

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) was signed into law by President Clinton on October 30, 2000. The law places new emphasis on local mitigation planning to promote a proactive disaster preparedness approach and reduce the growing cost of disaster relief efforts by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The law requires State and Local jurisdictions to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan and update it every five years to qualify for specific post-disaster grants. For the past two years, the County Economic Development and Planning Department, Office of Emergency Management and the Mitigation Planning Committee have been working with the County's eight local municipalities to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of this plan is to assess the impacts of natural hazards and develop a strategy with long-term solutions and alternatives for addressing these problems. While we can't prevent natural events such as tornadoes or flooding from occurring, we may be able to reduce the impact of these events and improve our ability to respond and recover when they do occur.

We need your input. By reviewing the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update you will have the chance to provide your comments and input to County and local officials who have been working on this planning project.

[Click Here](#) to review the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

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Provide your comments regarding this plan by October 12, 2015. Please send them by mail or e-mail to the Schenectady County Economic Development and Planning Department:

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