

Frequently Asked Questions

McDonough County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

1) What is the McDonough County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan?

The McDonough County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan evaluates damage to life and property from natural 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, townships and other jurisdictions (fire protection districts, colleges, schools, hospitals, etc.) who want to participate

2) What is hazard mitigation?

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce the long-term risk to life and property from a natural hazard before an event occurs.

3) Why is this Plan being updated?

The Plan update fulfills federal planning requirements of the Stafford Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act and the Disaster Recovery and Reform Act. While meeting federal requirements, this Plan update also provides these benefits:

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

4) Who is updating this Plan?

The McDonough County Multi-Jurisdiction Natural 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 education, emergency services, municipal and county government, health care, and law enforcement.

5) How can I participate?

You are invited to attend public meetings of the McDonough County Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee. In addition, you are encouraged to provide photographs, other documentation, and anecdotal information about damages you experienced from natural hazards in McDonough County. Surveys will be available at participating jurisdictions and through McDonough County to help gather specific information from residents. All of this information will be used to update the Plan. A draft of the Plan update will be presented at a public forum for further public input.

More information can be obtained by contacting:

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