



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
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Public Notice

Per Section 201.6 44CFR, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) requires all approved local hazard mitigation plans to be updated every five years. Accordingly, the current Geauga County Countywide All Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan will need to be updated and ultimately approved by FEMA by the end of 2025.

We ask each incorporated community within Geauga County to participate in its update. Community participation in the update process not only enhances the plan's development, but it is also required by FEMA. Should you want to review the current version of our County's Hazard Mitigation Plan, it is posted on our website: <https://bocc.geauga.oh.gov/departments/departments-of-emergency-services/plans-and-procedures/>. Upon review, feel free to contact me at the email below with any input or questions you may have. A public hazards survey will be sent out in the next few months to solicit additional public input.

Once the Plan's update is complete and it is approved by FEMA, each jurisdiction will need to formally adopt the updated document. Additional information will be provided regarding this adoption at a future time.

An initial meeting for the planning team has been scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services. Representatives from the State of Ohio will be present to assist with guidance on how to update this Plan. The Department of Emergency Services will complete updates and the required documentation.

Please contact me, if you are interested in attending this meeting and/or would like to participate in our plan update.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger M. Peterson".

Roger M. Peterson, Director
Gauga County
Department of Emergency Services