

Public Survey: Vernon County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The federal government requires all states and local governments to have hazard mitigation plans approved by FEMA that are consistent with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Approved mitigation plans are required to maintain eligibility for certain types of federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants.

A planning committee comprised of representatives from Vernon County, the incorporated cities, and the public school districts is currently developing an update to the comprehensive Vernon County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with a strategy to reduce the vulnerability of people and property in the planning area to the impacts of hazards and to remain eligible for mitigation funding programs from FEMA.

One of the key components of a hazard mitigation plan is public input during the planning process. The planning committee will be evaluating information on the hazards that impact each jurisdiction within Vernon County. The committee is seeking your input on the hazards that will be evaluated as well as your opinions on the types of activities that should be considered to reduce future impacts. Your comments will be considered by your community's representatives on the planning committee as the plan is developed. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions. Thank you for your participation.

1. Please select your jurisdiction from the list. You may only select one jurisdiction for each survey completed. If you belong to more than one jurisdiction in this list, please complete multiple surveys.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Vernon County | <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Moundville | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Walker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Bronaugh | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada R-V |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Deerfield | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Richards | <input type="checkbox"/> North East Vernon County R-I |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Harwood | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Schell City | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronaugh R-VII |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Metz | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Sheldon | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheldon R-VIII |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Milo | <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Stotesbury | |

2. The hazards addressed in the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update are listed below. Please indicate your opinion on the likelihood for each hazard to impact YOUR JURISDICTION (identified above). **Please rate EACH hazard 1 through 4 as follows: 1=Unlikely, 2=Occasional, 3=Likely, 4=Highly Likely**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding (Flash and River) | <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Thunderstorms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Levee Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Subsidence / Sinkholes | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Drought | <input type="checkbox"/> Tornadoes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Temperatures | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire |

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3. Please indicate your opinion on the potential magnitude of each hazard's impact on YOUR JURISDICTION (identified above). **Please rate EACH hazard 1 through 4 as follows: 1=Negligible, 2=Limited, 3=Critical, 4=Catastrophic**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Levee Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Subsidence / Sinkholes | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Weather |
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4. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants are administered by the State Emergency Management Agency. Listed below are some types of projects considered.

Please check all those that could benefit your jurisdiction, in your opinion:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood-prone Property Acquisition & Structure Demolition /Relocation | <input type="checkbox"/> Retrofitting of Existing Buildings, and Facilities from Wind Damage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood-Prone Structure Elevation | <input type="checkbox"/> New Tornado Safe Room Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Floodproofing of Historical Residential Structures and/or Non-residential Structures | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Utilities Infrastructure Retrofit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects (storm water management or localized flood control projects) | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion Stabilization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings to Add a Tornado Safe Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Mitigation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
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5. Please comment on any other issues that the Vernon County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee should consider in developing a strategy to reduce future losses caused by hazard events.

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