

ONEIDA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING UPDATE SURVEY, 2013
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TO: Oneida County's Citizens, Workers, Business Owners and Landowners

FROM: Oneida County Soil and Water Conservation District and
Oneida County Emergency Services

RE: Oneida County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

DATE: March 3, 2013

The Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan is a vital tool for disaster preparedness and response. The Plan was prepared by the Oneida County Soil and Water Conservation District in partnership with the Oneida County Department of Emergency Services. Hazard Mitigation Plans are required by FEMA for each municipality throughout the Nation. The Plan has two main objectives. First, communities must identify natural hazards of concern and estimate the potential credible worst case scenarios related to each hazard. Second, officials must establish a list of projects and practices in order to make their communities more disaster-ready. Projects, called mitigation strategies, can include things like removing structures that are repetitively damaged by flooding, re-sizing culverts that are frequently damaged by stormwater, or educating residents on emergency kits. The Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA in 2008. The Soil and Water Conservation District and County Emergency Services are currently in the process of completing the required 5 year update. We are asking for your help in this task. Please take 5 minutes to complete the Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey. Your responses will help us to understand and better describe local hazards of concern and potential projects that will improve disaster preparedness.

Responses can be collected in a variety of ways. You can complete the survey at no cost online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Oneida_Co_Hazard_Mitigation_Plan_Update_Survey_2013. Your response will be forwarded to us at the SWCD. Paper copies of the survey can be obtained at your local municipal office. Surveys are being collected at the municipal office. Surveys can also be faxed to the SWCD at 736-3335. If you have any questions about the Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey or the Plan itself, please feel free to contact me at the SWCD at 736-3334.

If you are interested in viewing the current copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, please visit the Oneida County SWCD's website at www.OneidaSWCD.org. Please select Programs and then scroll down to Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Thank you for your input!

Jo-Anne Humphreys, Oneida County SWCD

1) Where do you live or work in Oneida County?

In the check box, please place a **W for Work** and an **H for Home**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annsville | <input type="checkbox"/> Holland Patent | <input type="checkbox"/> Sangerfield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Augusta | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirkland | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherrill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ava | <input type="checkbox"/> Lee | <input type="checkbox"/> Steuben |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barneveld | <input type="checkbox"/> Marcy | <input type="checkbox"/> Sylvan Beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boonville Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshall | <input type="checkbox"/> Trenton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boonville Village | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hartford Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Utica |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridgewater Town | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hartford Village | <input type="checkbox"/> Vernon Town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridgewater Village | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Mills | <input type="checkbox"/> Vernon Village |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camden Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Oneida Castle | <input type="checkbox"/> Verona |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camden Village | <input type="checkbox"/> Oriskany | <input type="checkbox"/> Vienna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clayville | <input type="checkbox"/> Oriskany Falls | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinton | <input type="checkbox"/> Paris | <input type="checkbox"/> Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deerfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Prospect | <input type="checkbox"/> Westmoreland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florence | <input type="checkbox"/> Remsen Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitesboro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floyd | <input type="checkbox"/> Remsen Village | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitestown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestport | <input type="checkbox"/> Rome | <input type="checkbox"/> Yorkville |

2) Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

- A Renter
- A Homeowner
- A First Responder
- A Business Owner
- Employed in Oneida County but live elsewhere.

3) In the past 5 years, have you experienced or been impacted by a natural disaster in Oneida County?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe the event(s).

4) Which of the following have you done to reduce your vulnerability to natural hazards?

	Done	Need More Help	Not Necessary
<input type="checkbox"/> Established a Family Escape Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Created an Emergency Supply Kit*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Arranged for Pet Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Arranged for care for those with special needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain smoke alarms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a CO (Carbon Monoxide) alarm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase flood insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a weather radio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5) If you have an emergency kit, what is in it?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable, battery powered radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Eating Utensils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight(s)/glow sticks | <input type="checkbox"/> Identification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Photocopies of important documents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable food | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra sets of keys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking water (or filtering mechanism) | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Can Opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet supplies (leash, pet food, drinking water, vet's contact information) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency heating equipment & blankets | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone and charger | |

6) Which 5 hazards do you believe are a significant threat to your community?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Contamination | <input type="checkbox"/> Infestation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blight | <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Unrest | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Storm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Structure Collapse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrorism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake | <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado (including microbursts) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epidemic | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Accidents (mass casualties) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosion/Structure Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Failure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Temperatures | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply Contamination (public supplies) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding (floodzone and storm related) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food/Fuel Shortage | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Storm (Severe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Jam | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Storm | |

7) Are there any other hazards that you feel are a significant threat to your community?

8) Please share your thoughts about disaster management planning in Oneida County. What is working, what would you like to see improved?

9) There are 6 broad categories of community-wide practices that can reduce our overall risk to natural hazards. Please tell us how important you think each one is for your community to implement.

	Level of Importance		
	Very	Somewhat	Not
Prevention: <i>Actions to influence the way that land is developed by regulating construction in areas that are vulnerable to hazards (ie, flooding, steep slopes).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Property Protection: <i>Actions to protect or remove properties from hazard impact by elevating, removing or strengthening.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Education and Awareness: <i>Actions to inform the public about hazards and actions that they can take to protect life and property.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural Resource Protection: <i>Actions to preserve or restore the function of natural systems such as wetlands and stream buffer areas.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Services Protection: <i>Actions that protect people and property during and immediately after an event including warning systems, evacuation planning, protection of water and sewer lines, protection of critical facilities.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structural Projects: <i>Construction projects including flood walls, detention basins, storm sewers, etc in order to reduce the impact of natural hazards.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10) Please list specific projects that need to be completed to make your community safer from natural disasters. (ie, enlarging culverts, removing homes from floodzones, etc).

11) What is the most effective method for you to receive information about disaster preparedness?

- Television
- Cell Phone
- Radio
- Internet (including Social Media)
- Email
- Direct Mail
- Newspaper
- Public Events such as Farmers' Markets and Community Events
- Public meetings and workshops
- Other

Thank you for helping us with the update to the Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan!

Completed surveys are being collected at your local municipal office. They can be mailed to the Soil and Water Conservation District at 121 Second Street, Oriskany, NY 13424. We will also accept faxed copies at 736-3335.

Please find the existing Hazard Mitigation Plan at www.oneidaswcd.org. We'll be editing the plan throughout the next several months so please check that website for updates.