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St. Louis County to host public meetings about Hazard Mitigation Plan

Reducing and preventing loss of life, damage and costs from a disaster, whether natural or human-caused – that is the purpose of a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires all communities to have such a plan in place in order to qualify for funds through its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

St. Louis County has a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place, and is working to update that plan. The Sheriff's Office – Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, along with the County's Planning and Community Development Department, worked with a team of more than 30 individuals chosen for their technical expertise to analyze risks, set goals, collect data and identify mitigation strategies.

A draft of the plan can be viewed on the County's website. Additionally, the County will host three public meetings for anyone interested in offering feedback about the plan:

Tuesday, February 19, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Richard H. Hanson Public Works and Transportation Complex
4787 Midway Road, Pike Lake

Wednesday, February 20, 11 a.m. to 1: 30 p.m.

Ely Maintenance Facility
2210 East Sheridan Street, Ely

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Thursday, February 21, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Northland Office Center

307 South First Street, Virginia

The document outlines the County's risk for various types of disasters, such as extreme winter storms, floods, wildfires, terrorism, chemical spills and drinking water contamination. It also identifies strategies that may be implemented to reduce the impact of a disaster.

Once the plan is complete, it must be approved by both FEMA and the St. Louis County Board. To view a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, visit stlouiscountymn.gov/mitigation, or contact the Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management Division at (218) 336-4340.

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