



**2019 Cook County
Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard
Mitigation Plan Update**



COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND REGIONAL SECURITY
Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Planning Partner Adoption

Cook County 2013



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- **The 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan:**
- First ever Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cook County
- Largest Hazard Mitigation Plan in the County
- Adopted by all 117 participating jurisdictions including Des Plaines and Chicago

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Mitigation Plan Update Process

1. Establish & Document the Planning Process
2. Understand Your Community
 - Conduct Community Profile
3. Assess Risks:
 - Hazard Profile & Risk Assessment
4. Mitigation Strategies & Actions
5. Plan Maintenance & Governance (Adopt the Plan)



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2019 Update Process

- Outreach to all 135 Municipalities
- 122/135 participating (6 new)
- 3 Webinars for Municipal Points of Contact (POC)
- 3 (North Central, South) Municipal POC Workshops
- Steering Committee Guidance
- Knowledge Management System
- Public Survey
- 3 Public meetings (North, Central, South) for input reading hazards and mitigation ideas

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2019 Update Process:

- 3 Public meetings (North, Central, South) to present draft of the updated Plan.
- Required new mitigation action items from all participating jurisdictions total of 367
- Steering Committee approval
- IEMA/FEMA Approval
- Plan Adoption by Cook County and ALL participating jurisdictions

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Examples of new mitigation action items

- Re-line existing sewer lines to allow for reduction localized flooding
- Upgrade emergency power connection capabilities and critical facilities
- Create and launch a public information campaign via social media and community events on mitigation





What's new for 2019

- More stakeholders
- Increased Coordination
- Increased County Agency Participation
- New Countywide Action Items including green infrastructure
- Improved Website to convey more information
- Mitigation Program... not just a plan!

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New Countywide action items

- Implement and enforce zoning ordinances regarding impervious surface areas in residential and commercial areas to enhance drainage and manage development.
- Implement and sustain Cook County's Disaster Recovery Program.

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Website: <http://cookcountyemergencymanagement.org/hazard-mitigation-plan>

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The browser's address bar shows the URL cookcountyemergencymanagement.org/hazard-mitigation-plan. The website features a navigation menu with the following items: ABOUT EMRS, NEWSROOM, HAZARD MITIGATION (highlighted), PREPARE & TAKE ACTION, REDUCING RISK, and CONTACT. Under the HAZARD MITIGATION menu, there are sub-items: 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan, HMP Steering Committee, Hazard Mitigation Corner, Grant Information, Mitigation Ideas, and Success Stories & Lessons Learned. The main content area includes the heading "Hazard Mitigation Plan" and a sub-heading "Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan I". Below this, there is a paragraph: "Identify risks and sustainable cost-effective actions to mitigate the impact of hazards, protect the life, health, safety, welfare, and economy of the communities." Another paragraph states: "On September 26, 2019, the Cook County Board approved the update to the largest Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan (HMP) ever completed in the United States. Cook County's Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) spearheaded the planning process for the 2019 HMP update." A third paragraph explains: "The 2019 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which received approval from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), means Cook County is eligible to receive funds through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). A total of 122 planning partners were involved in the effort, including 121 of Cook County's 135 municipalities." On the right side of the page, there are three promotional boxes: "COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT" with the tagline "See the latest news around the county", "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING" with the tagline "Report suspicious activity", and "@COOKCOUNTYEMRS" with the tagline "Follow us on Twitter". At the bottom of the page, there is a box for "THE FIRST 96 HOURS" with the tagline "Learn how to protect your family and...". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:28 AM on 12/6/2019.



Moving Forward.....

- Increased Grant Opportunities
- Increased Communication
- FEMA prefers “multi-jurisdictional” effort
- Future Updates will be less complicated
- A More Resilient County !!!

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Questions!

Mitigation *Blizzard*
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Steering Committee
Multi-Jurisdictional
Public Safety
Municipality Participation
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Management Outreach
Illinois
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Safety