

Frequently Asked Questions

Greene County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

1) What is the Greene County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan?

The Greene County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan evaluates damage to life and property from natural hazards that have impacted the County and identifies projects and activities to reduce these damages. The Plan is considered to be multi-jurisdictional because it includes municipalities and other jurisdictions (fire protection districts, schools, drainage and levee districts, etc.) who want to participate.

2) What is hazard mitigation?

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to **reduce** the long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards **before** an event occurs.

3) Why is this Plan being updated?

The Plan update fulfills federal planning requirements of the Stafford Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act. While meeting federal requirements, this Plan update also provides these benefits:

- Funding for mitigation projects and activities ***before*** disasters occur.
- Funding for projects and activities ***following*** declared disasters.
- Increased awareness about natural hazards and closer cooperation among the various organizations and political jurisdictions involved in emergency planning and response.

4) Who is updating this Plan?

The Greene County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee is updating the Plan with assistance from technical experts in emergency planning, environmental matters, and infrastructure. Stakeholders from education, business and industry, emergency services, municipal, and county government, healthcare, nonprofit/community-based organizations, flood control, and law enforcement will be invited to serve on the Committee.

5) How can I participate?

You are invited to attend public meetings of the Greene County Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee. In addition, you are encouraged to provide photographs, other documentation, and anecdotal information about damages you experienced from natural hazards in Greene County. Surveys will be available at participating jurisdictions and through Greene County to help gather specific information from residents. Natural of this information will be used to update the Plan. The draft Plan update will be presented at a public forum for further public input.

More information can be obtained by contacting:

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