



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Planning for Our Region's Future

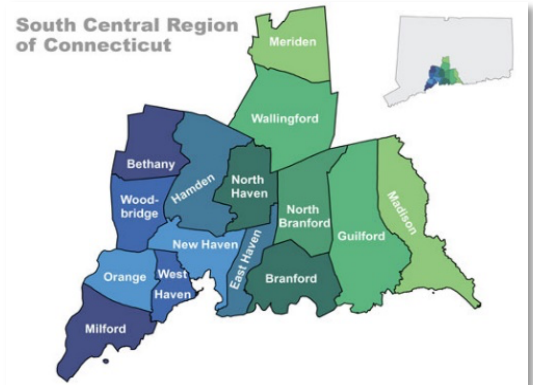
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Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Fact Sheet PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT NEEDED

SCRCOG has received funding from the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) to update the South Central Region: Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The plan serves as an essential strategy for reducing current and future risks to natural hazards and improving the emergency preparedness in all fifteen municipalities. Updates are required every five years. This update is scheduled for completion in January 2023.



A Regional Plan with Local Focus

Updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan requires involvement from each of SCRCOG's 15 municipalities and the public. SCRCOG has hired Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC, the author of the two previous versions of this plan, to lead the project update. The update began in April 2022 with a completed plan, ready for public and state review, expected in January 2023.

The SCRCOG Hazard Mitigation Plan Update will focus on the identification, assessment, and mitigation of natural hazards such as **winter storms, hurricanes, and coastal flooding**. The plan will result in a list of mitigation actions or projects each municipality can take to save lives and reduce damages. It will also double as a creditable "floodplain management plan" under FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS).

An Advisory Committee with representation for each municipality has been formed to guide the planning process and facilitate local engagement. This Committee is hosting meetings in each municipality with a diverse group of local leaders to local government staff. Virtual public meetings will be held in September 2022 and January 2023; details will be announced on the project webpage and through news media.

GET INVOLVED TODAY YOUR OPINIONS MATTER!

Take the Mitigation Planning Survey in English or Spanish:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCRCOG2023> or
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCRCOG2023espanol>

Visit the Project Web Page:

<https://scrcog.org/regional-planning/regional-hazard-mitigation/>

NATURAL HAZARDS THREATEN LIVES, PROPERTY, AND ASSETS

- Hazard Mitigation Plans Identify Activities to Mitigate These Risks
- Share Your Ideas Today
<https://scrcog.org/regional-planning/regional-hazard-mitigation/>

South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG)

The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) brings together local governments to coordinate transportation planning, regional planning, and municipal services programs on a regional basis. SCRCOG provides a forum to foster communication and collaboration among its member municipalities in identifying and addressing these and other regional issues.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Once approved by FEMA, the plan makes each municipality eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs and other non-emergency disaster assistance.

Hazard Mitigation Plans form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

The greatest value of a hazard mitigation plan is in the implementation of cost-effective mitigation measures that reduce or eliminate short- and long- term risk to life and property.

TAKE THE PUBLIC SURVEY TODAY

- Identify hazards of concern
- Recommend ways to adapt to climate change
- Name specific areas of your community that are vulnerable to hazards
- Define your priorities for mitigating risk
- Recommend strategies for projects your community can take

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