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Macomb County seeks input for disaster prevention plan

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County is asking for communities' help in identifying area risks for the five-year update to the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Implementation of the updated plan is required by July 2010 in order for the county to be eligible for federal mitigation grant funding assistance for the next five years.

A series of four Town Hall meetings will be held at different locations across the County and are intended to provide the public with information on the Hazard Mitigation Plan process as well as to collect feedback. The plan may also be reviewed at www.macombcountymi.gov/OEM/hmp.

Participation and public comment is encouraged. Meetings are to be held at the following locations and are open to all residents.

- Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Utica Council Chambers, 7550 Auburn Road, Utica
- Feb. 9, at 9 a.m. at the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, 1 S. Main, Mt. Clemens
- Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Richmond Township Hall, 34900 School Section Road, Richmond
- Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Roseville Council Chambers, 29777 Gratiot, Roseville

“Community involvement will help create and maintain effective responses to any disaster,” said Paul Gielegem, Chair of the County Board.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is a preventive plan intended to reduce the loss of life and property from natural, technological and human related hazards by identifying potential hazards and the ways to prevent or minimize damage.

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In 2005, the County's Office of Emergency Management developed the original plan which was approved by the State of Michigan and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The five year review and update is part of a process to keep the plan current and local communities informed.

"Federal officials made it a requirement several years ago that the county must have a plan in place, otherwise it will not qualify for grant funding opportunities," said Peter Locke, of the County's Office of Emergency Management and project lead.

For additional information on the plan or public hearings, please call the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management at 586-469-5270.

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