

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FACT SHEET

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Tri-County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

1) What is the Tri-County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan?

The Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluates damage to life and property from natural hazards and identifies projects and activities that can reduce these damages in the Tri-County area (Tazewell, Woodford and Peoria Counties). The Plan is considered to be multi-jurisdictional because it includes counties, municipalities and institutions, such as schools and utilities who want to participate.

2) What is hazard mitigation?

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a natural hazard.

3) Why is this Plan being updated?

Updating the Plan fulfills federal requirements that provide these benefits:

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

4) Who is updating this Plan?

The Tri-County Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) is updating the Plan with assistance from technical experts in emergency planning, environmental matters, and infrastructure. The MAC includes members from business and economic development, emergency services, municipal, and county governments, health care, insurance, law enforcement, utilities and institutions such as the American Red Cross.

5) How can I participate?

You are invited to attend public meetings of the Tri-County MAC. In addition you are encouraged to provide photographs, other documentation, and anecdotal information about damages you experienced with natural hazards in the Tri-County area. Surveys will be available at participating municipalities and through Tazewell and Woodford Counties to help gather specific information from residents. All of this information will be used to update the Plan. A draft of the updated Plan will be presented in a public forum for further public input.

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