

Jackson County, Iowa Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Jackson County Planning Team Seeks Public Input

Jackson County, IA — The public is encouraged to review and comment on the Jackson County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update before the plan is finalized. The plan includes an updated strategy to reduce damage and losses caused by hazard events. The final draft of the plan will be available online and in hard-copy from March 18th to March 29th. The purpose is to provide information to the public on the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as well as gain public input.

Taxpayers pay billions of dollars each year for disaster recovery. Some events are predictable, and often, damages can be reduced or eliminated. The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires communities to develop an approved local hazard mitigation plan to remain eligible for certain federal funding.

Jackson County invited representatives from County departments, the incorporated cities, public school districts, and other mitigation planning stakeholders to work together to develop this plan update. The planning Team addressed multiple hazards—ranging from drought and severe winter storms to tornadoes and flooding—and considered the impacts of these events on local communities. Based on the results of an updated risk assessment of the hazards, team members updated the strategies for their jurisdictions to reduce damages caused by the various hazards. The team consulted with Wood Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. to assist with the plan update and ensure that the final plan meets federal regulations.

The planning team would like input from the public on the updated strategy to lessen impacts of future disasters on people and property in Jackson County. The Plan will also be reviewed by the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (IA HSEMD) and then submitted to FEMA for review and approval. Public comments will be considered by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team and incorporated into the final plan, as appropriate. The final plan must be approved by the governing body of each participating jurisdiction, IA HSEMD, and FEMA before becoming official. From March 18th to March 29th, the final draft plan will be available for your review at the following locations:

Online at: www.bellevueia.gov
www.maquoketaia.com
<https://co.jackson.ia.us>

In hard-copy during normal operating hours at:

Bellevue Public Library
106 N. 3rd Street
Bellevue, IA 52031

Maquoketa Public Library
126 S Second St
Maquoketa, IA 52060

Preston Public Library
1 W Gillet
Preston, IA 52069

For more information on this planning effort, or to provide your comments, please contact Lyn Medinger, Jackson County Emergency Management Coordinator at 563-542-3911 or via email at lmedinger@co.jackson.ia.us.