



Hardin County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023 Update

Public Survey

One of the key components of a hazard mitigation plan is public input during the planning process. The planning committee will be evaluating information on the hazards that impact each jurisdiction within Hardin County. The committee is seeking your input on the hazards that will be evaluated as well as your opinions on the types of activities that should be considered to reduce future impacts. Your comments will be considered as the plan is developed. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions.

1. Do you live and/or work in Hardin County? Please select the answer that best applies.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I live in Hardin County
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I live and work in Hardin County
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I live in Hardin County, but work in another county
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I work in Hardin County, but live in another county
<input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not live or work in Hardin County
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

2. How long have you lived or worked in Hardin County?

<input type="checkbox"/> 0-2 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-11 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 or more years
<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

3. Please select which jurisdiction you live in; please only select one for each survey completed. If you belong to more than one, please complete multiple surveys.

<input type="checkbox"/> City of Ackley	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Hubbard	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Radcliffe
<input type="checkbox"/> City of Alden	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Iowa Falls	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Steamboat Rock
<input type="checkbox"/> City of Buckeye	<input type="checkbox"/> City of New Providence	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Union
<input type="checkbox"/> City of Eldora	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Owasa	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Whitten
<input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Hardin County/Hardin County Officials		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

4. Do you have Flood Insurance?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable



5. Please Indicate those activities you have done to prepare for emergencies and disasters. Select all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> An Emergency Response Plan
<input type="checkbox"/> Flood Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/> 72 Hour Kit/Disaster Supply Kit
<input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed local websites and news stations for emergency and disaster related information.
<input type="checkbox"/> Evacuation Plan
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased a Weather Radio
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed up for Alert Iowa Emergency Notification System or similar alert system
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

6. Please rank your level of concern regarding these hazard events occurring in your jurisdiction or impacting your residence or workplace. Please rate each hazard as follows:

1 = No Concern or Unlikely to Occur, 2 = Some Concern or Occur Occasionally,

3 = High Concern or Likely to Occur, 4 = Extreme Concern or Highly Likely to Occur.

Animal and Plant Disease		Human Infectious Diseases	
Dam Failure		Infrastructure Failure	
Drought		Severe Thunderstorms (Includes Hail and Lightning)	
Earthquake		Severe Winter Storms	
Extreme Temperature		Sinkhole	
Flooding		Terrorism and Civil Unrest	
Grass and Wildland Fire		Tornado and Windstorm	
Hazardous Materials Release		Transportation Incident	

7. What types of hazards have you experienced in your community? (Check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Animal and Crop Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Grass and Wildland Fire	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe Thunderstorms (Includes Hail and Lightning)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Storms
<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Infectious Diseases	<input type="checkbox"/> Terrorism and Civil Unrest
<input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Tornado and Windstorm
<input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Temperature	<input type="checkbox"/> Sinkhole	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Incident
<input type="checkbox"/> Flooding		



8. For each of the hazards selected in question 7, describe the impacts to you, your home, your neighborhood, and/or your community and where the impacts were experienced within your jurisdiction. For example, after a storm event have you experienced property damage or loss?

9. What is the best way for you to receive information about preparing for a disaster?

- Local Community Website
- Hardin County Emergency Management website/social media
- Federal websites (FEMA.gov)
- Social Media (Facebook/Twitter)
- Emergency Text Alerts
- Radio Alerts
- Newsletters
- Public Meetings
- Social events (fairs, craft show, sport events, etc.)
- Others:

10. Preparing for a disaster can take many forms. Of the following items, please circle its level of importance to you.

Protecting People	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral
Protecting Private Property	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral
Protecting Community Assets (Parks, Community Buildings)	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral
Protecting Critical Facilities (Hospitals, Fire/Police Stations, Utilities)	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral
Preventing Development in Hazardous Areas (ex. Flood prone areas)	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral
Protecting Natural Environment	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral
Protecting Historical/Cultural Landmarks	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral
Increasing Cooperation between Emergency Response Agencies and the Public	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral
Improving Emergency Response Capabilities (fire/police/emergency management equipment and training)	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral



11. Of the following projects, select the ones that you believe would improve your community's ability to reduce risk and be more resilient?

- Warning Systems/Tornado Sirens
- Backup Generators
- Property Acquisition and Elevation
- Safe Rooms – Public and Private Structures
- Utility Protective Measures (Electric, Gas, etc.)
- Water and Sanitary Sewer System Protective Measures
- Stormwater Management – Diversions, Detention/Retention Basins, Culverts
- Local Flood Control Systems for Critical Facilities
- Others:

12. What is one thing you'd like your community to do to help reduce risk to natural disasters or severe weather events in the future?

13. Comment on any other issues that the HMP committee should consider in developing a strategy to reduce future losses caused by hazard events.

Thank you for your time! Completed surveys may be dropped off, mailed, or emailed to:

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For more information on the plan, please visit <https://www.jeo.com/HardinCountyHMP>.