

Pike County's current Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was approved by FEMA in 2012.

By regulation, local HMPs must be formally updated every five years. The update process is an opportunity for Pike County and its municipalities to re-examine their vulnerability to natural and human-made hazards, evaluate progress on the mitigation strategies identified in the original plan, and add new mitigation actions/projects/initiatives so that Pike County can continue to lower its overall hazard risk.

Pike County's Office of Community Planning and the Steering and Planning Committees are leading this plan update effort, which is expected to continue through 2017. The County and all municipalities have committed to participating in this update process, and will therefore continue to be eligible for pre-disaster mitigation grant funding for eligible projects.

**We want your input!
Please take the citizen survey:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/
PikeCitizenSurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PikeCitizenSurvey)

**Please visit the Pike County
HMP website
for updated information on the
planning process:**

<http://www.pikecountypahmp.com>

For more information contact:

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Office of Community Planning

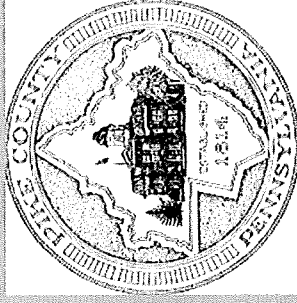
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Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2016-2017

Reducing Losses Due to Hazards

Pike County Pennsylvania

Purpose

Pike County's Office of Community Planning and Steering and Planning Committees are leading this plan update effort for Pike County and its municipalities. This effort is expected to continue through 2017 and is an opportunity to detail a variety of potential hazards that could affect County residents, visitors, property and economy. It will also allow Pike County and participating municipalities to continue to be eligible for future mitigation funding from FEMA.

The goal of the plan update is to identify projects that can reduce damages from future natural and human-made hazards. The plan will include a Risk Assessment and a Hazard Mitigation Strategy. The primary natural hazards of concern in Pike County include drought, earthquake, flood, hurricane/tropical storm/nor'easter, pandemic, tornado and wind-storm, wildfire and winter storm.

The plan will focus on existing and future buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities that might be impacted. Critical facilities include police, fire, EMS, hospitals and shelters as well as infrastructure such as power-generation facilities, water utilities, roadways, and communication systems.

How can I provide information to support the plan?

To obtain input and gauge citizen preparedness for hazard events, a public survey may be accessed at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PikeCitizenSurvey>

Please visit the site and complete the survey to provide valuable information for the plan.

Inform your local emergency management coordinator or floodplain administrator if you are interested in mitigating your residential or commercial property.

Where can I review the Draft Plan and provide input if I choose?

Sections of the plan will be available for review on the Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan website <http://www.pikecountypahmp.com> and at municipal halls early 2017.

We welcome your participation!

Can I get funding to mitigate my property?

Possibly. There are opportunities for property owners to receive funding to elevate a structure above flood levels, or have their property acquired by their municipality. Generally the property must have a history of NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) damage claims. The property owner may be responsible for up to 25% of the project costs. Interested property owners should contact their local NFIP Floodplain Administrator or the contacts identified in this brochure.

A Note about NFIP Flood Insurance

Many properties in Pike County are vulnerable to flooding; for those it is not a question of if, but when and how severe. NFIP flood insurance is available to everyone. Standard homeowner policies do NOT cover flood damage. Federal grants to mitigate vulnerable properties are typically only awarded to those who participate in, and have made claims against, the NFIP.

If you live in or near a flood-prone area and don't have flood insurance, get it! If you have it and suffer flood damage, use it! If you can, mitigate your property!

