



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:

- 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:

- 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:

- 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:

- 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

2019 HMP includes:

- 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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