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MEMORANDUM

To: Highway Superintendants
From: Crystal Gross, Cattaraugus County DPW
Date: March 10, 2011
Subject: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – <http://www.cattco.org/ems/downloads/>

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- Information, surveys, maps of hazards (some will be in partnership with STW)
- Quick turn around on requested information
- Local Planning Team members

HAZNY – tentatively scheduled for just prior to the next Cattaraugus County Highway Supervisors Association meeting.

I will be sending out letters the week of March 21st, 2011 asking for LPT volunteers and confirming details about the HAZNY.

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TO: All Local Municipalities (Towns, Cities, and Villages)

FROM: Crystal Gross, Cattaraugus County DPW

DATE: May 4th, 2012

RE: **Mandatory update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

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Attached you will find a list of potential hazards that your municipality filled out in 2004. Please rank the hazards (1 – 10) that you feel are most likely to happen in your jurisdiction today. A ranking of “1” for the most likely and a ranking of “10” for the least likely. Also, fill out a brief description/location of where in your area it is most likely to happen. A map is provided for you to note special hazard areas.

Mrs. Crystal Abers, Director of Cattaraugus County Planning will be at your next board meeting to discuss these issues with your board. If you could have this information available at that time – that would be great!

Informational Website goes live on www.cattco.org – Cattaraugus County’s website- 5/16/12

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Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

In 2007, the Cattaraugus County Legislature adopted a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cattaraugus County in accordance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K). This law requires local governments to have a hazard mitigation plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A mitigation plan identifies actions that need to be taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural disasters such as floods, severe storms, and ice storms. The goal of this plan is to examine the potential natural hazards that could affect Cattaraugus County, estimate what those potential impacts could be, and develop and implement action items to mitigate impacts from the identified natural hazards.

Download a copy of the [2007 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) for Cattaraugus County.

Update to the 2007 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Starting in 2012, the County has initiated a process to update the 2007 MJHM Plan. This Plan is required to be updated every five years. The Departments of Public Works, Economic Development, Planning & Tourism, and the Emergency Services Department are leading this planning process and are seeking participation from its 43 municipalities and the general public to update the Plan with new areas of concern and strategies to mitigate impacts with natural hazards.

For more information, please click on the following links:

- [Cattaraugus County Hazard Mitigation Plan flyer](#)
- [Mitigation Grant Info](#)

Hazard Mitigation Plan -- A Few Questions

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June 4, 2012

Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services
2 Academy Street
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Mayville NY 14757

Sent to all of the governments on the following page.

Dear Sir / Madam:

Cattaraugus County and its partners are currently in the process of doing the mandatory five year update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

We would like to invite you to attend the next regularly scheduled Planning Committee meeting on Friday, June 15th as a guest. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works Building located at 8810 Route 242, Little Valley, NY at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will cover what has been accomplished to date, what needs to be accomplished, and what we are planning for the public informational meeting to be held Wednesday, June 27th in the Cattaraugus County Legislative chambers at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Cattaraugus County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan, the updating process, or the public informational meeting, please feel free to call me at 716-938-2442 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Thank you very much,

Crystal Gross
Cattaraugus County DPW

**Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Svcs
2 Academy Street
Suite A Room 106
Mayville NY 14757**

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Crossroads Conference Center
6087 State Route 19N
Belmont, NY 14813**

**Allegany County Office of Emergency Services
Attn: Michael Barney Assistant Director
4884 St. Rt. 19
Belmont, NY 14813**

**Erie County Emergency Services
Attn: James T. Glass, Emergency Coordinator
45 Elm Street
Buffalo, New York 14203**

**Center for Regional Excellence
Attn: Richard Zink
4039 Route 219
Suite 200
Salamanca, NY 14779**

**Seneca Nation of Indians
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Cattaraugus County Hosts Public Information Meeting

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to be discussed

LITTLE VALLEY, NEW YORK (June 14, 2012) – Cattaraugus County will host a public information meeting on its Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to obtain public comments, and to provide information on this comprehensive mitigation project. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Valley County Center.

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"The entire planning process is just as important as the plan itself," said Gross. "In order to apply for any mitigation funding, you must have FEMA approval."

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"Hazard mitigation plans are developed BEFORE a disaster strikes. That's why it is vitally important that all of our municipalities either participate in this process or prepare their own plans," said Gross. Once completed, the plan will identify community policies, actions, and resources for long-term implementation to reduce risk and potential future losses. The County and its partners will adopt, implement and maintain the plan on an ongoing basis, which will gradually lessen the impacts associated with natural disasters.

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Hazard Plan Meeting Is June 27

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Cattaraugus County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee Meeting

FEMA – 1857 – 0017

**June 27, 2012 6:30 p.m.
Cattaraugus County Legislative Chambers**

Presenters:

Affiliation:

Crystal Abers, Director
Crystal Gross, Microcomputer Spec.
Joseph Pillittere, Commissioner
Mark Burr, Director of Engineering

Cattaraugus County Economic Dev., Planning & Tourism
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- I. Meeting was called to order by Ms. Gross at 6:30 p.m. She gave a brief summary of the meeting purpose and introduced the other presenters.
- II. Mr. Pillittere gave a Power Point presentation that explained the purpose of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the various steps needed to accomplish an effective plan. Mr. Pillittere went on to explain how repetitive problems due to natural weather conditions should be noted in the Plan and how mitigation measures for those problems could be handled.
- III. Mr. Burr detailed some successful Hazard Mitigation Grant projects and how the partners should be thinking of their own local mitigation projects.
- IV. Ms. Abers spoke briefly of her visits to the local board meetings and her information gathering for the Plan
- V. The floor was opened to public questions and comments. Most of the concerns raised were centered around flooding of NYS Route 242/353 in the Village of Little Valley. The problem appears to be a New York State concern, however it can still be detailed in the Plan. Mitigation measures may be possible to re-direct run-off prior to reaching the State Highway.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Cattaraugus County Little Valley Legislative Chambers

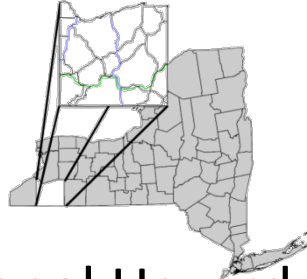
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Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan



Purpose of Plan:

Cattaraugus County is in the process of updating our Plan. The Mitigation Plan can be viewed at <http://www.cattco.org/ems/downloads/>. The mandatory update will allow the County and its participating municipalities to continue to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation funding.

Identify potential hazards: Ice Storms, Severe Storms, Floods, Winter Storms, etc. and how they could impact existing and future buildings, infrastructure and critical facilities.

Identify potential projects: The goal of the plan is to identify projects that can reduce damages from future hazards (including risk assessment and hazard mitigation strategy) and opens the door for implementation of priority mitigation measures.

Types of projects that may be included: Bridge, roadway, and culvert improvements; stream erosion measures, drainage improvements, elevation or acquisition of vulnerable structures, storm-proofing critical facilities, etc.



What is a Mitigation Grant?

Whenever there is a declared disaster, a portion (15%) of the money allocated is set aside for mitigation measures. A hazard mitigation grant is 75/25, FEMA pays 75% of costs and the lead municipality pays a 25% match (some, or all, of the match can be "in-kind" services).

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgp/index.shtm>

What is Mitigation?

Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters.

Mitigation Goals in the Plan :

Reduce or avoid hazard impacts for each municipality.

Mitigation Actions :

Specific mitigation actions will be recommended based on risk assessments and local participation.

Mitigation Prioritization :

Each recommended mitigation action will be prioritized based on a variety of factors including social impact, administrative capabilities, and environmental impact.

What can I do to help?

Please participate in the review and update of the Plan. Your participation will help identify and rank areas throughout the County that are subject to higher risk and therefore in need of prioritized risk reduction.

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7/30/12 to 8/4/12 - Public Outreach at Cattaraugus County Fair

On 7/30/12 a mass email was sent out by the Cattaraugus County DPW announcing to all municipalities that information on Hazard Mitigation would be available at the County Fairgrounds.

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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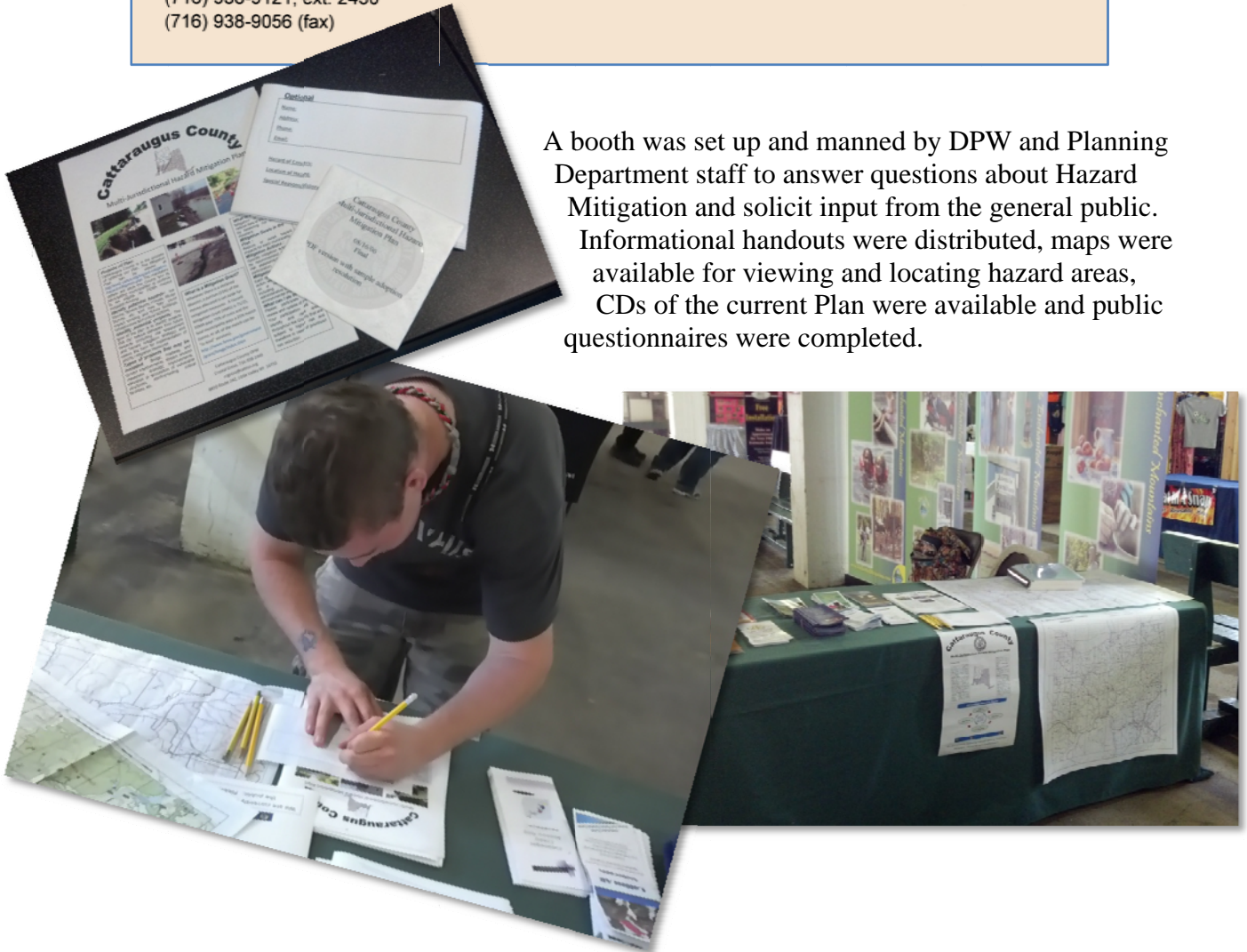
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There will be information available for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - a requirement for Hazard Mitigation Grant applications at the Planning booth in the Grandstand during the Cattaraugus County Fair.

Carmen Skiba
Administrative Secretary
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(716) 938-9056 (fax)

A booth was set up and manned by DPW and Planning Department staff to answer questions about Hazard Mitigation and solicit input from the general public. Informational handouts were distributed, maps were available for viewing and locating hazard areas, CDs of the current Plan were available and public questionnaires were completed.



Hazard Mitigation Survey goes live on www.cattco.org – Cattaraugus County’s website- 8/17/12

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1. What do you think is the number one natural hazard in Cattaraugus County?:

2. Is this hazard likely to occur county-wide?:
 Yes"
 No"

2a. If you answered "No", what town or region is most prone to this hazard?:

3. What other natural hazards does Cattaraugus County face?:

4. What mitigation measures would you most like to see money invested into?:

5. Any Additional Comments?:

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News Media:

Attached is a news release concerning the opportunity for the public to comment on the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. thank you for your assistance publishing this information.

Margaret



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Secretary

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For further information and updates see the Cattaraugus County website (<http://ww2.cattco.org>) or contact Crystal Gross, Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works at (716) 938-2442 or by email at CRGross@cattco.org.

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