

# Overview

## WAYNE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Wayne County is updating its County-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. To complete the Plan, they have contracted with ASTI Environmental, Inc. (ASTI).

The updated Plan will provide a basis for identifying and managing hazards among forty-two communities, while complying with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Emergency Management Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and applicable federal, state, and local regulations. The Plan is only a part of the emergency planning, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery process, so it will be coordinated with existing emergency plans, programs, and procedures used by the various communities of Wayne County.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is an important tool for reducing the risks from natural hazards, and for providing a guide to commit resources that will reduce the effects of natural hazards. In addition, it provides a basis for the State of Michigan to provide technical assistance and to prioritize funding, and it is necessary to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project grants from FEMA.

A multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is a tool to focus resources on critical regional hazards. Because it coordinates numerous communities with unique hazards and miti-

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gation needs, a multi-jurisdictional Plan provides an additional set of challenges for communication and consensus building. Obtaining input from communities, facilitating decision making, and maintaining focus are some of those challenges.

A number of methods will be used to obtain input from the communities and general public. These methods are discussed in the Public Input Flyer available on the project website referenced on the front of this flyer.

Updating the Plan will include the following activities:

- Develop a hazard analysis
- Obtain input from the communities and the public
- Estimate hazard risk and assess vulnerabilities
- Prepare a County-wide community profile
- Identify mitigation goals and objectives based on the hazard analysis
- Evaluate strategies to achieve the mitigation goals and objectives
- Identify action steps to achieving the strategies
- Prepare a draft plan
- Obtain input on the draft plan from the County, participating communities, adjacent communities and the public
- Prepare the final plan

Each participant will be asked to register on the Wayne County HMP website. The registration will save participants time by allowing online access to the surveys. The registration will also allow participants to sign-up to be on the Advisory Committee if the person so chooses.

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