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**Draft Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan Ready for Public Review**

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Rock County Emergency Management has prepared a final draft of the Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan. **The completed draft is now available for public review and comment through April 10, 2023.**

The plan can be viewed online at: <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/emergency-management>.

**A physical copy of the plan can be viewed at 3506 North US Highway 51, Janesville, WI 53545 Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00AM and 3:00PM.**

The draft plan was prepared by Rock County Emergency Management in partnership with the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. Representatives from local municipalities, Rock County agencies, and other stakeholder organizations guided the hazard identification, vulnerability assessment, and mitigation strategy for this plan. Members of the public submitted their feedback on local hazard risk, disaster history, and mitigation activities through an online survey this fall. Survey responses were used to help prioritize the hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions included in the plan.

By implementing the mitigation plan, Rock County seeks to address and proactively reduce potential disaster damages. The plan's countywide mitigation goals are to:

- Protect human life and minimize social, economic, and environmental disruptions from natural, technological, and human-caused hazards and threats.
- Protect critical infrastructure and priority services including police, fire, and EMS.
- Promote whole-community threat and hazard awareness and emergency preparedness.
- Support collaboration, partnerships, and proactive planning and action among county agencies, local governments, and other stakeholder organizations.
- Identify potential funding sources for mitigation projects and, as appropriate, engage government and non-government partners for mitigation grant applications.



The plan is currently being reviewed by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM). Once WEM approves the plan, it will be reviewed by FEMA. The final, FEMA-approved plan will be adopted by the County Board and local communities. To maintain FEMA grant eligibility, the plan will be updated again in five years. RCEM will also update the plan following major disaster events or if new conditions significantly change risk.

Thank you to all who took the hazard mitigation planning public survey this fall! Your responses helped us prioritize the hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions included in the plan.

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