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**Public Meeting to Be Held on the
McHenry County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan**

WOODSTOCK, IL – The McHenry County Hazard Mitigation Committee has completed the development of the McHenry County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26th, to review the Plan.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and to provide comments on the Plan. The Plan will identify activities that can be undertaken by both the government and the private sector to reduce the safety hazards, health hazards, and property damage caused by floods, severe summer and winter storms, tornadoes, and other natural hazards.

The public meeting on Wednesday, May 26th will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the McHenry County Administration Building, Conference Rooms A, B & C, 667 Ware Road in Woodstock. The Plan will also be available on the McHenry County website for review and comment.

"Hazard mitigation" means doing everything that can be done to reduce the impact of the natural hazards on people and property. It does not necessarily mean controlling floodwaters or stopping tornadoes. These hazards are natural phenomena and, in many cases, mitigation means adjusting what people do in the face of this natural activity.

McHenry County is subject to natural hazards that threaten life and health and have caused extensive property damage in the past. Again, while these hazards are acts of nature, the impacts on residents, public facilities, businesses, and private property can be reduced through hazard mitigation.

The McHenry County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan will be considered by the McHenry County Board for adoption, and also for adoption by the McHenry County municipalities and townships that participated on the Hazard Mitigation Committee. After the Plan is adopted, McHenry County and the participating municipalities and

townships will be eligible for hazard mitigation grant funding through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

For more information, please contact Barry Valentine and 815/338-6400 or blvalent@co.mchenry.il.us.

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