

Frequently Asked Questions

Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

1) What is the Madison County All Hazard Mitigation Plan?

The Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluates damage to life and property from natural and man-made hazards that have impacted the County and identifies projects and activities to reduce these damages. The Plan is considered to be multi-jurisdictional because it includes municipalities and other jurisdictions (townships, fire protection districts, schools, etc.) who want to participate.

2) What is hazard mitigation?

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to **reduce** the long-term risk to people and property from natural and man-made hazards **before** an event occurs.

3) Why is this Plan being updated?

The Plan update fulfills federal planning requirements of the Stafford Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act. While meeting federal requirements, this Plan update also provides these benefits:

- Funding for mitigation projects and activities **before** disasters occur.
- Funding for projects and activities **following** declared disasters.
- Increased awareness about natural hazards and closer cooperation among the various organizations and political jurisdictions involved in emergency planning and response.

4) Who is updating this Plan?

The Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee is updating the Plan with assistance from technical experts in emergency planning, environmental matters, and infrastructure. Stakeholders from education, business and industry, emergency services, municipal, township, and county government, healthcare, nonprofit/community-based organizations, social services, and law enforcement will be invited to serve on the Committee.

5) How can I participate?

You are invited to attend public meetings of the Madison County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee. In addition, you are encouraged to provide photographs, other documentation, and anecdotal information about damages you experienced from natural and man-made hazards in Madison County. Surveys will be available at participating jurisdictions and through Madison County to help gather specific information from residents. All of this information will be used to update the Plan. The draft Plan update will be presented at a public forum for further public input.

More information can be obtained by contacting:

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