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Reducing Damages Caused by Severe Weather and Other Hazards

Peoria, IL (April 13, 2023) — The frequency of and damages caused by severe storms and other natural and man-made hazards in Tazewell and Woodford counties will be discussed when the Tazewell and Woodford Counties Mitigation Advisory Committee meets on Tuesday, **April 25, 2023**, at 1:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the East Peoria Civic Complex, 401 W. Washington Street, East Peoria. The meeting is open to the public.

This Committee, comprised of county, municipal, educational, and park district representatives, as well as technical partners and other stakeholders, will meet over the next several months to update the Tazewell and Woodford Hazards Mitigation Plans.

“The goal of this committee meeting is to identify how often severe weather events occur within the counties and what kinds of damages have resulted. Based on this information, we will compile lists of activities and projects to reduce damages caused by these events,” said Reema Abi-Akar, Senior Planner for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

Plan participants to date include the counties, Creve Coeur, East Peoria, El Paso, Eureka, Germantown Hills, Minonk, Morton, and Washington, as well as the American Red Cross, East Peoria Community High School District 309, and Pekin Park District. Jurisdictions that have yet to participate in a committee meeting are encouraged to attend. Interested persons can provide input at these meetings or submit their comments and questions to their appropriate representatives.

“These plans will be important resources for determining how to prepare for storms and other natural and man-made hazards. After the plans are updated, comprehensive information will be available in one document for each county to help guide those who are making decisions about how to better protect the residents of Tazewell and Woodford counties,” Abi-Akar added.

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