

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. What is the All Hazard Mitigation Plan?	The All Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies hazards in Goodhue County, assesses the County's risk for each hazard, and provides an action plan for reducing or eliminating loss of life and property damage resulting from hazards.
2. Why do we have an All Hazard Mitigation Plan?	<p>The purpose of the Plan is to reduce or eliminate loss of life and property damage resulting from natural, technological, and human-caused hazards. Taking action to reduce damage now can save money later. Having a FEMA approved Plan allows Goodhue County to be eligible for funding from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazard Mitigation Grant Program • Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program • Flood Mitigation Assistance • Severe Repetitive Loss
3. Goodhue County has a Plan already. Why are we going through the process again?	<p>Hazard mitigation is an ongoing process, and the Plan needs to be updated to include new hazards, risks, and mitigation strategies. The Goodhue County All Hazard Mitigation Plan was originally adopted in 2005. FEMA requires that the Plan be updated every five years. We are updating the plan now so that our eligibility for mitigation assistance programs will not expire in 2010.</p>
4. Don't we have other Plans for how to respond to emergencies?	Goodhue County and local jurisdictions have plans for responding to emergencies when they occur. The purpose of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify actions that could be taken before there is an emergency to reduce or eliminate resulting damage.
5. Who is involved in the planning process?	<p>There are several groups involved in the planning process:</p> <p><u>The Public</u> Identify hazards and risks, propose mitigation actions, and provide general feedback on the Plan</p> <p><u>The Policy Committee</u> Representatives from cities, townships, school districts, tribal communities, and organizations who assess risks and identify mitigation strategies specific to their jurisdiction</p> <p><u>Government Agencies</u> Provide data pertaining to the County profile and feedback regarding what mitigation strategies have been done and what mitigation projects could be accomplished in the future</p> <p><u>The Technical Committee</u> Goodhue County staff who compile input from the public, government agencies, and the Policy Committee into the final Plan</p> <p><u>Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management and FEMA</u> Review the Plan, provide feedback, and approve final Plan.</p>
6. What is the planning process?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and Profile Hazards 2. Assess Vulnerability 3. Set Mitigation Goals 4. Identify Mitigation Strategies (Actions/Projects) 5. Prioritize and Implement Strategies 6. Monitor, Evaluate, and Update
7. How can I participate in the planning process?	Do you know of a hazard? Do you know of something at risk of being damaged by a hazard? Do you have an idea for a mitigation action? Please let your jurisdiction's representative or a technical committee member know. Also, please fill out a survey available online or at public meetings.