

**APPENDIX 3 Public Participation and Involvement of
Other Interested Parties**

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Public Presentation of the Lake County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Crown Point, IN (December 20, 2018) – Lake County, in cooperation with Cedar Lake, Crown Point, Dyer, East Chicago, Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Hobart, Lake Station, Lowell, Merrillville, Munster, New Chicago, Schererville, Schneider, St John, Whiting, and Winfield have prepared an update to the 2010 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) to address the risk and vulnerability of communities in the county which may be affected by known natural, technological, and political hazards.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires communities to update their MHMP every five years in order to be eligible for any future mitigation funding through the State Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The intent of the MHMP is to plan for a disaster before it occurs in order to reduce the physical, social and economical impact of that disaster.

The draft Lake County MHMP Update may be accessed at: <https://www.lakecountyin.org/mhmp>

Topics covered in the Update include: an overview of the planning requirements; a summary of the risk assessment and vulnerability analysis; and proposed mitigation projects for prevention, property protection, natural resource protection, emergency services, structural control projects, and public information.

Comments will be accepted through Friday, January 11, 2019. Please submit comments to Jodi Richmond at 219-755-3549 or jodilcema@gmail.com

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Lake County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update



**Please take some time to
review and provide
comments on the**

**The 2018 Lake
County MHMP Update**

**This helps us create a better
plan, prepare for hazards
that may affect Lake County
and the communities, and
become more resilient
should an event occur.**

**Your time and efforts are
appreciated!**

The Lake County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) Update is a multi-jurisdictional planning effort led by the Lake County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office. The previous MHMP, adopted in 2010 was the necessary first step of a multi-step process to implement programs, policies, and projects to mitigate the effect of hazards in Lake County. A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved MHMP is required to be eligible for disaster mitigation funds.

FEMA also requires communities to update and resubmit the MHMP every five years to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding. The intent of this current planning effort is to replicate the process of identifying the hazards and the social, physical, and economic impact that they affect Lake County as well as to discuss mitigation measures implemented within the last five years.

A copy of the draft MHMP Update is available electronically at <https://www.lakecountyin.org/mhmp>

Comments will be accepted through November 19, 2018.

Any comments or questions should be directed to Jodi Richmond at 219-755-3549 or jodilcema@gmail.com