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### County to Update Hazard Mitigation Plan

*Public Input Critical Component*

FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick County Division of Emergency Management has begun the process of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Plan guides the actions Frederick County will take to reduce risk from disasters over the next five years and beyond. It is meant to work with new and existing plans, building and zoning regulations, and environmental projects.

Public input is critical to determine project needs and priorities for the Plan. A survey is available at [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HMPSurvey](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HMPSurvey). Completing the survey should take no more than 10 minutes.

The Plan allows the county to be better prepared and more able to quickly resume normal operations after a disaster by identifying projects that will reduce impacts from hazards. Frederick County has faced hurricanes, damaging winds, flooding, tornadoes and many other hazards. If damage can be prevented before it occurs, lives can be saved and recovery costs reduced.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan also allows the county to receive funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reduce our community's vulnerability to disasters. This funding is very important in helping the county continue to grow and develop safely.

For more information on the Frederick County Hazard Mitigation Plan update visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HMP](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HMP).

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