

Wood County All-Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Wood County is dedicated to establishing and maintaining a safe and secure environment for the residents and businesses in this bustling northwest Ohio county. Located south of Toledo, Wood County is home to many farm families and small industries that employ local residents. The Wood 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 Wood County All-Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan was developed through community-wide participation in the assessment of risks and hazards; development of mitigation goals and strategies; and planning for implementation and sustainment of loss reduction efforts. Through a series of meetings and work sessions described in this plan, the county, cities, villages, and other jurisdictions came together to assess the current risks in the county and formulate sustainable solutions to reduce those vulnerabilities. As a part of this action plan, they 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 Wood County and considers the unique characteristics of the county's footprint. The county's rural landscape holds a unique position where several watersheds join together and impact a large region. 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.

The planning process utilized by Wood County followed the 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, workers, and others in accordance with FEMA's guidance. This is 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 Wood County and its many jurisdictions increase their resilience to catastrophic incidents. The mitigation strategies and planning process are intended to help community leaders implement projects and develop policies that make Wood County resistant to long-term devastation and unnecessary rebuilding costs, as well as to facilitate rapid recovery when disasters occur.