

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FACT SHEET

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Macoupin County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

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

The Macoupin County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan evaluates damage to life and property from natural and man-made hazards in the County and identifies projects and activities that can reduce these damages. The Plan is considered to be multi-jurisdictional because it includes 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 or man-made 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 and man-made hazards and closer cooperation among the various organizations and political jurisdictions involved with emergency planning and response.

4) Who is updating this Plan?

The Macoupin County Multi-Jurisdiction All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee is updating the Plan with assistance from technical experts in emergency planning, environmental matters, and infrastructure. The Committee includes members from business and economic development, emergency services, municipal, and county government, health care, insurance, law enforcement and institutions such as the American Red Cross.

5) How can I participate?

You are invited to attend public meetings of the Macoupin County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee. In addition you are encouraged to provide photographs, other documentation, and anecdotal information about damages you experienced with natural and man-made hazards in Macoupin County. Surveys will be available at participating municipalities and through Macoupin County 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.

More information can be obtained by contacting:

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