

2023 DuPage County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP)

Quick Facts

- This plan makes DuPage County and participating jurisdictions eligible for federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant funding, such as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding.
 - The County was awarded federal funding to complete this plan update.
 - DuPage County departments, including the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Stormwater Management, Building & Zoning, Division of Transportation, Public Works, and GIS/IT, have been working with Integrated Solutions Consulting to complete the 2023 NHMP update.
- FEMA requires that the NHMP be updated every 5 years to stay eligible for HMA funding.
 - The previous NHMP was updated and adopted in 2018.
 - The next NHMP will be updated and adopted in 2028.
- This plan assesses risk and vulnerabilities in the County as it relates to natural hazards, such as tornadoes, severe summer and winter storms, drought, etc. Sixteen (16) total natural hazards were included in the plan.
- Participating jurisdictions were asked to send a representative to a workshop (facilitated by the County and Integrated Solutions Consulting) that tasked the representatives with (1) providing an updated report on mitigation actions identified in the previous plan update; (2) assessing the risks that natural hazards pose to their community present day; and (3) identifying new mitigation actions and projects to include in the update that mitigate these risks.
 - Please note that the specification of these mitigation projects in the NHMP does not obligate completion of the projects identified, but rather makes the community eligible for federal funding should they choose to apply for it in order to complete the project.
- At the County level, the planning process included engaging the public and asking their input. This was achieved by holding a public meeting outside of normal working hours. An online questionnaire was also circulated to engage members of the public who wished to provide input. We were very pleased to receive more than 600 responses.
- This plan is one of the first in the nation to be reviewed by FEMA under the newest update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Policy Guide that became effective in April 2023. Two key elements of the new policy guide put emphasis on planning for equitable outcomes and the impacts of climate change within the County.
- The 2023 update of the DuPage County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan received Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status from FEMA on June 1, 2023. Upon adoption by the DuPage County Board on June 27, 2023, the plan will be considered fully approved. Participating jurisdictions will then follow in adopting the plan.