

Missouri Regional

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

2025 Public Survey



- **What is hazard mitigation?**

Hazard mitigation is the process of taking steps to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks posed by natural hazards. By implementing proactive measures, we can significantly protect lives, property, and communities from the devastating impacts

- **What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)?**

A Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a comprehensive document outlining potential natural disasters, their associated risks, and strategic actions to minimize their impact on communities and schools. It identifies key steps local governments and school districts can take to protect lives and property from natural hazards. While an HMP doesn't provide direct funding, it is essential for accessing various grant opportunities to implement protective measures and build community resilience.

- **Why is the HMP being updated?**

To ensure our community is best prepared for future disasters, FEMA requires Hazard Mitigation Plans to be updated every five years. Since the last plan was completed in 2020, it's time for a comprehensive review and revision. This process involves active participation from local governments, school districts and the whole-of-the-community to develop and formally adopt a new plan.

- **Why is a HMP important?**

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is crucial for protecting our community and its residents from the devastating impacts of natural disasters. By developing a comprehensive plan, we become eligible for essential federal funding to implement protective measures like flood buyouts and tornado safe rooms. This funding is a lifeline for building resilience and safeguarding lives and property. However, it's important to note that this funding is only available to communities that actively participate in the plan's development and formally adopt it.

- **What are the Goals of the Hazard Mitigation Plan?**

- **Safeguard lives:** Reduce loss of life, injuries, and illnesses caused by natural disasters, with a focus on protecting those most at risk.
- **Preserve property and infrastructure:** Protect public and private assets, including homes, businesses, and essential infrastructure, crucial to the well-being of all community members.
- **Build resilient communities:** Foster long-term planning to minimize future disaster risks and strengthen the community's ability to support all residents.

- **Can I participate in the Plan?**

Absolutely! Your input is essential to creating an effective Hazard Mitigation Plan. We encourage everyone to share their insights on community priorities, local hazards, and desired outcomes. Your perspective will help us build a stronger, more resilient community.

Help shape your community's future! Take our brief survey by clicking this link: [2025 Missouri Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Public Survey \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/2025-Missouri-Regional-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-Update-Public-Survey) or scanning the QR code above.

Have Questions?

Contact MARC Hazard Mitigation Staff at mcheney@marc.org or your city/county Emergency Management Agency.