



2015 McHenry County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Public Survey

We need your help!

McHenry County and all the communities within are currently engaged in a planning process to become less vulnerable to natural disasters. Your participation in this brief survey is very important to ensure your voice is heard.

The county is working to update its 2010 Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which must be updated every five years per federal regulations. The purpose of this Plan is to identify and assess our community's natural hazard risks and determine how to best reduce or manage those risks. This questionnaire provides an opportunity for you to share your opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process. The information you provide will help us better understand your hazard concerns and can lead to mitigation activities that should help lessen the impact of future hazard events.

This survey is anonymous. Should you have any questions, please contact McHenry County Emergency Management:

- Email - ema@co.mchenry.il.us
- Phone - 815.338.6400

Paper surveys can be mailed to:

McHenry County Government Center
Attention: Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey
2200 North Seminary Ave.
Woodstock IL 60098

Please help us by completing this survey by December 18, 2015



1. What township do you live in?

- Alden
- Algonquin
- Burton
- Chemung
- Coral
- Dorr
- Dunham
- Grafton
- Greenwood
- Hartland
- Hebron
- Marengo
- McHenry
- Nunda
- Richmond
- Riley
- Seneca
- Outside of McHenry County_____

2. What incorporated jurisdiction do you live in?

- Algonquin, Village Of
- Bull Valley, Village Of
- Cary, Village Of
- Crystal Lake, City Of
- Fox Lake, Village Of
- Fox River Grove, Village Of
- Greenwood, Village Of
- Harvard, City Of
- Hebron, Village Of
- Holiday Hills, Village Of
- Huntley, Village Of
- Island Lake, Village Of
- Johnsburg, Village Of
- Lake-In-The-Hills, Village Of
- Lakemoor, Village Of
- Lakewood, Village Of
- Marengo, City Of
- Mc Cullom Lake, Village Of
- McHenry County
- McHenry, City Of
- Oakwood Hills, Village Of
- Prairie Grove, Village Of
- Richmond, Village Of
- Ringwood, Village Of
- Spring Grove, Village Of
- Trout Valley, Village Of
- Union, Village Of
- Wonder Lake, Village Of
- Woodstock, City Of
- Outside of McHenry County_____

3. Have you ever experienced a natural disaster in McHenry County?

- YES
- NO

4. Which of these hazards have you experienced? **(Select all that apply)**

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Extreme heat
- Extreme cold
- Flood
- Groundwater
- Hail*
- Lightning*
- Sewer Backup
- Thunderstorm-microburst*
- Tornado
- Winter Storm-ice
- Winter Storm-snow
- Other _____

* Elements of severe summer storms

5. Which one hazard do you feel is the greatest threat to your community? **(select one)**

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Extreme heat
- Extreme cold
- Flood
- Groundwater
- Hail*
- Lightning*
- Sewer Backup
- Thunderstorm-microburst*
- Tornado
- Winter Storm-ice
- Winter Storm-snow
- Other _____

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6. Which one hazard do you feel is the second greatest threat to your community? **(select one)**

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Extreme heat
- Extreme cold
- Flood
- Groundwater
- Hail*
- Lightning*
- Sewer Backup
- Thunderstorm-microburst*
- Tornado
- Winter Storm-ice
- Winter Storm-snow
- Other _____

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7. What hazards pose a threat to your home? **(Select all that apply)**

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Dam Failure | <input type="radio"/> Sewer Backup |
| <input type="radio"/> Drought | <input type="radio"/> Thunderstorm-microburst* |
| <input type="radio"/> Earthquake | <input type="radio"/> Tornado |
| <input type="radio"/> Extreme heat | <input type="radio"/> Winter Storm-ice |
| <input type="radio"/> Extreme cold | <input type="radio"/> Winter Storm-snow |
| <input type="radio"/> Flood | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Groundwater | <input type="radio"/> I don't know |
| <input type="radio"/> Hail* | |
| <input type="radio"/> Lightning* | |

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8. How prepared do YOU feel for natural hazards likely to occur within McHenry County?

- Not at all prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Adequately prepared
- Well prepared
- Very well prepared

9. What steps have you or someone in your household taken to prepare for a natural disaster?
(Select all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Food | <input type="radio"/> Practiced a fire escape plan |
| <input type="radio"/> Water | <input type="radio"/> Received First Aid/CPR training |
| <input type="radio"/> Flashlight | <input type="radio"/> Fire extinguisher |
| <input type="radio"/> Batteries | <input type="radio"/> Discussed utility shutoffs |
| <input type="radio"/> Battery-powered radio | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Medical supplies (First Aid Kit) | |

10. What are your priorities regarding planning for natural hazards?

	Very Important	Neutral	Not Important	N/A
Protect lives				
Protect private property				
Protect critical facilities (fire stations, police stations, hospitals, etc.)				
Prevent new development in hazard areas				
Enhance function of natural features				
Protect historic landmarks				
Protect utilities				
Enhance emergency services (fire, police, ambulance)				
Promote cooperation between agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations and neighboring jurisdictions				

11. Do you have flood insurance?

- YES
- NO
- I don't know

12. If "NO", why not?

- Not in a floodplain
- Too expensive
- Never floods
- House is elevated
- Did not know it was an option
- Other _____

13. How do you feel your community is doing to make people aware of the natural hazards that they may face?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Not sure

14. Do you view climate change as a current hazard or one in the near future?

- YES
- NO
- NOT SURE
- OTHER _____

15. Are you interested in making your home more resistant to hazards?

- YES
- NO

16. Do you know who to contact to learn more about hazard risks in your community?

- YES
- NO

17. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about learning about hazards in your community?

- Newspaper
- Television
- Radio
- Internet
- Mail
- Public workshops/meetings
- Facebook
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Text message
- Other _____

18. What are the most effective ways for you to receive information on how to protect your household and property from damage due to natural disasters? **(Select all that apply)**

- Newspapers
- Television
- Radio
- Websites
- Twitter/Facebook
- Schools
- Mail
- Fact sheet/brochure
- Extension Service
- Public Workshops/Meetings
- Fire Department/Law Enforcement
- Public Health Department
- Municipal/County Government
- Other _____

19. Do you have any program, projects, or activities in mind to reduce the impacts of natural hazard in your community?

20. Are there any other comments you would like to make regarding hazards or risk reduction in your community?