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McHenry County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Annual Review

WOODSTOCK, IL - McHenry County Emergency Management Agency will be hosting its first annual review of the McHenry County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan:

When: Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

**Where: McHenry County Administration Building – Conference Room B
667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL**

The McHenry County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan was completed last year as a partnership among County, Municipal, Townships, and public safety entities within the County. The Plan identifies activities that can be undertaken by these entities to reduce the safety hazards, health hazards, and property damage caused by floods, severe summer and winter storms, tornadoes, and other natural hazards. McHenry County and the participating municipalities and townships will be eligible for natural hazard mitigation funds through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Given the nature of the plan and the intent of the parties involved, an annual review is due. This review will primarily focus on mitigation progress and scheduling. The McHenry County Hazard Mitigation Committee (comprised of the original jurisdictional partners) will determine if other mitigation issues or efforts, based on any natural hazard occurrences or input from communities or the public, should be added to the Plan. Information from this meeting will form the basis of the annual report to be submitted to the County Board by the chair of the McHenry County Hazard Mitigation Committee.

For more information on the McHenry County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, please contact Assistant Director of Emergency Management Bob Ellsworth at 815-338-6400.

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