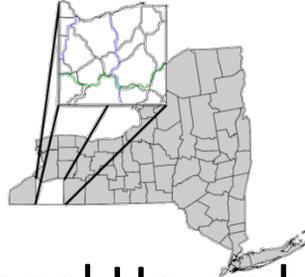


Cattaraugus County



Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan



Purpose of Plan:

Cattaraugus County is in the process of updating our Plan. The Mitigation Plan can be viewed at <http://www.cattco.org/ems/downloads/>. The mandatory update will allow the County and its participating municipalities to continue to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation funding.

Identify potential hazards: Ice Storms, Severe Storms, Floods, Winter Storms, etc. and how they could impact existing and future buildings, infrastructure and critical facilities.

Identify potential projects: The goal of the plan is to identify projects that can reduce damages from future hazards (including risk assessment and hazard mitigation strategy) and opens the door for implementation of priority mitigation measures.

Types of projects that may be included: Bridge, roadway, and culvert improvements; stream erosion measures, drainage improvements, elevation or acquisition of vulnerable structures, storm-proofing critical facilities, etc.



What is a Mitigation Grant?

Whenever there is a declared disaster, a portion (15%) of the money allocated is set aside for mitigation measures. A hazard mitigation grant is 75/25, FEMA pays 75% of costs and the lead municipality pays a 25% match (some, or all, of the match can be "in-kind" services).

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgp/index.shtm>

What is Mitigation?

Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters.

Mitigation Goals in the Plan :

Reduce or avoid hazard impacts for each municipality.

Mitigation Actions :

Specific mitigation actions will be recommended based on risk assessments and local participation.

Mitigation Prioritization :

Each recommended mitigation action will be prioritized based on a variety of factors including social impact, administrative capabilities, and environmental impact.

What can I do to help?

Please participate in the review and update of the Plan. Your participation will help identify and rank areas throughout the County that are subject to higher risk and therefore in need of prioritized risk reduction.

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