

Preble County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Preble County is dedicated to maintaining a safe and disaster-resilient environment for the residents and businesses in this quaint southwest Ohio county. Located west of Dayton, Preble County is a family-friendly community with a diverse economy. As the community's leader in disaster preparedness, the Preble County EMA is dedicated to helping the county and its jurisdictions develop sustainable solutions to natural disaster threats through hazard mitigation and disaster preparedness.

The Preble County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed through community-wide participation in hazard identification, risk assessment, and mitigation strategy development. Through the meetings and work sessions described in this plan, county, city, village, and townships officials and other stakeholders from the community came together to assess Preble County's risks and vulnerabilities and formulate sustainable solutions to protect the community from the effects of disasters. As a part of this action plan, the planning team considered various regional, county, and local plans and documents that provide guidance to developers, regulators, and residents as they implement community and personal growth initiatives. They considered conservation of the environment as well as economic development and growth of their communities.

This plan is intended to be a tool in comprehensive community development planning, construction of new facilities, and growth of residential areas. It documents the history of disaster incidents in Preble County and considers the county's unique characteristics. The plan documents past casualties and property losses and identifies mitigation strategies that will effectively protect and preserve the county's many natural and man-made assets.

Preble County's planning process followed the hazard mitigation planning guidance established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in March 2013. The whole community was involved in plan development as input and feedback was sought from jurisdictions, stakeholders, residents, and others, as evidenced by documentation of meetings provided within the plan.

This mitigation plan provides a comprehensive review of communities and mitigation needs. It is one opportunity for Preble County to increase its resilience to disasters and catastrophic incidents. The mitigation strategies are intended to help community leaders implement projects and develop policies that make Preble County resilient to long-term devastation and unnecessary rebuilding costs and facilitate rapid recovery when disasters occur.