

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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Manitowoc County Undertaking Hazard Mitigation Planning – Open House Scheduled and Draft Plan Available for Public Review

Emergency management, response, and planning personnel from the private and public sectors in Manitowoc County have been working together to update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The original plan was developed in 2009 under funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is facilitating the process and drafting the plan.

With this plan, the County has identified mitigation actions aimed at minimizing or eliminating long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards. With the rising costs associated with hazard recovery activities, it is much more cost effective to address hazards before they occur. Additionally, a current plan qualifies the County to apply for FEMA funding to undertake the identified mitigation actions.

Public input is requested on the draft plan. A public informational meeting to present the draft plan, maps, and materials will be held April 9, 2014 from 6:00-7:00 PM at the Manitowoc County Office Complex in Room 300 at 4319 Expo Drive in Manitowoc.

Alternatively, the draft plan can be viewed, and comments submitted online at <http://tinyurl.com/ManHazPlan>. Online comments are being accepted now through May 8, 2014.

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