



ONTARIO COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Fact Sheet #1

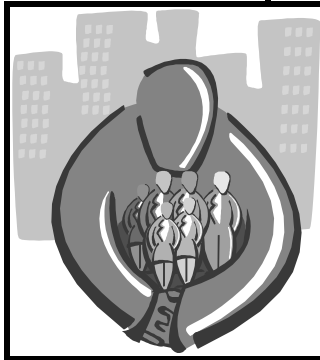
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Ontario County Kicks Off Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Process

Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

In the past, federal legislation has provided funding for disaster relief, recovery, and some hazard mitigation planning. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) is the latest legislation to amend this planning process, and was put into motion on October 10, 2000, when the President signed the Act (Public Law 106-390).

The new legislation reinforces the importance of mitigation planning and emphasizes planning for disasters before they occur. One new requirement is that for disasters declared after November 1, 2004, a local unit of government must have an approved hazard mitigation plan in order to receive funding through the national post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). This means that a community must have an approved hazard mitigation plan before it can receive this federal funding following a flood or severe storm event.



Project Overview

Ontario County has initiated a special project to prepare the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County and its towns, cities and villages. This Plan will:

- Identify **natural hazards** that are likely to occur and negatively affect residents;
- Identify **community assets** that may be vulnerable to hazard events;
- Outline a **mitigation strategy** for negative impacts associated with natural hazards and protecting community assets;
- Outline an **implementation plan** for identified mitigation measures; and
- Outline a **continual evaluation & monitoring plan**.

Why Implement the Plan?

Over the long-term it is anticipated that implementation of this Plan will save taxpayer's money because less money will be spent on post-disaster recovery activities. Ultimately this Plan will help communities and residents minimize damage from natural disasters, and be better able to respond to and recover from them when they may strike.

Hazard mitigation planning is the process of developing a set of actions designed to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effect.

Project Participants

County

- County Board of Supervisors
- Planning Committee: *Administration, Emergency Management, Public Works, Planning (Project Mgr.)*

Local

- Each community has established a local committee to work with the County Planning Committee

Regional Forums

- Four regional planning forums (Northwest, South, Central & East) have been established to involve agencies with overlapping jurisdictions, including county and state government, schools, utilities, hospitals, environmental, business and community organizations.

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