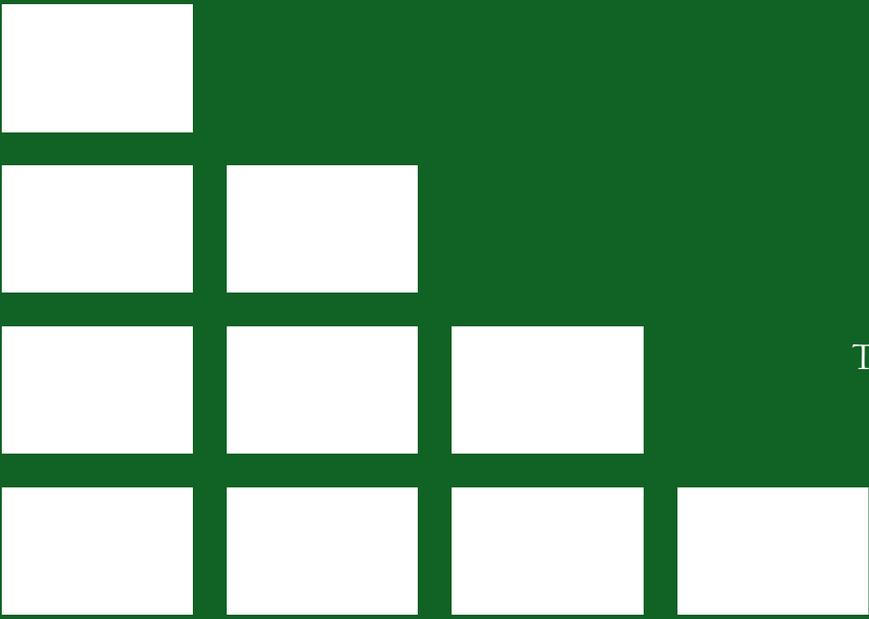




TRI-COUNTY Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan



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Updating this Plan in a way that will be useful for the participating jurisdictions involved a considerable amount of cooperation. For this update, more emphasis was needed on developing specific mitigation projects for the participating jurisdictions. Through this effort, approximately 220 specific mitigation actions are identified and described. This is a substantial accomplishment that was achieved through many phone calls, one-on-one discussions, and small group meetings that were conducted in addition to the Mitigation Advisory Committee meetings held in East Peoria.

This updated Plan should serve as the “road map” to better protect current residents from the physical and emotional impacts caused by severe weather and other natural hazards. Information assembled in this Plan clearly describes these impacts, and the weather information collected over the past 60+ years in the Tri-County area and the rest of Illinois supports the weather findings in our neighboring states—that there has been a continuing increase in the number of severe weather events. Even if this increase was not occurring, this Plan provides local leaders with the information they need to reduce the impacts that will continue to be caused by future severe weather events.

We strongly encourage those who read this Plan and other residents throughout the Tri-County area to support their county EMA coordinators and municipal officials in actively seeking the implementation of the mitigation actions identified in this document.

Identifying, verifying and gathering information about severe weather events involved research into various files and discussions with individuals. Chris Miller and Heather Stanley at the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in Lincoln kindly responded to requests for additional information and helped verify natural hazard events, especially tornadoes, within the Tri-County area. Tony O’Neal, Ameren Illinois, was able to provide infrastructure damage information for several of the major severe storms and severe winter storms between 2010 and 2017. This information was not available in state or federal databases and provides a glimpse into the scope of the damages sustained to infrastructure as a result of natural hazard events that have impacted the area.

Cover photographs from top to bottom and left to right:

- ❖ *November 17, 2013 EF4 tornado destroyed homes in Washington
Photograph obtained from National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in Lincoln*
 - ❖ *April 17 & 18, 2013 flooding damaged homes in Roanoke
Photograph provided courtesy of the Village of Roanoke*
 - ❖ *February 28, 2017 EF3 tornado damaged homes near Washburn
Photograph provided courtesy of the Woodford County Emergency Management Agency*
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NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN**

**TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WOODFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PARTICIPATING PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS MUNICIPALITIES**

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