



Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan Information Bulletin #5 Public Information Meetings

What Is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

“Hazard mitigation” is the process of acting now to reduce the severity of impacts from future disasters on people, property and the economy. Cook County is preparing a hazard mitigation plan (HMP) to reduce risks from natural hazards and to guide decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards.

All residents of Cook County are invited to attend an upcoming meeting to learn about a recent study on Cook County’s vulnerability to natural hazards. This study’s findings will be the basis for the HMP.

Input from members of the public is important to the success of the planning process. We need to know how natural hazard events have affected you. This will help to validate the findings from the study and guide the development of the HMP.

Why Is This Important to Me?

At some point in time, a natural hazard event will affect you and your property, whether it is a flood, extreme heat, or other event. What impact will that have on your life and property? Knowing what your risks are and what steps you can take to reduce those risks will help you minimize the extent and duration of the impacts.



What Can I Do?

Information at the public meetings will explain steps you can take to reduce the impact of hazards on your property and your family.

Photo courtesy of the Forest View Fire Department

Am I at Risk During a Natural Hazard Event?

Do you know how vulnerable your home or business is to a natural hazard event, such as a flood, tornado or earthquake? At the public meetings, we will have workstations set up with maps of the natural hazard areas in Cook County. If you provide your address, you will be able to view how various natural hazards may affect your own property.

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

**All Meetings from
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

December 9, 2013

Village of Homewood
Village Hall Board Room
2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood

December 11, 2013

Village of Northbrook
Village Hall 1st Floor Board Room
1225 Cedar Lane, Northbrook

December 12, 2013

Village of Westchester
Village Hall Board Room
10300 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester

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www.surveymonkey.com/s/CookCountyHazMit

What Will I Learn At These Meetings?

At these meetings, you will learn about a recent study on Cook County's vulnerability to natural hazards. This study's findings will help local governments plan projects to reduce the risk from hazards before they happen and to help recover more quickly afterwards.

Project team members will use computer workstations to demonstrate how natural hazard events may affect your own home or business. By providing the address of your property, you'll be able to learn what may happen at that specific location during a given natural hazard event, such as a flood or earthquake.

You will be able to talk to emergency management planners, first responders, local businesses, and organizations about your risks and your concerns. They will answer your questions and provide you with information to identify steps you can take to reduce the impacts on your life, your family, and your property.

For more information visit our website:

www.cookcountyhomesecurity.org/hazard-mitigation-plan

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