



## SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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**The Hardin-Pope Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan meets all federal requirements and has been approved!**

The Hardin-Pope Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency through April 13, 2030. Having the approved hazard mitigation plan provides each jurisdiction with a federal government approved and locally adopted plan which will support grant applications to implement natural hazard risk reduction projects. The approved plan is a requirement for FEMA hazard mitigation grant funding and can serve as the planning eligibility requirement for other funding opportunities.

The following communities are included in the approval; Hardin County, Village of Cave-in-Rock City of Rosiclare, Village of Elizabethtown, City of Rosiclare, Pope County, Village of Eddyville, and City of Golconda.

The natural hazard mitigation planning process assisted Hardin County, Pope County and the five incorporated jurisdictions to identify the natural hazards that impact each community, analyze the risks, and prioritize actions that can be taken to reduce that risk. Examples of natural hazard mitigation projects are tornado safe rooms, drainage improvements, utility tie-downs, and public outreach.

A Committee, made up of representatives from the counties and the incorporated jurisdictions, met bi-monthly to discuss and develop the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. In July 2024, informational kiosks providing the status of the planning process were posted in the county libraries. Community members were invited to provide feedback and input during an Open House on July 11, 2024. Each governing body adopted the plan at their January or February 2025 meetings.

The approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft and related Press Release can be accessed by going to the Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning & Development's webpage at <https://www.sirpdc.org/hazard-mitigation/>.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the mitigation planning effort, please contact the following:

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