



Hazard Mitigation Planning* for Herkimer County's citizens



This is your community's plan!

To have value, the plan must represent the current needs and values of your community and be useful for officials, stakeholders and citizens. Consider the critical importance of mitigation to:

- ✓ Protect public safety and prevent loss of life and injury.
- ✓ Reduce harm to existing and future development.
- ✓ Prevent damage to a community's unique economic, cultural, and environmental assets.

Disasters can happen any time, any where, and any place! They can cause loss of life; damage buildings and infrastructure; and have devastating consequences on a community's economic, social, and environmental well-being. Hazard mitigation planning is a process that identifies hazards and their risks to your community, and analyzes vulnerability of people, property, the environment and the economic. The outcome of the planning process is a comprehensive mitigation strategy that includes sustained actions that address the greatest opportunities to reduce or eliminate disaster damages and the long-term risk to human life and property that result from these hazards .

In August 2016, Herkimer County and its thirty municipalities initiated a collaborative planning effort to develop the ***Herkimer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan***. The benefits gained during this planning process, and the mitigation actions that will ultimately implement the Plan, will have great significance to your community's future sustainability.

Your participation is needed! You can support the planning effort by:

- ✓ Learning about hazard mitigation and how to reduce your vulnerability to various hazards such as flood, severe weather, and wildfire
- ✓ Participating in the Hazard Mitigation Survey, providing information about hazard events and their impacts.
- ✓ Verifying information related to community assets and vulnerabilities.
- ✓ Reviewing the plan components and providing input to ensure relevancy to your community.