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**Broome County
All-Hazard Mitigation
Plan Update
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**Reducing Losses to
Natural Hazards**

Mission Statement

Through partnerships and careful planning, identify and reduce the vulnerability to natural hazards in order to protect the general health, safety, welfare, quality of life, environment, and economy of the residents, businesses, institutions, and communities within Broome County.



Purpose

Broome County's Office of Planning and Economic Development is leading the update of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County and its municipalities. This plan is an opportunity to detail a variety of potential hazards that could affect some or all of our residents and will also allow the County and participating municipalities to be eligible for future mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The goal of the plan is to **identify projects** that can reduce damages from future natural and non-natural hazards. The plan will include a Risk Assessment and a Hazard Mitigation Strategy. The primary hazards of concern in Broome County include Severe Storms, Flooding, and Severe Winter Storms.

The study will focus on existing buildings & potential future development, infrastructure, and critical facilities that might be impacted. Critical facilities include but are not limited to municipal buildings and infrastructure such as power-generation facilities, water utilities, roadways, railroads and communication systems.

How can I provide information to support the plan?

A public survey is posted on the County website at

<http://www.gobroomecounty.com/planning/hazardmitigation>

to obtain input and judge citizen preparedness for natural hazard events.

Please visit the site and complete the survey to provide valuable information for the planning process.

Inform the Planning Committee if you are interested in mitigation of your residential or commercial property.

Where can I review the Draft Plan and provide input if I choose?

Sections of the plan will be available for download and review at the Broome County Planning Department website (<http://www.gobroomecounty.com/planning/hazardmitigation>). Copies of the Draft Plan will also be available in the County Office of Planning and Economic Development for review.

Can I get funding to mitigate my property?

Possibly, once this Plan is approved by FEMA and adopted by the County and participating municipalities, owners of properties vulnerable to flooding may be eligible to receive funding to elevate a structure above base flood elevation, or have their property acquired by their municipality. Generally the property must have a history of NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) damage claims. The property owner may be responsible for up to 25% of the project costs. Interested property owners should contact the Village Engineer identified in this brochure.

A note about NFIP Flood Insurance:

Many properties in Broome County are subject to flooding. Even if your property has never flooded, you may still be flood prone. You can review the flood maps at www.bcgis.com to understand your flood risk.

NFIP flood insurance is available to everyone. Standard homeowner policies do NOT cover flood damage. NFIP flood insurance is available directly from your insurance agent.

If you live in or near a flood prone area get flood insurance. And if you can, mitigate your property.