



## **2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

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**DHSEM mission:**

To enhance the safety and security of Cook County by working to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to and recover from all incidents, both human-caused and natural, through a whole community, all hazards approach.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP):**

Hazard mitigation planning is the process used to understand risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of disasters on people, property, and the environment.

# Why create a Hazard Mitigation Plan:

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- Protect human life, and prevent damage or loss of property
- Promote inter-agency coordination and response and increase preparedness
- **Be eligible for grant funds**

# The value of mitigation:

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- Mitigation investments save \$6 per \$1 spent
- Federal disaster funds are only available if Cook County jurisdictions are part of a FEMA-approved mitigation plan that has been formally adopted by the County and local jurisdictions

# 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan:

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- Cook County has the largest Hazard Mitigation Plan in the U.S.
- Adopted by 113 participating jurisdictions
- **Current plan expires soon**

# Action undertaken to update plan:

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- Reached out to all 135 municipalities
- HMP Steering Committee meetings, webinars and workshops
- Documenting hazard incidents from 2014-2019 into the plan and creating new mitigation actions for Cook County



2019 Cook County  
Multi-Jurisdictional  
Hazard Mitigation  
Plan Update  
*Public Presentation  
of Plan Draft*



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## 2019 HMP includes:

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- 121 out of 135 total municipalities within Cook County are participating in the 2019 HMP Update
- 367 new mitigation projects in the 2019 Update were identified by Cook County and participating jurisdictions
- The plan has been approved by Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency





**Thank you for your time.**

**Questions?**



## Department Renaming and Rebranding Update

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