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Dear Onondaga County Hazard Mitigation Plan Partners -

You are receiving this email as the local elected official and/or Jurisdictional Point-of-Contact for the ***Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan*** (HMP).

The Onondaga County Department of Planning is now undertaking a required 5-year review and update to our Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is a FEMA-required planning document intended to document our local vulnerability to certain natural hazards, and help reduce loss of life and damage to property in the event of a natural disaster. As a local municipality and as a prior participant in the County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, your participation in this plan update process is strongly encouraged.

What is required to participate?

To assist local jurisdictions in meeting FEMA hazard mitigation requirements, the Department of Planning has applied for and received FEMA funding for the multi-jurisdictional plan update for all participating jurisdictions, and has hired a consultant, Integrated Solutions Consulting (ISC), to work with the Planning Department to manage the plan update process and facilitate your involvement.

There is no cost to participating jurisdictions. The Planning Team will be completing the lion's share of the plan update. The primary local requirement is a commitment of staff to review and update your Jurisdictional Annex (your chapter of the plan) with any updates to local regulations, hazard events occurring in your community and potential mitigation activities, with assistance from the Planning Team. Once the plan has been approved by FEMA, formal adoption of the plan by participating jurisdictions is also required.

Why is this so important?

Please note that approved mitigation plans are a requirement to be eligible for projects funded under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs: the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program; and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program and other FEMA programs, including the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD). Mitigation plans must be reviewed and updated every five years and formally adopted by each participating jurisdiction's governing body as part of receiving approval.

Statement of Intent

As we begin the 5-year update, the Department of Planning is requesting that you confirm your intent to participate, and identify two points of contact that will represent your community or special district during the update of this plan. Please note that the planning point-of-contact is not expected to do all of the work required of the jurisdiction. Rather, they are tasked with the responsibility to ensure work gets completed by the appropriate people within their jurisdiction and within specified periods of time.

Please complete the attached form and return to us by July 15, 2024. You can complete and sign the PDF form electronically, or you may print, sign, scan, and email a copy to jefferyharrop@ongov.net.

Links

Visit the County's Hazard Mitigation webpage at <http://ongov.net/planning/haz.html> and FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance webpage (<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>) for more detailed information on the planning process.

We look forward to your participation, and receipt of your Statement of Intent. Please contact the Department of Planning staff with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Ryan McMahan, II". The signature is stylized and cursive.

J. Ryan McMahan, II
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