

## **Appendix B – Public Outreach**

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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

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

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- 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 asking for LPT volunteers and confirming details about the HAZNY.

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Municipal Highway Superintendent,

Enclosed you will find the HAZNY and a Hazard Analysis Matrix produced by the HAZNY for your individual municipality based on the questions you answered during the 4/14/11 Highway Superintendent's Meeting.

Also enclosed are two color charts.

The first is titled, "Hazards v. Ratings for Municipalities (HAZNY Calculated Rates)." This chart takes all the responses, calculates them with the HAZNY software program, and then averages the hazard rates. This is the chart and scores that will be used for the update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan).

The second colored chart is titled, "Hazards by Average Municipal Ranking (not using the HAZNY Rates)." The chart takes your ranking of the hazards (1-23, with 1 being the hazard most likely to happen) and averages them. For instance, the hazard that had an average ranking of 1.7 (or the one most of you select as the number one hazard) is "Winter Storm".

I was pleased with the way things ended up. The two charts are very similar; which means you guys did a really good job! If you would like your municipality's individual HAZNY adjusted in any way, just let me know and I'd be happy to change it to suit you.

I am also enclosing a map of your municipality. Please mark on it individual locations where certain hazards may occur. For instance, if there are a few places where you are particularly concerned Ice Jams or Landslides are likely to happen; mark them on the map. The Plan concentrates mostly on *natural* hazards, though if you'd like to note places where transportation accidents, explosions, or other hazards not related to nature are likely to happen, please do and I will pass that information on to Emergency Services for consideration in their County-wide Emergency Services Plan.

Thanks for all your help on this first step in the updating of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan!

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### MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Crystal Gross, Cattaraugus County DPW

**DATE:** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.cattco.org) – Cattaraugus County’s website- 5/16/12



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**June 4, 2012**

**Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services**  
**2 Academy Street**  
**Suite A Room 106**  
**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

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## NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **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.

Cattaraugus County has received a grant to complete a mandatory five-year update of its existing Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan will identify key actions 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defines hazard mitigation as a “sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from hazards.”

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 requires local governments to have a hazard mitigation plan approved by FEMA. This plan will eventually form the basis for a long-term strategy to help reduce or eliminate disaster losses, and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

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To be in compliance with DMA 2000, a municipality must be recognized by FEMA for its participation in the County's hazard mitigation plan development process and formally adopt the final plan; or prepare their own hazard mitigation plan.

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Having a FEMA-approved mitigation plan also maintains the County's and its partners' eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs.

"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."

All municipalities and organizations that participate in the County plan or have their own approved plan are eligible for FEMA pre-disaster funding. This funding can be used to identify and construct projects that reduce long-term risks to life and property from a natural disaster.

"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.

All County municipalities will be contacted to re-affirm their participation in the multi-jurisdictional process and to allow them to add any new areas of concern since the current plan was adopted in 2007.

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](mailto:CRGross@cattco.org).



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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  
Cattaraugus County Dept. of Public Works  
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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

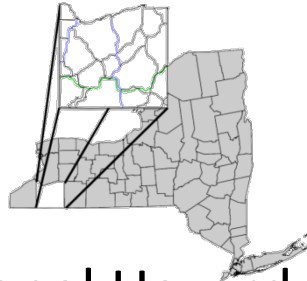
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# Cattaraugus County



## 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>

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### **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.

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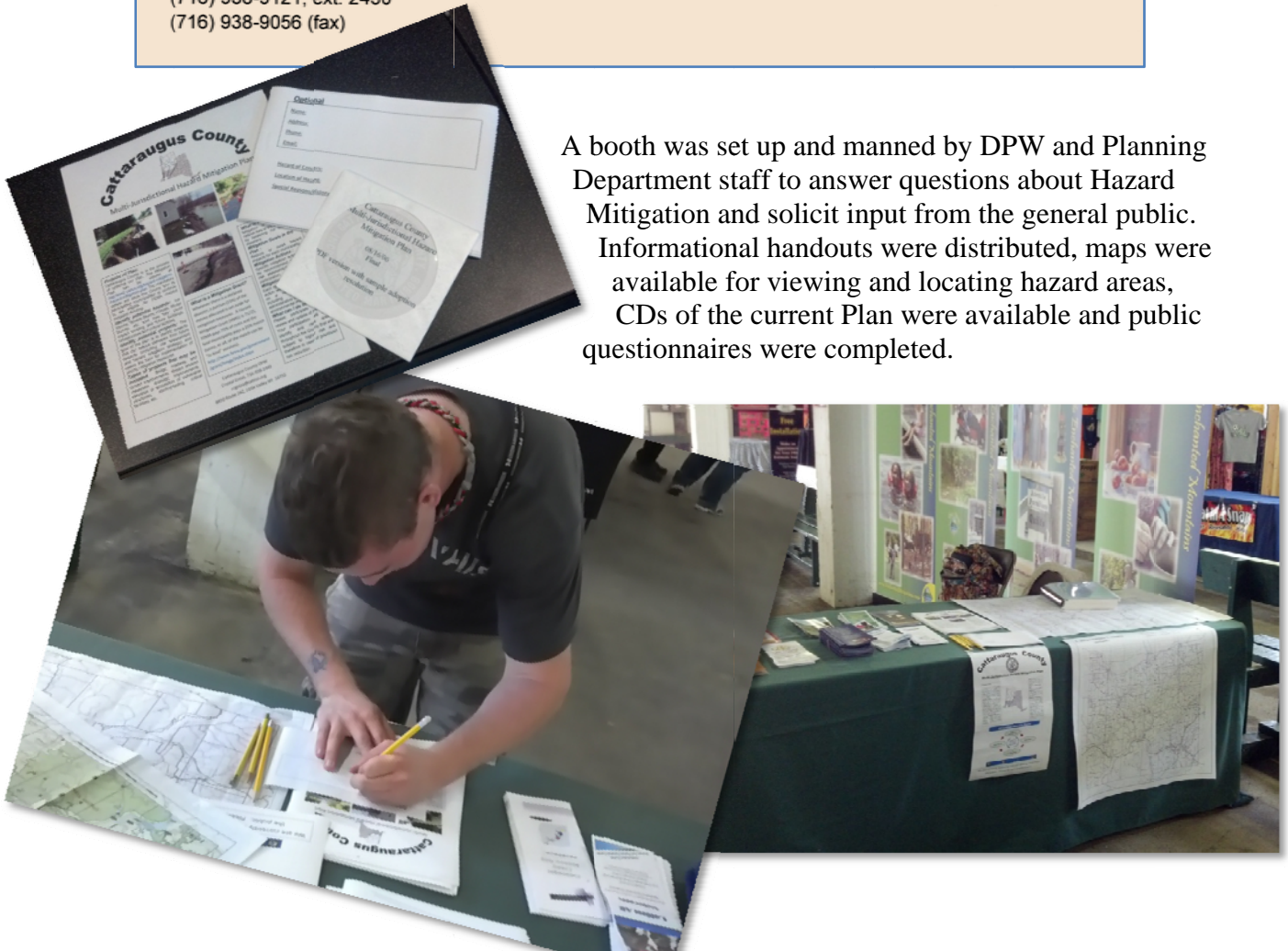
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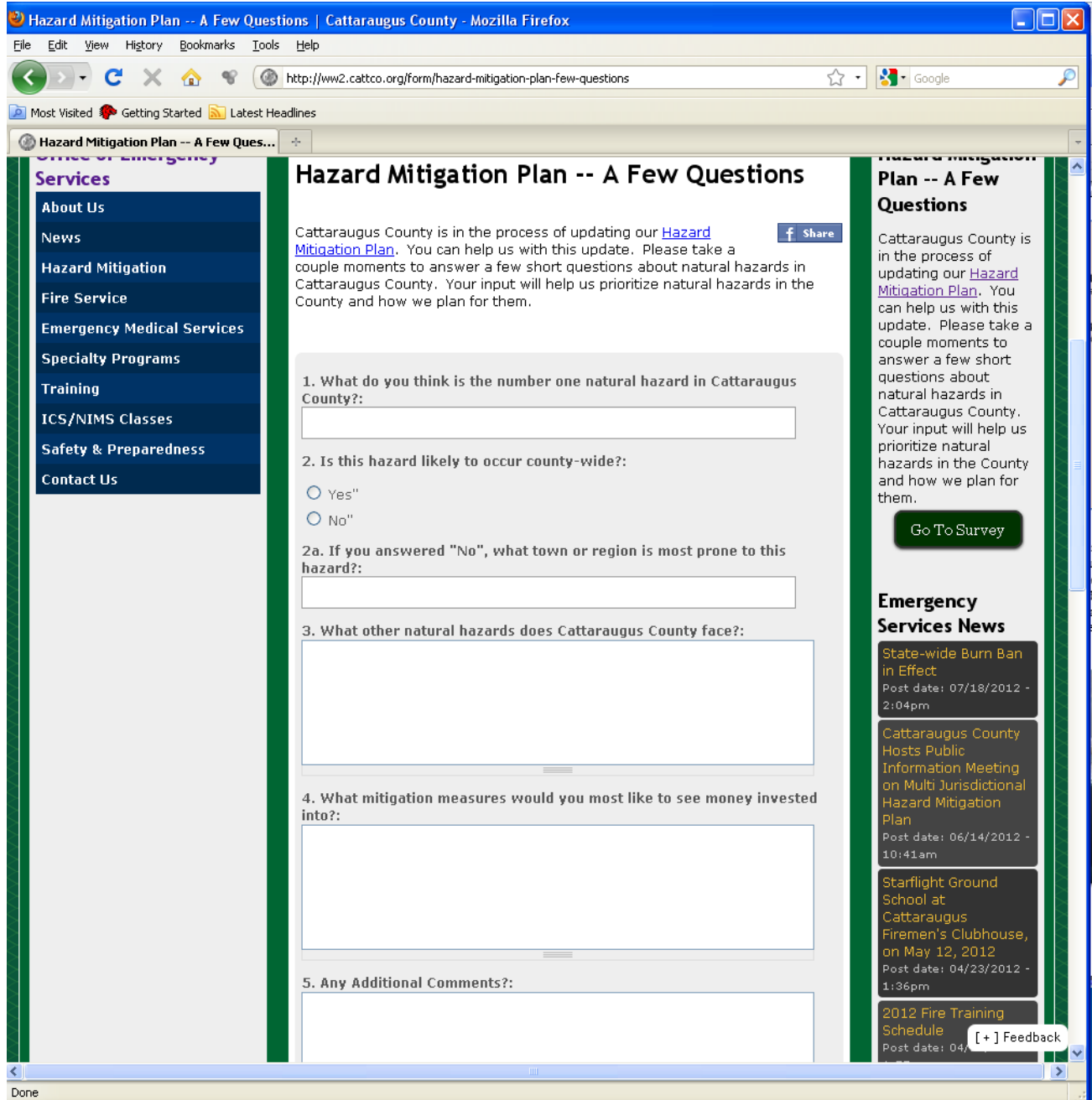
There will be information available for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - a requirement for Hazard Mitigation Grant applications at the Planning booth in the Grandstand during the Cattaraugus County Fair.

Carmen Skiba  
Administrative Secretary  
(716) 938-9121, ext. 2430  
(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](http://www.cattco.org) – Cattaraugus County’s website- 8/17/12







**News Release - Hazard Mitigation Public 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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### **Cattaraugus County Seeks Public Comments**

*Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan continues to make progress*

LITTLE VALLEY, NEW YORK (October 2, 2012) – Cattaraugus County continues to seek public comments on its Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. A web form questionnaire for the public is available online through the County's website at [www.cattco.org](http://www.cattco.org). The five-question survey is easy to complete and will assist the County in completing its mandatory five-year update of its existing plan.

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Post Journal  
11-30-12

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Times Herald  
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update of its existing plan, officials say.

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Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved mitigation plan also maintains the county's and its partners' eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs.

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February 6, 2013

Dear Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Partner,

As I am sure you are all well aware; the current Plan has expired. This leaves Cattaraugus County and all its partners unable to apply for several hazard mitigation grant programs. We are nearing the final stages of the mandatory five year update of the Plan. The first draft of the update Plan is due to NYSOEM no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Please review the STAPLEE Action Evaluation Table.** Listed on it are all the mitigation projects that we have been able to identify. A letter explaining the columns is attached.

Part of the Plan requirements is that every partner has at least one Mitigation Project. This is covered by the public education projects. See attached **Partner Projects Table**.

If you find anything has been scored in error or if your municipality has a mitigation project that was not placed on the list, please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you for support in this endeavor and please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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## Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

**2013 Update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Starting in 2009, 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, Real Property and GIS Services, 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.

The County has completed a DRAFT update to the Plan, and is seeking the public's input on the new Plan. You may download a copy of the [2013 DRAFT Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) (pdf file, 10.8Mb) for Cattaraugus County.

Appendices for the Draft 2013 MJHM Plan:

- [Appendix A - Planning Committee Minutes](#) (pdf file, 7 Mb)
- [Appendix B - Public Outreach](#) (pdf file, 6Mb)
- [Appendix C - Partner Information](#) (pdf file, 2.3Mb)
- [Appendix D - Letters Of Participation](#) (pdf file, 16.2Mb)
- [Appendix E - Floodplain Maps by Town](#) (pdf file, 8.4Mb)
- [Appendix F - NCDC Weather Data](#) (pdf file, 520kb)
- [Appendix G - HAZVU](#) (pdf file, 4.1Mb)
- [Appendix H - Soil Data](#) (pdf file, 292kb)
- [Appendix I - Survey Comments](#) (pdf file, 460kb)
- [Appendix L - STALEE Action Evaluation](#) (pdf file, 1.9Mb)

For more information, please click on the following links:  
[Cattaraugus County Hazard Mitigation Plan flier](#)

**Hazard Mitigation Plan -- A Few Questions**

Cattaraugus County has prepared a DRAFT Update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. We would like to know what you think of this Draft Update. Please take a couple moments to answer a few short questions about the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cattaraugus County and its municipalities. Your input will help us prioritize natural hazards in the County and how we plan for them.

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4/1/13 Draft Plan uploaded to the web for public review and comment.

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## NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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*Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan available online for review*

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Commissioner Joseph Pillittere, one of the county officials helping to prepare the plan.

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