



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024

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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 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (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. Additionally, a Public Outreach Website has been created for citizens and stakeholders to review. That website can be located at: <https://hazard-mitigation-planning-geauga.hub.arcgis.com/>. The draft is available on the Public Outreach Website also, as well as interactive maps, a public survey, and other information.

Once the plan update is complete and is ultimately approved by FEMA, each incorporated jurisdiction will need to formally adopt the updated plan document. Additional information will be provided regarding this adoption at a later date.

A **Public Draft Review Meeting** has been scheduled for **Monday June 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** This meeting will be located at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services, 12518 Merritt Rd. Chardon, Ohio 44024. Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting to participate in reviewing the draft of the plan prior to it being forwarded to the State of Ohio and FEMA for final approval.

Please contact me if you are interested in attending this meeting

Sincerely,

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