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Plans to Protect Public Health and Property in Tazewell & Woodford Counties Ready for Public Review

Peoria, IL (October 5, 2023) — The updated Tazewell County and Woodford County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plans outlining projects and activities to reduce damages caused by severe weather and other natural hazards will be available for public review and comment starting October 19, 2023. The plans, along with a summary sheet and a comment survey, will be available for review at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission’s office and on its Hazard Mitigation website.

The comment period will remain open through November 2, 2023. Public comments received will be used to make any revisions needed before the plans are submitted to the Illinois and Federal Emergency Management Agencies.

The Tazewell and Woodford Counties All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee has been conducting working meetings open to the public since January 2023. The Committee prepared these Plans with technical assistance from state and federal agencies as well as a consultant specializing in emergency management planning.

The municipalities of Creve Coeur, East Peoria, Morton, Pekin, Tremont, and Washington in Tazewell County, and El Paso, Eureka, Germantown Hills, Minonk, and Roanoke in Woodford County have participated in the planning process. Other participating jurisdictions include the East Peoria Community High School District 309, Pekin Park District, East Peoria Drainage & Levee District, and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

“These plans describe how the counties and the participating jurisdictions have been impacted by severe weather and other hazards and identify specific mitigation actions that can be taken to reduce damages to people and property before events occur,” explained Reema Abi-Akar, Senior Planner at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

An open-house-style public forum will be held at the East Peoria Civic Complex, 401 W. Washington Street, East Peoria from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, **October 19, 2023**. Individuals can come and review the plans at any time during the forum. Those unable to attend can still review the plans and provide comments without participating in the public forum.

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