



ERIE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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2020 Erie County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

What is Hazard Mitigation?

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Hazard mitigation includes any actions taken to decrease or eliminate the impacts of natural hazards (things like flooding and severe storms) on our community. Mitigation can take many forms, purchasing flood insurance, using tornado sirens, and setting building standards to withstand high wind. These are all examples of mitigation at work. Mitigation is taking action now, before a disaster, to reduce loss of life and damage to property.

What is a mitigation plan?

- A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a written guidebook detailing how a community wants to lessen or eliminate disaster related impacts.
- Contains details on what hazards the community faces and provides possible strategies to reduce their impacts.
- Each participating Erie County jurisdiction has included projects for their community to reduce the impact of the hazards present in each area.

Why is hazard mitigation important?

- Saves money by decreasing the losses from disaster events.
- Builds partnerships by involving the government, public, non-governmental organizations, and private businesses.
- Increases awareness of hazards and risk for a particular area.
- Helps the community make decisions based on risk.

What can you do to help?

Attend public meetings and help shape the plan update!

Read and comment on the plan to inform the changes we will make in this update cycle.

Complete a survey on mitigation at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ErieHMP>



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The essential steps in hazard mitigation planning are:

1. **Identify the hazards in your community.**
2. **Determine how vulnerable you are to the hazards you face.**
3. **Choose the actions your community can take to reduce the impact from your hazards.**
4. **Implement your plan of action.**

Is there a financial benefit?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires each local government to have a mitigation plan in order to be eligible to receive federal grant funding for local hazard mitigation projects.

FEMA also estimates that mitigation saves six dollars for every dollar spent!

For more information, please contact the planning contractor, All Clear Emergency Management Group at 336-802-1800.

