



## **Why Should My Jurisdiction Participate in the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan?**

### **Overview**

The Tri-County Region has begun the process of updating its hazard mitigation plan, last approved in 2015. The plan is anticipated to have achieved approval and adoption in Fall 2022. Participating in a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan can provide multiple benefits for a jurisdiction.

### **Benefits of Participating in the Process**

A FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is a requirement for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. Ultimately, hazard mitigation planning enables communities to take action to reduce loss of life and property thereby lessening the impact from disasters.

Jurisdictions that participate in the development of a hazard mitigation plan receive the following benefits::

- Substantive understanding of their community's capabilities, vulnerabilities, threats and overall risks.
- Eligibility to apply for federal financial support to fund hazard eligible mitigation projects. There is currently over \$1 billion competitively available for eligible hazard mitigation activities in the State of Michigan.

### **Requirements for Participating in the Process**

Per FEMA requirements, jurisdictions must meet the following requirements to be considered a "participating jurisdiction" in the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan update:

- Jurisdictions must take part in the planning process. This includes having a representative attend planning meetings, as well as providing feedback on plan elements and plan drafts when requested.
- Jurisdictions must provide data on community capabilities; this is important as it provides a community baseline to build upon as we develop a hazard mitigation strategy.
- Jurisdictions must identify at least one hazard mitigation action in the plan update.
- Jurisdictions must formally adopt the plan by resolution once it has been approved by FEMA.

If your jurisdiction has questions regarding participation in the hazard mitigation planning process, please contact your local emergency management agency.