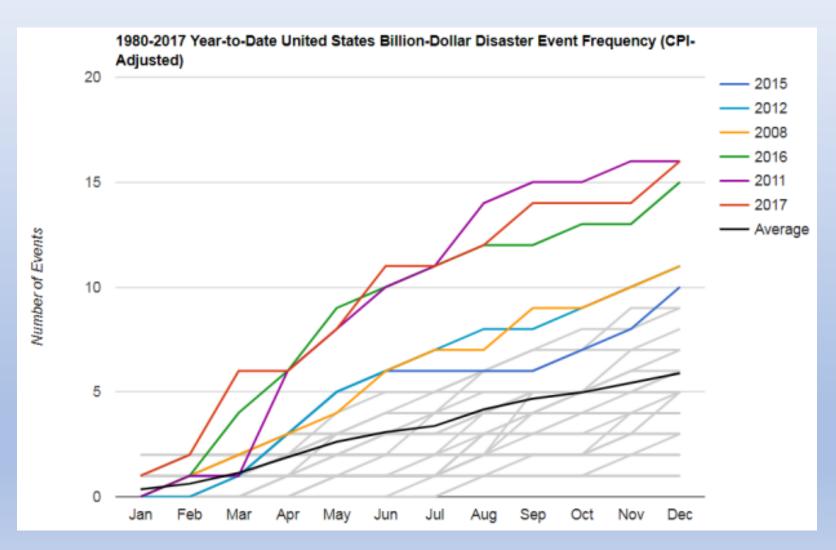
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# THE FLOOD MITIGATION INDUSTRY IS GROWING



#### Flooding is US Most Costly Disaster Type

Flood Risk is Rising \$35 - \$40 billion in damages in US 2020



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The banks estimate the asset values of the 3 - 4 million older high flood risk buildings in **FEMA flood** zones at \$1.5 trillion



#### **Mitigating Flood Risk**



**Elevation - Flood Mitigation** 



## Mitigating Flood Risk











Dry flood roofing commercial buildings for flood hazard mitigation

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Dry flood proofing commercial buildings for flood hazard mitigation

#### **Lack of Financing Issue**

The flood mitigation industry estimates the retro fit adaptation projects will cost \$ 600 billion

None of this is inexpensive or easy





We now have the financing solution The STORM Act PL116-284, signed into law 1/21



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- The program is meant to be a low interest long term loan program
- Cities and Counties can use it for Federal project match requirements for resilience projects



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- Property owners can use it for financing their dry flood proofing(non-residential) and elevation(residential and nonresidential)



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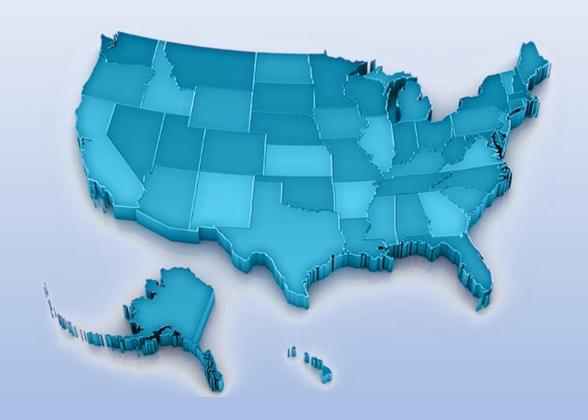


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#### **Storm Act**

A revolving loan program to finance flood mitigation. The best way to finance flood mitigation is through a low interest long term loan mechanism. The nation has an estimated 3 - 4 million older high flood risk buildings in FEMA flood zones.

The flood risk is rising and the flood insurance rates are on a trajectory to become un affordable within a decade risking mortgage defaults, devaluations and lower property tax revenues



States need to pass their own Resilience Revolving Loan Programs



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