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**Hardin-Pope Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Community members are invited to provide feedback and input for the Hardin-Pope Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan during an Open House on July 11, 2024 from 5 to 7pm at the Community Chapel Church (534 IL Route 146-34, Golconda). Participants may arrive anytime from 5 to 7pm as a short presentation will be provided several times throughout the evening. Topic-specific exhibits will be set-up to provide detailed information about the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Examples are hazard mapping, action charts, and priority risk index results.

Feedback can be provided by submitting a survey from July 11 through July 25, 2024. The survey will be available at the Open House in hard copy and online at [www.sirpdc.org/hazard-mitigation/](http://www.sirpdc.org/hazard-mitigation/). In addition, informational kiosks providing the plan, summary graphics, and the feedback survey will be posted in the county libraries. A flyer announcing the Open House and feedback survey is available at [www.sirpdc.org/hazard-mitigation/](http://www.sirpdc.org/hazard-mitigation/).

A Committee, made up of representatives from the counties and the incorporated jurisdictions, met bi-monthly to develop the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. After vetting community feedback, the Committee will submit to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review. After getting approval 'pending adoption', each governing body will hold a public hearing for final adoption.

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 federal grants like U.S. Forest Service Community Wildlife Defense Grant.

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

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