

Updating the
Desha County, Arkansas
Multijurisdictional Hazard
Mitigation Plan
February 23, 2022

Hazard Mitigation Planning Process



Task 1- Determine
Planning Area and
Resources



Task 2 & 3
- Build Planning Team
and Create Outreach
Strategy

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Building Code Enforcement	Public Information Office
Emergency Management	Storm Water Management
Fire Department/Districts	Road/Street Departments
Floodplain Administration	Regional Planning Agency
Geographic Information Systems	City Council/Quorum Court
Parks & Recreation/Tourism	Planning Commission
Planning/Zoning	Public Works
Community/Economic Development	Special Interest Groups

Partners with Authority to Regulate Development

- City Council/Board of Commissioners
- Planning Commission
- Planning/Community Development
- Regional Planning
- Special Districts

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLANNING TEAM



- ▶ Attend Meetings
- ▶ Provide Data for Risk Assessment
- ▶ Identify Community Assets
- ▶ Assist with Mitigation Action Items
- ▶ Assist with Public Involvement
- ▶ Review Drafts of Plan
- ▶ Adopt Plan

CREATING THE OUTREACH STRATEGY

➤ An Outreach Strategy identifies what we need to accomplish through our outreach efforts, who to involve in the process, and how/when to effectively engage the community.

1. Planning Team

(County, city, School District, and Partners)

2. Stakeholders

(Any person, group, or institution that can affect or be affected by a course of action)

3. Public

A survey will be provided that you can include on your websites and social media sites citing a feeling of liveliness and visual vibration

Examples Outreach Methods in Mitigation Planning

Community events, Interviews, News Media,
Presentations to Governing Bodies,
Questionnaires/Surveys,
Roundtables/Forums, Social Media, Area-
specific Meetings, Website.

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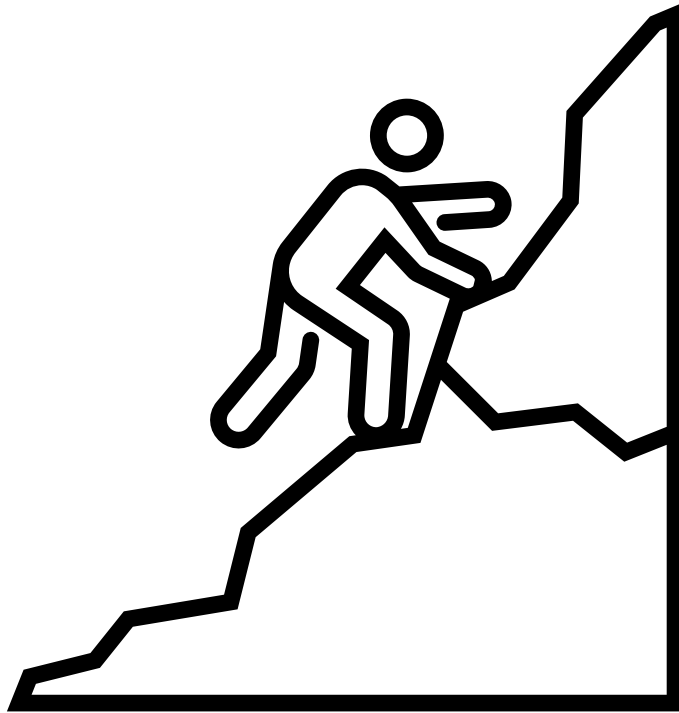
Task 4- Community Capabilities

The previous three tasks focused on the process of mitigation planning, including who must be involved and how to involve them.

Task 4 will be the description of what is being accomplished during the planning process. It describes the critical step of assessing your community's existing authorities, policies, programs, and resources available to accomplish mitigation.

Task 4-Community Capabilities

- ▶ Each community has a unique set of capabilities, including authorities, policies, programs, staff, funding, and other resources available to accomplish mitigation and reduce long-term vulnerability.
- ▶ The plan must describe each jurisdiction's existing authorities, policies, programs, and resources available to accomplish hazard mitigation. To review capabilities, begin by reviewing existing plans, reports, and information and interviewing local departments and agencies to gain a better understanding of relevant programs, regulations, resources, and practices.
- ▶ See Capability Assessment Worksheet.



THE PRIMARY TYPES OF CAPABILITIES FOR REDUCING LONG-TERM VULNERABILITY THROUGH MITIGATION PLANNING ARE THE FOLLOWING;

- ▶ PLANNING AND REGULATORY
- ▶ ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL
- ▶ FINANCIAL
- ▶ EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Desha County Hazard Mitigation Risk Assessment Questionnaire

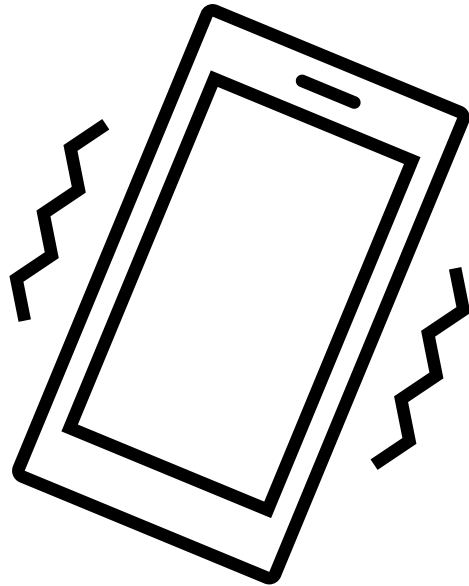
Copy and paste link below to County, City, and OEM
webpages, plus Facebook pages for community feedback

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If the county has a current FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan, the county, along with **participating jurisdictions**, become eligible to apply for FEMA grant funding.

- **It is not enough for the county alone to have an approved plan; each jurisdiction and school district within the county must participate by assisting with plan development and adopting the plan in order to be eligible for grant funding.**

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