

Disaster Management

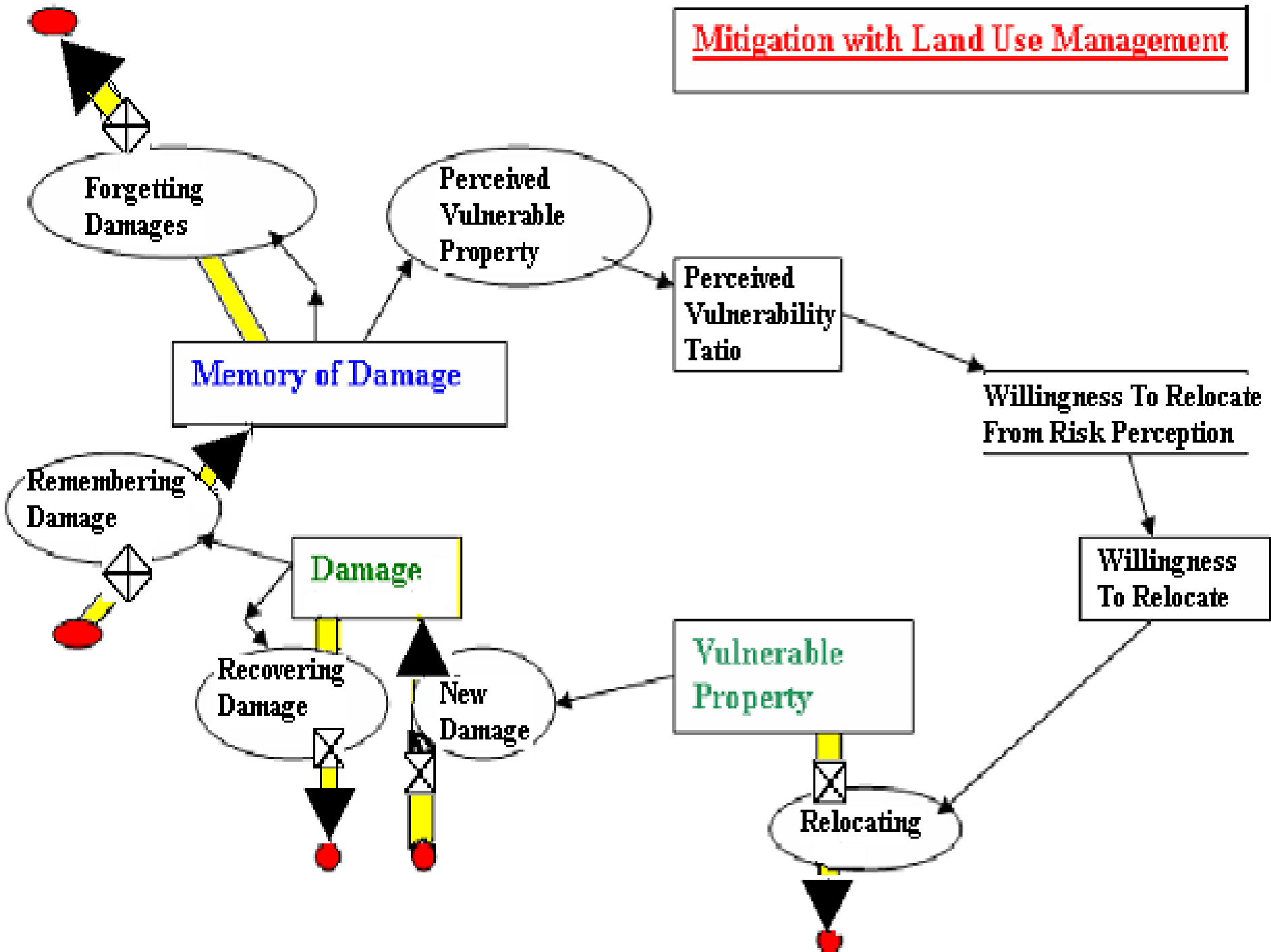
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Mitigation with Land Use Management



Disaster Mitigation with Land Use Management

- Flood hazards can be *Mitigated with Land Use Management loop.*
- The management loop has three main stocks:
 - 1. *Vulnerable property,*
 - 2. *Damage, and*
 - 3. *Memory*
 - *of damage.*



Vulnerable property is the property exposed to damage during a flood.

Its magnitude is the total value of the damaged structures.



As the level of **vulnerable property** increases, the potential for **damage** also increases.

During an event, a fraction of the vulnerable property will become damaged.

This **rate of new damage** increases the level of **Damage** in a community.

Too swift “return to normalcy” after a disaster, meaning reduction in the recovery time, and increasing the **rate of recovering damage**, may also have some adverse consequences.

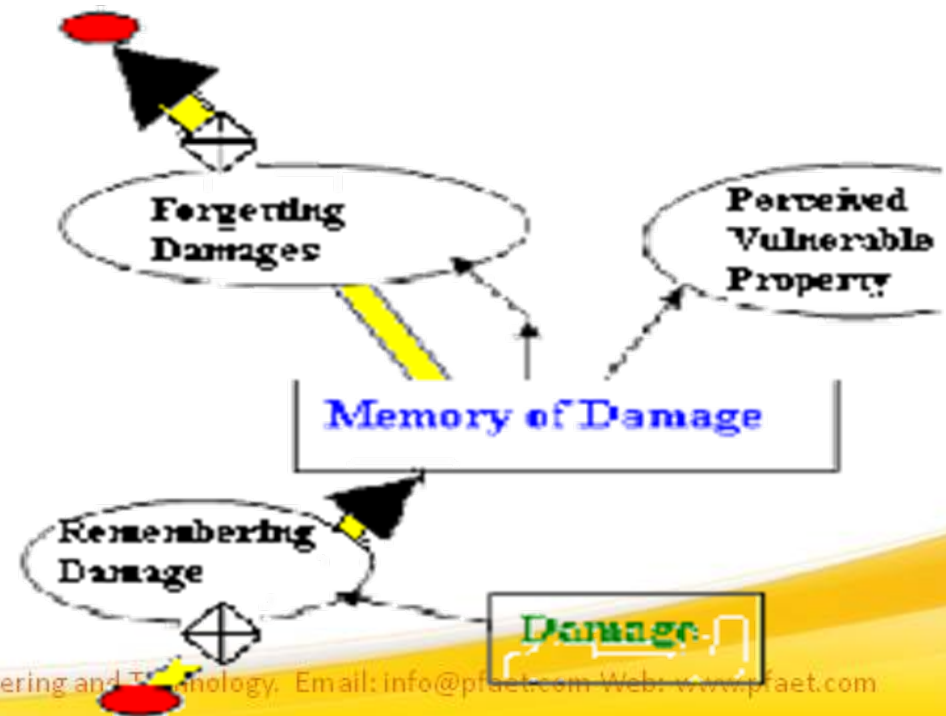


The decisions made after disaster will depend on how well the event is remembered and what lessons are learned.

The *Mitigation with Land Use Management* continues with the **Memory of Damage** stock.

A fraction of the **damage** incurred during a disaster is remembered.

Rate of remembering damage is influenced by news coverage and the information provided.

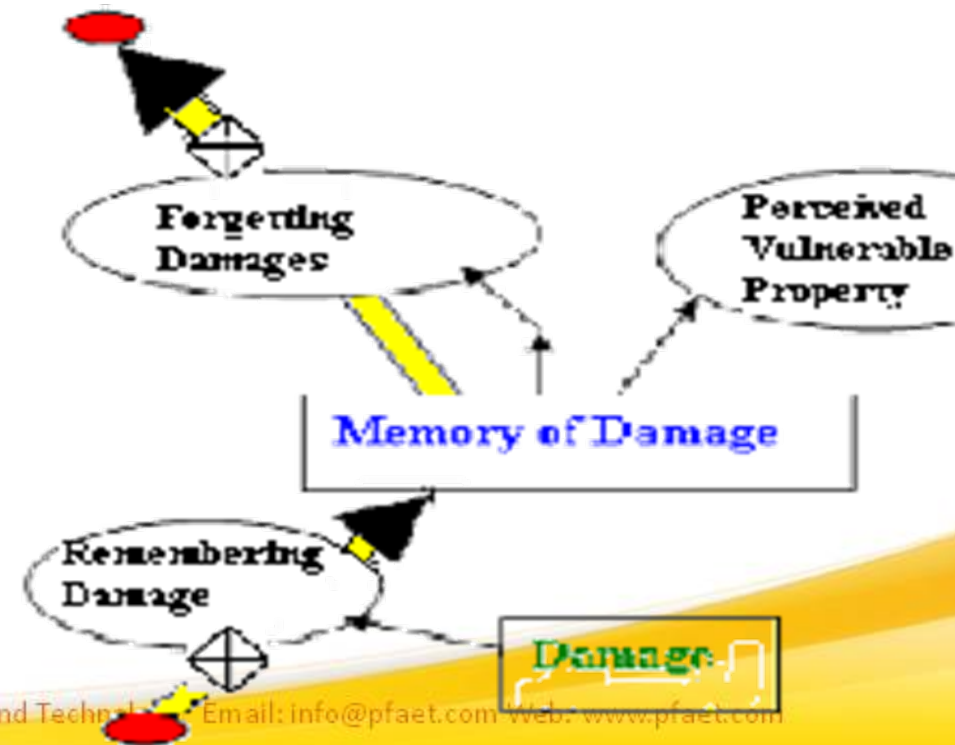


After an event, **memories of damage** fade quickly. As the time to forget damage decreases, the **rate of forgetting damage** will increase, thus reducing the **memory of damage**.

Where **perceived damage** is lower, perceptions of actual problem will decrease.

It is important to keep the **rate of remembering damage** up.

We need to impress upon the administration to make wise land use decisions.



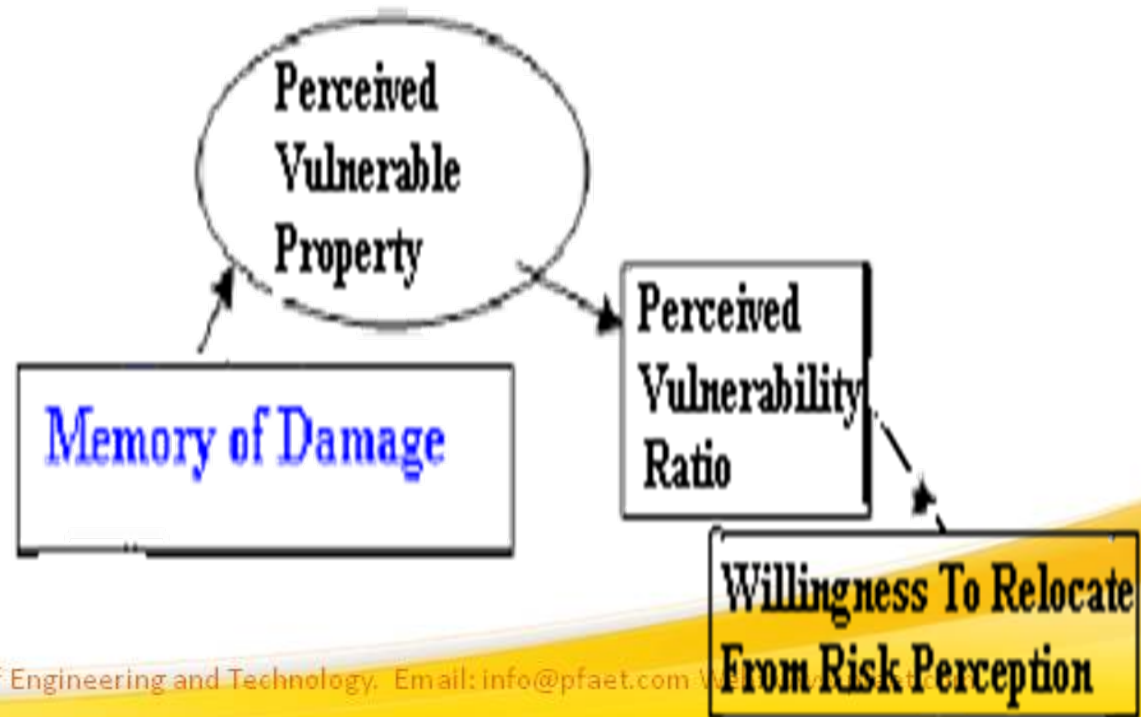
The **perceived extent of vulnerable property** is influenced by the **Memory of damage**.

As this knowledge increases, more property owners have more perception of their risk.

The **perceived vulnerability ratio** is a ratio of perceived vulnerable property to actual vulnerable property.

Below = a low one perception of the risk.

Greater = **people are willing to relocate** than one

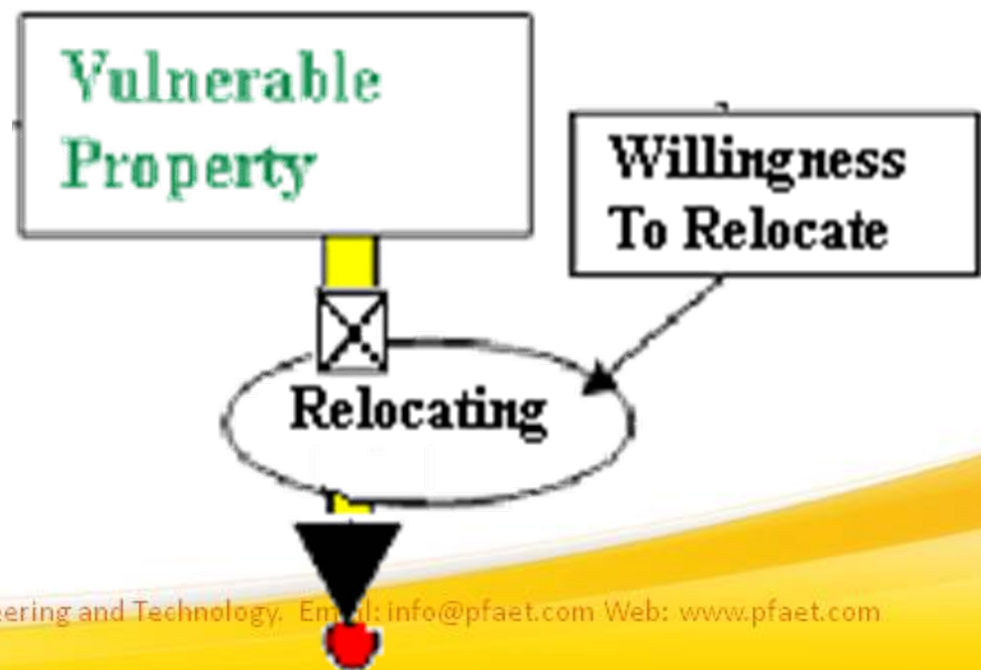


The effective way to minimize damage during a flood is to reduce extent of **Vulnerable Property**.

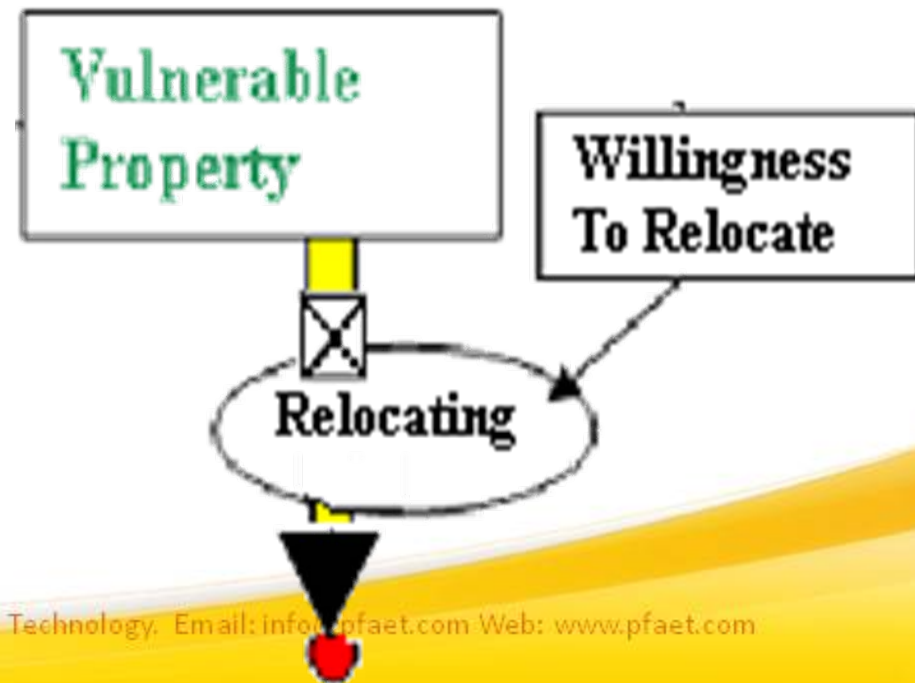
This is done by increasing risk perception. Govt buying out properties in hazardous land also increases **willingness to relocate**.

The local government may also face reduction in the revenue.

Higher levels of government has to intervene through grants to encourage **Relocation**.



As the **willingness to relocate** increases, property owners are more willing to **Relocate** to safer locations, and thus, the level of **Vulnerable Property** will decrease over time, along with the potential for *new damage* during the next event. This completes the **Mitigation with Land Use Management** loop; a balancing loop that results safer situation for the next event.



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