



# SECTION 3. PLANNING PROCESS

## 3.1 Introduction

This section includes a description of the planning process used to update the Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan (also referred herein as the “Hazard Mitigation Plan” or the “plan”), including how it was prepared, who was involved in the process, and how the public was involved.

To ensure that the plan both met the requirements of the DMA 2000, as well as to support the long-term goal of having all jurisdictions in the County covered under a comprehensive and cohesive county-wide DMA 2000 plan, an approach to the planning process and plan documentation was developed to achieve the following:

- The plan will be multi-jurisdictional, with the intention of including all municipalities in the County. Monroe County invited all jurisdictions in the county to join with them in the planning process. To date, all of the 30 local municipal governments in the County have participated in the 2023 plan update process as indicated in Table 3-3-1 below. The format of this plan is such that other entities can readily join in the regulatory 5-year plan update process, as identified in Section 7 (Plan Maintenance).

Table 3-3-1. Participating Monroe County Jurisdictions

Jurisdictions		
Monroe County	Town of Henrietta	Town of Riga
Town of Brighton	Village of Hilton	City of Rochester
Village of Brockport	Village of Honeoye Falls	Town of Rush
Town of Chili	Town of Irondequoit	Village of Scottsville
Village of Churchville	Town of Mendon	Village of Spencerport
Town of Clarkson	Town of Ogden	Town of Sweden
Town/Village of East Rochester	Town of Parma	Town of Webster
Village of Fairport	Town of Penfield	Village of Webster
Town of Gates	Town of Perinton	Town of Wheatland
Town of Greece	Town of Pittsford	-
Town of Hamlin	Village of Pittsford	-

- The plan considers all-natural hazards facing the area, thereby satisfying the natural hazards mitigation planning requirements specified in DMA 2000. In addition, non-natural hazards that pose significant risk were considered as well.
- The plan was developed following the process outlined by DMA 2000, FEMA regulations, and prevailing FEMA and NYS DHSES guidance. Following this process ensures that all the requirements are met and support Plan review. In addition, this plan will meet criteria for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs.

The Monroe County HMP update was written using the best available information obtained from a wide variety of sources. Throughout the HMP update process, a concerted effort was made to gather information from municipal and regional agencies and staff as well as stakeholders, federal and state agencies, and the residents of the county. The HMP Steering Committee solicited information from local agencies and individuals with specific knowledge of certain natural hazards and past historical events. In addition, the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership took into consideration planning and zoning codes, ordinances, and recent land use





planning decisions. The hazard mitigation strategies identified in this HMP have been developed through an extensive planning process involving local, county and regional agencies, residents, and stakeholders.

This section of the plan describes the mitigation planning process, including (1) Organization of Planning Process; (2) Planning Activities; (3) Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement; (4) Public Outreach and Involvement; (4) Integration of Existing Data, Plans, and Information; (5) Integration with Existing Planning Mechanisms and Programs; and (6) Continued Public Outreach.

## 3.2 Organization of Planning Process

This section of the plan identifies how the planning process was organized with the many planning partners involved and outlines the major activities that were conducted in the development of this HMP.

### 3.2.1 Organization of Planning Partnership

Monroe County applied for and was awarded a multi-jurisdictional planning grant under the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program (EMN-2020-BR-063-0007), which has supported the development of this HMP.

Project management and grant administration has been the responsibility of the Monroe County Department of Public Safety – Office of Emergency Management. A contract planning consultant (Tetra Tech) was tasked with:

- Assisting with the organization of a Steering Committee and municipal Planning Partnership;
- Assisting with the development and implementation of a public and stakeholder outreach program;
- Data collection;
- Facilitation and attendance at meetings (Steering Committee, municipal, stakeholder, public and other);
- Review and update of the hazards of concern, and hazard profiling and risk assessment;
- Assistance with the review and update of mitigation planning goals and objectives;
- Assistance with the review of past mitigation strategies progress;
- Assistance with the screening of mitigation actions and the identification of appropriate actions;
- Assistance with the prioritization of mitigation actions; and
- Authoring of the draft and final plan documents.

In July 2022, the County notified all municipalities within the County of the pending planning process and invited them to formally participate. Jurisdictions were asked to formally notify the county of their intent to participate (via a Letter of Intent) and to identify planning points of contact to facilitate municipal participation and represent the interests of their respective communities.

To facilitate plan development, Monroe County developed a Steering Committee to provide guidance and direction to the HMP update effort, and to ensure the resulting document will be embraced both politically and by the constituency within the planning area. Specifically, the Steering Committee was charged with:

- Providing guidance and oversight of the planning process on behalf of the general planning partnership;
- Attending and participating in Steering Committee meetings;
- Assisting with the development and completion of certain planning elements, including:
  - Reviewing and updating the hazards of concern,
  - Developing a public and stakeholder outreach program,
  - Assuring that the data and information used in the plan update process is the best available
  - Reviewing and updating the hazard mitigation goals,
  - Identification and screening of appropriate mitigation strategies and activities; and



- Reviewing and commenting on plan documents prior to submission to NYS DHSES and FEMA.

The Steering Committee provided guidance and leadership, oversight of the planning process, and acted as the point of contact for all participating jurisdictions and the various interest groups in the planning area. Table 3-2 presents the members of the Steering Committee.

**Table 3-2. Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee Members**

Affiliation	Name	Title
Monroe County Department of Public Safety	Matthew Jarrett	Office of Emergency Management
Monroe County Department of Public Safety	Elisabeth Clower	Office of Emergency Management
Monroe County Department of Environmental Services	Clement Chung	Deputy Director
Monroe County Department of Planning and Development	Rochelle Bell	Senior Associate Planner
Monroe County Geographic Information System (GIS) Services Division	Scott McCarty	Operations Manager
Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)	Bill J. Carpenter	Chief Executive Officer
Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District	Kelly Emerick	Executive Director
Monroe County School Superintendents	Dr. Casey Kosiorek	Hilton Superintendent
Monroe Community College in Brighton	Chuck DiSalvo	Public Safety - Coordinator, Strategic Planning
University of Rochester	Dr. John Kessler	Earth and Environmental Sciences, Chair
City of Rochester Fire Department	Jamie Renner	City of Rochester Fire Department, Captain
City of Rochester Emergency Management Office	Karen St. Aubin	City of Rochester Emergency Management
Town of Irondequoit	Erin Magee	Deputy Commissioner of Public Works
Town of Henrietta	Steve Schultz	Town Supervisor

All municipalities in the County were invited to participate in the planning process. It is noted that the Steering Committee members also are part of the overall project Planning Partnership, fulfilling these responsibilities on behalf of Monroe County. This Planning Partnership was charged with the following:

- Representing their jurisdiction throughout the planning process
- Ensuring participation of all departments and functions within their jurisdiction that have a stake in mitigation (e.g., planning, engineering, code enforcement, police and emergency services, public works)
- Assisting in gathering information for inclusion in the HMP update, including the use of previously developed reports and data
- Supporting and promoting the public involvement process
- Reporting on progress of mitigation actions identified in prior or existing HMPs, as applicable
- Identifying, developing, and prioritizing appropriate mitigation initiatives
- Reporting on progress of integration of prior or existing HMPs into other planning processes and municipal operations
- Supporting and developing a jurisdictional annex
- Reviewing, amending, and approving all sections of the plan update
- Adopting, implementing, and maintaining the plan update

Table 3-3 shows the current members of the Planning Partnership as of the time of publication of this plan update.





**Table 3-3. Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Planning Partnership Members**

Jurisdiction	Primary Point of Contact	Title	Alternate Point of Contact	Title
Monroe County	Matthew Jarrett	Office of Emergency Management	Elisabeth Clower	Office of Emergency Management
Town of Brighton	Michael Guyon	Commissioner of Public Works	Chad Roscoe	Junior Engineer
Village of Brockport	Erica Linden	Manager	Dan Verace	Superintendent of Public Works
Town of Chili	Dawn Forte	Secretary to Town Supervisor	David Lindsey	Commissioner of Public Works
Village of Churchville	John Hartman	Mayor	Stacy Stanton	Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Clarkson	Kevin Moore	Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer	Christa Filipowicz	Supervisor
Town/Village of East Rochester	Martin D' Ambrose	Village Administrator	William Marr	Public Works
Village of Fairport	Bryan White	Village Manager's Office	Jill Wiedrick	Planner
Town of Gates	Cosmo A. Giunta	Town Supervisor	Kurt Rappazzo	Director of Public Works and Highways
Town of Greece	Kirk Morris	DPW Commissioner	Matthew Trau	Junior Engineer
Town of Hamlin	Bernard Maier	Fire Marshal	Cheryl Pacelli	Building Inspector
Town of Henrietta	Tim Lessing	Superintendent of Highways	Steve Schultz	Supervisor
Village of Hilton	Mark Mazzucco	Code Enforcement Officer	Jeff Pearce	DPW Superintendent
Village of Honeoye Falls	Richard Milne	Mayor	Brian Anderson	Village Administrator
Town of Irondequoit	Erin Magee	PW Commissioner	Thomas Alber	Emergency Manager
Town of Mendon	John Moffitt	Supervisor	Corey Gates	Building Inspector/Code Enforcement
Town of Ogden	Mike Zale	Town Supervisor	Sue Duggan	Assistant Building Inspector
Town of Parma	Mark Lenzi	Building Inspector	Allen Reitz	Fire Marshal
Town of Penfield	Jeff David	Fire Marshal/Building Department	Mark Valentine	Town Engineer
Town of Perinton	Eric Williams	Assistant to the Commissioner of Public Works	Greg Seigfred	Director of Building and Codes/Department of Public Works
Town of Pittsford	Salvatore Tantalo	Emergency Manager / Fire Marshal	Paul Schenkel	Commissioner of Public Works
Village of Pittsford	Steven Lauth	Building Inspector/CEO/Fire Marshal	Zack Bleier	DPW Superintendent
Town of Riga	Debbie Campanella	Town Councilperson	Brad O'Brocta	Town Supervisor
City of Rochester	Mark Hudson	Deputy Fire Chief	Captain Jamie Renner	Rochester Fire Department, Special Operations Unit
Town of Rush	Gerald Kusse	Town Supervisor	Doug Scarson	Code Enforcement Officer
Village of Scottsville	Maggie Ridge	Mayor	Anne Hartman	Village Clerk
Village of Spencerport	Gary Pender	Mayor	Jackier Sullivan	Village Clerk
Town of Sweden	Kevin Johnson	Supervisor	Patricia Hayles	Deputy Supervisor
Town of Webster	Andrew Vorndran	Fire Marshal/Community Development	Mary Herington	Town Engineer



Jurisdiction	Primary Point of Contact	Title	Alternate Point of Contact	Title
Village of Webster	Jake Swingly	Superintendent of Public Works	Darrell Byerts	Mayor
Town of Wheatland	Jay Coates	Fire Marshal	Linda Dobson	Town Supervisor

The various jurisdictions in Monroe County have differing levels of capabilities and resources available to apply to the plan update process, and further, have differing exposure and vulnerability to the natural hazard risks being considered in this plan. It was Monroe County’s intent to encourage participation by all-inclusive jurisdictions, and to accommodate their specific needs and limitations while still meeting the intents and purpose of plan update participation. Such accommodations have included the establishment of a Steering Committee, engaging a contract consultant to assume certain elements of the plan update process on behalf of the jurisdictions, and the provision of additional and alternative mechanisms to meet the purposes and intent of mitigation planning.

Ultimately, jurisdictional participation is evidenced by a completed annex of the HMP wherein jurisdictions have individually identified their planning points of contact, evaluated their risk to the hazards of concern, identified their capabilities to effect mitigation in their community, and identified and prioritized an appropriate suite of mitigation initiatives, actions, and projects to mitigate their hazard risk; and eventually, by the adoption of the updated plan via resolution. Refer to Section 9 of this HMP.

Appendix D (Participation Matrix) identifies those individuals who represented the municipalities during this planning effort and indicates how they contributed to the planning process.

It is noted that all municipalities in the County actively participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and have a designated NFIP Floodplain Administrator (FPA). All FPAs have been informed of the planning process, reviewed the plan documents, and provided direct input to the plan update. Local FPAs are identified as part of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team presented within each of the jurisdictional annexes in Section 9, as well as in Appendix D (Participation Matrix).

### 3.2.2 Planning Activities

Members of the Planning Partnership (individually and as a whole), as well as key stakeholders, convened and/or communicated on an as-needed basis to share information and participate in workshops to identify hazards; assess risks; review existing inventories of and identify new critical facilities; assist in updating and developing new mitigation goals and strategies; and provide continuity through the process to ensure that natural hazards vulnerability information and appropriate mitigation strategies were incorporated. All members of the Planning Partnership had the opportunity to review the draft plan, supported interaction with other stakeholders, and assisted with public involvement efforts.

A summary of Planning Partnership activities, including meetings held during the development of the plan, is included in Table 3-3. This summary table identifies only the formal meetings and milestone events held during the plan update process and does not reflect the larger universe of planning activities conducted by individuals and groups throughout the planning process. In addition to these meetings, there was a great deal of communication between Planning Partnership members and the consultant through individual local meetings, phone and email.

After completion of the plan, implementation and ongoing maintenance will become a function of the Planning Partnership as described in Section 7 (Plan Maintenance). The Planning Partnership is responsible for reviewing the draft plan and soliciting public comment as part of an annual review and as part of the five-year mitigation plan updates.



Table 3-4 presents a summary of planning activities and general project planning efforts conducted during the plan development process. It also identifies which DMA 2000 requirements the activities satisfy. Documentation of meetings (agendas, sign-in sheets, minutes, etc.) may be found in Appendix C (Public and Stakeholder Outreach).

**Table 3-4. Summary of Mitigation Planning Activities / Efforts**

Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
June 24 and June 29, 2022	-	Meetings with NYS DHSES to discuss planning process timeline, NYS and FEMA requirements	Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, NYS DHSES, Tetra Tech
June 5, 2022	2	Project Start Up Meeting: Discuss proposed planning process and scope of work including documenting participation, schedule, and public and stakeholder outreach and involvement.	Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, Tetra Tech
July 2022	2	All municipalities invited to participate in the planning process.	-
July 15, 2022	2, 3c	GIS data collection meeting	Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, Monroe County GIS Operations, Tetra Tech
Bi-Weekly	-	Weekly project status meeting to discuss action items in support of the expedited planning process	Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, Tetra Tech
	1c, 2	Interested jurisdictions submit Letters of Intent to Participate in this planning process, acknowledging municipal participation requirements and identifying planning point(s) of contact.	See Appendix D
August 1, 2022	-	Meeting with Monroe County Communications Department to discuss communication strategy	Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, Monroe County Communications Department, Tetra Tech
August 9, 2022	1b, 2, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 5c	SC Kickoff Meeting: Review project schedule; review municipal participation, discuss municipal Kick Off meeting and local data collection; review and discuss sources and availability of County and regional data; discuss public and stakeholder outreach efforts.	See Appendix D
August 10, 2022	1b, 2, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a	Municipal Kick-Off Meeting: Complete overview of planning process, plan participant expectations, review of hazards and hazards of concern identification, discussion of data needs and data collection process explaining all provided worksheets, discussion of public and stakeholder outreach efforts	County and municipal representatives and stakeholders. See Appendix D
August 18, 2022	1b	Monroe County Stormwater Coalition Meeting: Presented HMP update process to Coalition and requested input and support. Encouraged municipal representatives to participate in planning process.	Monroe County Stormwater Coalition
August 2022	2	Public project website developed: <a href="https://www.monroecountynyhmp.com/">https://www.monroecountynyhmp.com/</a>	Core Planning Team, Contract Planner
September 2022	2	Online Public Hazard Preparedness and Mitigation survey developed and deployed	Core Planning Team, Contract Planner



Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
September 2022	2	Online Stakeholder Hazard Mitigation surveys developed and deployed	Core Planning Team, Contract Planner
September 2022	2	Online Neighboring County Mitigation survey developed and deployed	Core Planning Team, Contract Planner
October 6, 2022	2	Public Information Meetings on planning process held	Core Planning Team, NYS DHSES, Public
October 13, 2022	1a, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d	Steering Committee Risk Assessment Meeting	See Appendix D
October 13, 2022	1a, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d	Planning Partnership Risk Assessment Meeting	See Appendix D
October 17, 2022	1a, 2, 4a, 4b, 4c	Mitigation Strategy Workshop	See Appendix D
November 1, 2022	1a, 2, 4a, 4b, 4c	Lakeshore Communities Annex Development Meeting	Town of Brighton, Town of Webster, Town of Parma, City of Rochester, Town of Clarkson, Town of Gates, Village of Hilton, Village of Webster, Town of Greece, Tetra Tech
November 1, 2022	1a, 2, 4a, 4b, 4c	Southeast Communities Annex Development Meeting	Town of Henrietta, Town of Penfield, Town of Rush, Monroe County, Village of Fairport, Village of Honeoye Falls, Town of Perinton, Tetra Tech
November 3, 2022	1a, 2, 4a, 4b, 4c	Southwest Communities Annex Development Meeting	Town of Hamlin, Village of Chile, Town of Wheatland, Town/Village of East Rochester, Village of Churchville, Town of Ogden, Village of Brockport, Village of Scottsville, Town of Riga, Town of Sweden
November 21, 2022	1b, 2, 3, 4, 5	Steering Committee Meeting- Plan Maintenance, Draft Plan Review	Steering Committee; Contract Planner See Appendix D
November 23, 2022	2	Draft Plan posted to public project website	Public and Stakeholders
November 29, 2022	1b	FEMA Flood Risk Insurance Open House. Information on the HMP planning process was made available to attendees. Attendees were encouraged to review the Draft Plan.	Public and Stakeholders
TBD	1b, 2	Public and stakeholder comments to Draft Plan received and incorporated into Final Plan.	Public and Stakeholders
TBD	All requirements	Final plan submitted to NYS DHSES and FEMA Region II	NYS DHSES, FEMA Region II
Upon plan approval by FEMA	1a	Plan adoption by resolution by the governing bodies of all participating municipalities	All plan participants

Note: TBD = to be determined.

Each number in column 2 identifies specific DMA 2000 requirements, as follows:

- 1a – Prerequisite – Adoption by the Local Governing Body
- 1b – Public Participation
- 2 – Planning Process – Documentation of the Planning Process
- 3a – Risk Assessment – Identifying Hazards
- 3b – Risk Assessment – Profiling Hazard Events
- 3c – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Identifying Assets
- 3d – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Estimating Potential Losses
- 3e – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Analyzing Development Trends
- 4a – Mitigation Strategy – Local Hazard Mitigation Goals
- 4b – Mitigation Strategy – Identification and Analysis of Mitigation Measures
- 4c – Mitigation Strategy – Implementation of Mitigation Measures
- 5a – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan
- 5b – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Implementation through Existing Programs
- 5c – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Continued Public Involvement





### 3.3 Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement

This section details the outreach to, and involvement of, the many agencies, departments, organizations, non-profits, districts, authorities, and other entities that have a stake in managing hazard risk and mitigation, commonly referred to as stakeholders.

Diligent efforts were made to assure broad regional, county, and local representation in this planning process. To that end, a comprehensive list of stakeholders was developed with the support of the Steering and Planning Partnerships. Stakeholder outreach was performed early and throughout the planning process. In addition to “mass media” notification efforts, identified stakeholders were invited to attend the Planning Partnership risk assessment meeting, while key stakeholders were requested to participate on the Steering and/or Planning Partnerships. Information and input provided by these stakeholders has been included throughout this plan where appropriate, as identified in the references.

The following is a list of the various stakeholders that were invited to participate in the development of this plan, along with a summary of how these stakeholders participated and contributed to the plan. This summary listing cannot represent the sum total of stakeholders that were aware of and/or contributed to this plan since formal and informal outreach efforts were utilized throughout the process by the many planning partners involved in the overall effort. Complete documentation of such broad-based and often locally focused efforts is impossible. Instead, this summary is intended to demonstrate the scope and breadth of the stakeholder outreach efforts made during the planning process.

#### 3.3.1 Federal Agencies

**FEMA Region II:** Provided updated planning guidance; provided summary and detailed NFIP data for planning area; presented preliminary regulatory flood products to municipalities and the public; attended meetings; participated in a Mitigation Strategy Workshop; conducted plan review.

Information regarding hazard identification and the risk assessment for this HMP update was requested and received or incorporated by reference from the following agencies and organizations:

- National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)
- National Hurricane Center (NHC)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- Storm Prediction Center (SPC)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Census Bureau

#### 3.3.2 State Agencies

**New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES: Headquarters and Region II):** Administered planning grant and facilitated FEMA review; provided updated planning guidance; attended meetings; participated in the Mitigation Strategy Workshop, provided review of Draft and Final Plan.

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC):** Provided data and information.



### 3.3.3 County and Regional Agencies, Commissions and Non-Profits

The following county/regional agencies, commissions, and non-profits were invited to participate during the planning process. The table below describes how each participated.

**Table 3-5. County and Regional Agencies, Commissions, and Non-Profits**

County and Regional Agencies, Commissions and Non-Profits	Participation
Monroe County Department of Environmental Services	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, completed hazard of concern exercise and goals and objectives exercise and reviewed draft plan.
Monroe County Department of Planning and Development	Served on steering committee, provided input, and reviewed draft plan.
Monroe County Geographic Information System (GIS) Services Division	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, and provided input and reviewed draft plan.
Monroe County Office of Emergency Management	Served on steering committee, attended meetings and reviewed draft plan.
Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, completed hazards of concern exercise and goals and objectives exercise and reviewed draft plan.
Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, completed hazards of concern exercise and goals and objectives exercise and reviewed draft plan.
Monroe County School Superintendents	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, completed hazards of concern exercise and goals and objectives exercise and reviewed draft plan.
Monroe Community College in Brighton	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, completed hazards of concern exercise and goals and objectives exercise and reviewed draft plan.
University of Rochester	Served on the steering committee, provided input, and reviewed draft plan .
City of Rochester Fire Department	Served on the steering committee, provided input, and reviewed draft plan.
City of Rochester Bureau of Operations	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, completed hazards of concern exercise and goals and objectives exercise, and reviewed draft plan.
Town of Irondequoit	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, provided input and reviewed draft plan.
Town of Henrietta	Served on steering committee, attended meetings, completed hazards of concern exercise and goals and objectives exercise and reviewed draft plan.
Monroe County Department of Transportation (MCDOT)	Provided input and reviewed draft plan.
Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park	Provided input and reviewed draft plan.
Monroe County Department of Public Health	Provided input and reviewed draft plan.
Rochester Water Bureau	Provided input and reviewed draft plan.
YMCA of Greater Rochester	Provided input and reviewed draft plan.
YWCA of Rochester& Monroe County	Provided input and reviewed draft plan.
Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach/ Jennifer House	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Rochester Area Community Foundation (Aging Alliance member)	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Mt. Hope Family Center	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Open Door Mission	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Partners Ending Homelessness	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Pencostal Power of Delivery	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Person Centered Housing Options (PCHO)	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Holy Apostles Church	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Holy Childhood	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Hope Initiatives	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
House of Mercy	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.



County and Regional Agencies, Commissions and Non-Profits	Participation
Jewish Family Services	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Baden Street Settlement	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Bethany House	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Beyond the Sanctuary	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of GR	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Bivona Child Advocacy Center	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Booth Haven & Safe Haven	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Catholic Charities (CCCS)	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Catholic Charities (CFC)	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
CCFCS	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
490 Farmers	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Action for a Better Community, Inc.	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Agape Haven of Abundance	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Asbury Day Care Center	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Center for Community Alternatives	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Center for Employment Opportunities	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Charles Settlement House	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Coffee Connection	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Community Place of Greater Rochester	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Compeer Rochester	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
CP Rochester	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Crossroads of Caring, Inc.	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Daystar Kids	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Deaf Refugee Advocacy	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Depaul Hopelink	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Eagle Star Housing	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Empire Justice Center	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Episcopal Diocese of Rochester	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Family Promise of Greater Rochester	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Girl Scouts of Western New York	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Healers Village/ Ubntu Village Works	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Heritage Christian Services	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Hillside	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
JustCause	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Landmark Society of Western NY	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Legal Aid Society of Rochester, NY Inc.	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Lifespan	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.



County and Regional Agencies, Commissions and Non-Profits	Participation
Living Word COGIC Outreach	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Loop Ministries	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
The Center for Youth Services	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
TRU-Impact Inc.	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Urban League of Rochester	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Webster Comfort Care House	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Willow DV Center	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Depaul	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Save Rochester Inc.	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Seneca Waterways Council, BSA	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
Sisters of St. Joseph	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.
SportNet, Division of CP Rochester	Invited to take the stakeholder survey and review the draft plan.

### 3.3.4 County and Regional Agencies, Commissions and Non-Profits

**U.S. Geological Survey (USGS):** Provided data and information.

**Academia (School districts and other academic institutions):** Many municipalities directly involved school district representatives in the planning process, as identified in Table 3-3. Municipalities were asked to invite representatives of their local schools to complete a stakeholder survey. Additionally, the following school districts, colleges, and academic organizations in the county were invited to complete a stakeholder survey and review the draft plan:

- Bryant and Stratton College in Greece and Henrietta
- Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
- Monroe Community College in Brighton with a campus in the city
- Nazareth College in Pittsford
- Roberts Wesleyan College in Chili
- Rochester Institute of Technology in Henrietta
- St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Pittsford
- State University of New York at Brockport
- University of Rochester
- Rochester City School District
- Brockport Central School District
- Churchville-Chili Central School District
- Fairport Central School District
- Gates Chili Central School District
- Penfield Central School District
- Pittsford Central School District
- Allendale Columbia School
- Rochester School for the Deaf
- New York Sea Grant
- Mary Cariola Center
- ROCmusic Collaborative
- EnCompass: Resources for Learning
- Hochstein School

**Law Enforcement:** Many municipalities directly involved police and other law enforcement representatives in the planning process, as identified in Table 3-3. Municipalities were asked to invite their law enforcement agencies to complete a stakeholder survey. Further, the following police departments and law enforcement agencies in the County were invited to complete a stakeholder survey and review the draft plan:

- Fairport Police
- Brighton Police



- Irondequoit Police
- New York State Police
- Monroe County Sheriff
- Brockport Police
- Gates Police
- Rochester Police
- East Rochester Police
- Webster Police
- Ogden Police
- Greece Police

**Fire Districts and Fire Departments:** Many municipalities directly involved fire district/department, haz-mat teams, and rescue team representatives in the planning process, as identified in Table 3-3. Municipalities were asked to invite their fire departments to complete a stakeholder survey. In addition, the following fire district/department, haz-mat teams, and rescue team representatives in the County were invited to complete a stakeholder survey and review the draft plan:

- NY State Fire
- Town of Hamlin Fire Marshal
- Village of Honeoye Falls Fire Chief
- Town of Parma Fire Marshal
- Town of Penfield Fire Marshal
- Town of Pittsford Fire Marshal
- City of Rochester Deputy Fire Chief
- Town of Webster Fire Marshal
- Town of Wheatland Fire Marshal

**Hospitals and Health-Care Facilities:** The following hospitals and health-care facilities in the County were invited to complete a stakeholder survey and review the draft plan:

- Monroe Community Hospital (MCH)
- Strong Memorial Hospital (Strong)
- Highland Hospital
- Rochester General Hospital
- Unity Hospital
- Common Ground Health
- Center for Community Health and Prevention
- National Technical Institute for the Deaf
- Healthi Kids Coalition
- African American Health Coalition
- National Center for Deaf Health Research
- City of Rochester Bureau of Youth Services
- Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative
- Culver Medical Group
- Mental Health Association of Rochester/Monroe County, Inc.
- Rochester Mental Health Center
- Manhattan Square Family Medicine
- Rochester Rehab
- Golisano Autism Center
- Spiritus Christi Mental Health Center
- Huther Doyle
- MC Collaborative
- AutismUp

**Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services:** Municipalities were asked to invite their ambulance and emergency medical service providers to complete a stakeholder survey. In addition, the following ambulance and emergency medical service providers in the County were also invited to complete a stakeholder survey and review the draft plan:

- City of Rochester Emergency Communications
- Monroe County Emergency Medical Services



**Utilities:** In addition to municipal utilities, the following utility companies in the County were invited to complete a stakeholder survey and review the draft plan:

- Monroe County Water Authority
- Rochester Water Bureau

**Transportation:** The following transportation companies and organizations in the County were invited to complete a stakeholder survey and review the draft plan:

- Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services Inc.
- Medical Motor Service

### 3.3.5 Adjacent Jurisdictions

The County has made an effort to keep surrounding jurisdictions apprised of the project and allowed the opportunity to provide input to this planning process via a stakeholder survey and a request to review the draft plan. Specifically, the following adjoining county and state representatives were contacted in September 2022 to inform them about the availability of the project website, draft plan documents and surveys, and invited to provide input to the planning process:

- Orleans County (NY)
  - Division of Emergency Management
  - Planning Department
  - Orleans County Planning Commission
- Genesee County (NY)
  - Office of Emergency Management
  - Genesee County Planning Commission
  - Genesee County Planning Department
- Livingston County (NY)
  - Office of Emergency Management
  - Planning Department
  - Livingston County Planning Commission
- Ontario County (NY)
  - Office of Emergency Management
  - Planning Department
- Wayne County (NY)
  - Office of Emergency Management
  - Planning Department

Input from neighboring counties which responded to the survey is summarized in the section below.

### 3.3.6 Stakeholder and Neighboring County Survey Summaries

The following provides a summary of the results and feedback received by stakeholders who completed the survey. Feedback was reviewed by the Steering Committee and integrated where appropriate in the plan.

#### Stakeholder Survey

The stakeholder survey was designed to help identify general needs for hazard mitigation and resiliency within Monroe County from the perspective of stakeholders, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included



in the mitigation plan. It was distributed to identified stakeholders, including the various county and municipal departments and agencies in the County. As of November 7, 2022, 27 stakeholders completed the survey, with respondents coming from the academic/research sector, business/commerce sector, emergency services sector, and public works. Over 50 percent of respondents identified as being from some other sector. The majority of respondents represented groups that either served the City of Rochester (42.1 percent) or Monroe County as a whole (47.4 percent).

When asked if the organization maintains or manages anything within their designated service area, 63.2 percent said no they do not manage any facilities. For those that did answer, they indicated the following facilities: buildings, stormwater infrastructure, roads, or water/sewer plants. The remaining respondents noted a variety of work including human services, sheltering programs, and spiritual health.

73.7 percent of respondents noted that they work with socially vulnerable populations. Examples of this work included:

- Work with the local and national Deaf communities
- Support for individuals with disabilities
- Support for refugees, the economically disadvantaged, developmentally disabled, and those diagnosed with HIV/AIDS
- Housing and services to the homeless population
- Drug and alcohol addiction services
- Services and support for individuals with autism
- Youth and young adult support including sheltering, crisis nurseries, and transitional living
- Reentry programs for prison release
- Support for those with mental health challenges
- Food distribution

### Hazard and Damage Identification

29.4 percent of respondents indicated that buildings, facilities, or structures their organization is involved with have been impacted by a natural hazard. Of these, respondents noted wind damage to buildings and utilities, mild flooding, and snow/ice storms.

In addition to asking about whether or not their facilities were damaged, stakeholders were also asked what areas they believe to be the most vulnerable to natural hazards, and the problems they face. The respondents provided hazards and impacts:

- Flooding causing water damage and blocking roads
- Flash floods causing the sanitary sewer main to be overwhelmed
- Damage to overhead electric lines
- Tree damage and fall, especially impacting transportation and power supply
- Communication interruptions, heightened by a lack of cell coverage
- Sanitary sewer main gets overwhelmed during flash flooding events
- Power outages causing a halt in internet services

41.2 percent of respondents indicated they did not know if their facilities are prepared for withstanding natural disasters and 17.7 percent said their facilities are not adequately prepared for withstanding natural disasters. 35.3 percent did feel their facility was prepared. Less than half of respondents believed the transportation



infrastructure serving their facilities is designed and equipped to withstand closures and damage due to natural hazards and are able to provide long-term support for your community's needs.

Only 11.8 percent feel their utility infrastructure is equipped to withstand natural hazards and provide uninterrupted service during a hazard event.

### Community Preparedness

43.8 percent of respondents noted they are aware of the location and number of socially vulnerable populations in their community/operating area. Only 13.3 percent felt that education and outreach programs regarding hazards in Monroe County are effective in informing these vulnerable populations on what they should do to prepare for and reduce personal risk to natural disasters.

The majority of respondents were either unsure (40.0 percent) or did not believe (40.0 percent) the public, particularly vulnerable populations are aware of, understand, or take advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services.

Just under half (46.7 percent) of respondents felt that local government understands, supports, and possesses adequate resources for hazard risk reduction efforts in their community. Over half (53.3 percent) of respondents believe that private businesses play a direct critical role in their organization's operation and daily function.

76.9 percent of total respondents being part of an Emergency Operations Plan, 40.0 percent being part of a Continuity of Operations/Government Plan, and 40.0 percent being part of an Evacuation Plan. More than half (66.7 percent) of participants also indicated their organization is resilient with respect to a natural disaster.

### Project Identification

Respondents identified the following projects or programs that could reduce their organization's vulnerability to damages, including operation of service:

- Free and easily accessible training for hazard events.
- Upgrades for communication infrastructure, particularly internet connectivity.

### Neighboring County Survey

The neighboring county survey was sent to the surrounding counties of Monroe due to their proximity to the county and because the effects of hazard events that impact Monroe County would be similar to that of their neighbors. As of Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, two counties submitted the survey (Orleans County and Livingston County).

The Neighboring County Survey was broken down into 5 sections: Emergency Operations and Continuity of Operations Planning, Risk and Vulnerability, Evacuation and Sheltering, Information Sharing, and Projects, Grants, Education and Outreach, each detailed below.

### Emergency Operations and Continuity of Operations Planning

No respondents answered survey questions regarding if any shared service or mutual aid agreements are in place between their county and Monroe County. However, Orleans County noted that Monroe County is involved in their county's emergency operations planning through mutual aid response. Each respondent noted that Monroe County is not involved in their Continuity of Operations Planning. One responded noted that communication improvements are needed regarding emergency operations and disaster response.



### Risk and Vulnerability

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Livingston County noted that they share risk and vulnerability assessments regarding the Mount Morris Dam with Monroe County.

### Evacuation and Sheltering

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None of the respondents indicated if there is collaboration with Monroe County on establishing evacuation routes or alternative evacuation routes. However, Orleans County noted they would consult with Monroe County before making evacuation decisions if the need arose. Livingston County noted that evacuation routes may not be maintained to the same level of protection across county lines.

Orleans County noted they would consult with Monroe County if making sheltering decisions would impact Monroe. No shared spaces for temporary housing were identified.

### Information Sharing

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Both respondents noted they have access to Monroe County's emergency operations centers at the county and local levels.

### Projects, Grants, Education, and Outreach

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Orleans County noted that flooding along the lakeshore is a concern they share with Monroe. Livingston County noted concerns with vulnerabilities associated with Mount Morris Dam. Orleans County shares information on potential shared mitigation projects during Emergency Management Association meetings and would set up follow up meetings as necessary.

Respondents did not identify any projects as requiring cross-collaboration between county boundaries. However, Orleans and Livingston County both noted they collaborate on grant applications through the Hazmat Consortium. Livingston County noted that DMNA and the Red Cross conduct hazard mitigation related outreach in both Livingston and Monroe Counties.

## 3.3.7 Public Outreach

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In order to facilitate better coordination and communication between the Planning Partnership and citizens and to involve the public in the planning process, it was determined that draft documents will be made available to the public through a variety of venues including printed and online format. This effort is intended to increase the likelihood of hazard mitigation becoming one of the standard considerations in the evolution and growth of Monroe County.

The Steering and Planning Partnerships have made the following efforts toward public participation in the development and review of the Plan:

- The public was informed of the hazard mitigation planning effort commencement at the kick-off meeting and through press releases, news articles, and public service announcements released throughout the planning process. Copies of these announcements may be found in Appendix C.
- Media Release to local news sources.
- To inform the public and County agencies of the ongoing plan update effort, updates regarding the mitigation planning process have been made at county-wide meetings including those of the Monroe County Stormwater Coalition
- A public website is being maintained as another way to facilitate communication between the Steering Committee, planning partnership, public and stakeholders ([www.Monroecountynyhmp.com](http://www.Monroecountynyhmp.com)). The



public website contains a project overview, County and local contact information, access to the citizens survey and various stakeholder surveys, and sections of the HMP for public review and comment.

- All participating municipalities have been encouraged to distribute press releases on the project, including links to the project webpage and citizen and stakeholder surveys. Municipalities posting information and supporting online outreach include:
  - Town of Chili
  - Town of Ogden
  - Town of Parma
  - Town of Penfield
  - Town of Perinton
  - Town of Webster
  - Village of Fairport
  - Village of Spencerport
  - Village of Webster
- In order to facilitate coordination and communication between the Planning Partnership and citizens and involve the public in the planning process, the Plan Update will be available to the public through a variety of venues. A printed version of the Plan will be maintained at the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, and Monroe County Department of Planning.
- An on-line natural hazards preparedness citizen survey was developed to gauge household preparedness that may impact Monroe County and to assess the level of knowledge of tools and techniques to assist in reducing risk and loss of those hazards. The questionnaire asks quantifiable questions about citizen perception of risk, knowledge of mitigation, and support of community programs. The questionnaire also asks several demographic questions to help analyze trends.
- The questionnaire was posted on the County website on September 14, 2022, and was available through November 7<sup>th</sup> for public input. All participating municipalities have been requested to advertise the availability of the survey via local homepage links, and other available public announcement methods (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, email blasts, etc.). Roughly 100 responses have been collected. A summary of survey results is provided later in this Section with full results provided in Appendix C of this plan.
- Directed response surveys were distributed to Academia, Fire Departments, EMS, Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations, Business and Commercial interests, Utilities and Law Enforcement stakeholders as detailed in the Stakeholder outreach subsection of this chapter. A summary of survey results is provided later in this Section with full results provided in Appendix C of this plan. In addition, an example of the directed stakeholder surveys is presented in Appendix C.
- Public Information meetings on the HMP update process with both virtual and in-person options were held on October 6, 2022. A recording of one meeting was posted on the HMP webpage.
- The Draft Plan was posted to the public website as of November 23, 2022, for public review and comment. All public comments were directed to the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management for collection and review by the Steering Committee. All public comments received were forwarded to the appropriate jurisdiction and/or agency and incorporated into the final plan as appropriate.
- Information on the draft HMP was made available at a FEMA Flood Risk and Insurance Open House that was hosted by Monroe County and took place during the public review period.
- Once submitted to NYS DHSES/FEMA, the Final Plan will be available for public review and comment in the same manner and format as the Draft Plan, as well as in hard-copy format at the following as identified in Section 7, “Plan Maintenance”.

Examples of virtual outreach via websites and social media completed by the County and municipalities are provided below.



Figure 3-1. Monroe County HMP Webpage and Local On-Line Outreach



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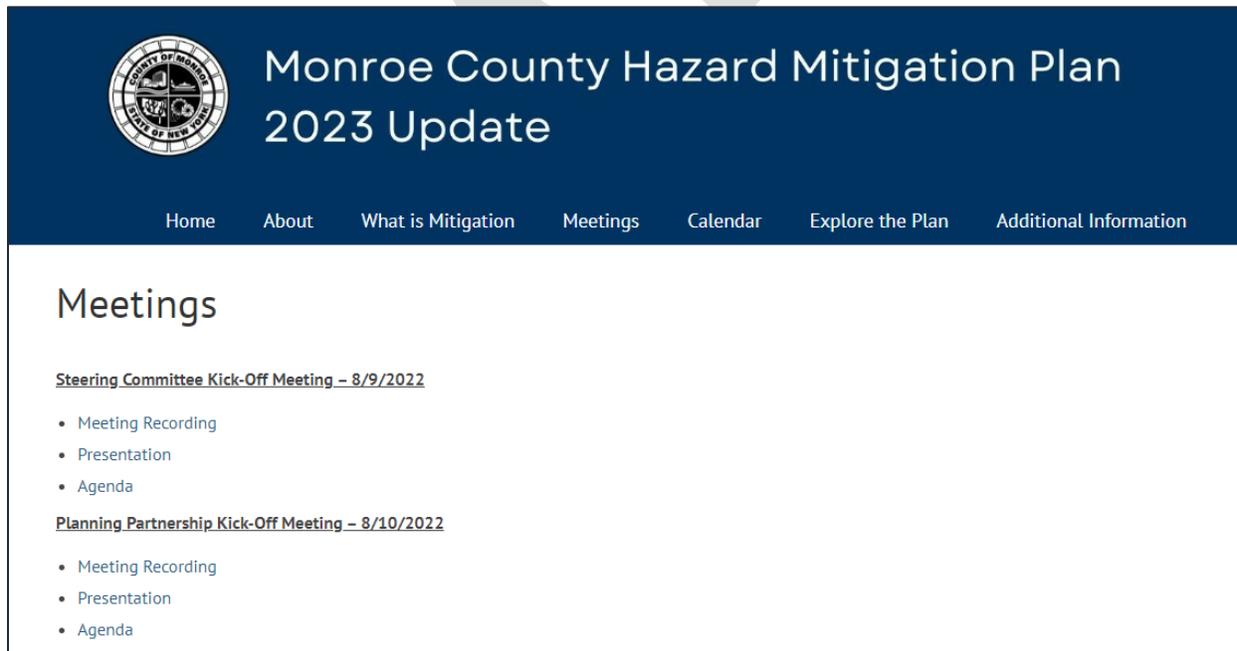
**MONROE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**  
REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION OR GROUP THAT WORKS IN THE COUNTY? WE NEED YOUR HELP!  
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Welcome to the Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Website. This website provides project updates, resources, and links to hazard mitigation in support of the HMP update.

The goal of the project is to save lives and property through the reduction of hazard vulnerability for the entire county. During the course of this planning project, county and local leaders and the community will work in tandem to identify risks, assess capabilities, and formulate a strategy to reduce disaster vulnerability.

Public participation and feedback is a vital part of the hazard mitigation planning process. The Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee has developed a Mitigation Survey to assist in providing the public an outlet to contribute to the Monroe County HMP update. This survey will be used to develop portions of the HMP. Thank you for participating in this important initiative by providing us with your anonymous survey contribution.

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- Meeting Recording
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- Agenda



**Office of Emergency Management**  
Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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Deputy Public Safety Director &  
County Emergency Manager

**Monroe County Continues Work to Update its Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, together with Monroe County and its 30 municipalities, has been updating the County's 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan. As part of this effort, the County is hosting two virtual public meetings on October 6, 2022 at 2 pm and 7 pm to present the individual plan sections and describe the next steps for the planning process including the public review period, review by NYS DSES and FEMA, and the adoption of the plan. Interested members of the public can also sit in on meetings of the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership on October 13 and 17, 2022.

- Public Informational Meetings: October 6 at 2pm and 7pm
- Steering Committee Risk Assessment Meeting: October 13, 10am
- Planning Partnership Risk Assessment Meeting: October 13, 11am
  - Mitigation Strategy Workshop: October 17, 11am

For meeting details, please use the following link: <https://www.monroecountynyhmp.com/meetings/>

As part of the 2023 update, the County is completing a risk assessment to identify hazards that may affect Monroe County and its municipalities, profiled the relevant hazards and their potential consequences, identified assets that are subject to losses or damage, and estimated the potential losses that could result from each type of hazard. The County and its municipalities will use this information to develop a hazard mitigation strategy, which includes the identification of hazard mitigation goals as well as a prioritized list of actions designed to reduce losses.

The 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan also focuses on existing and future buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities that might be impacted by natural disasters. Ultimately, the mitigation projects identified and implemented will reduce vulnerability and enable communities to become more resilient to disasters.

By updating the current Hazard Mitigation Plan, it allows Monroe County and the participating municipalities to remain eligible for future pre-disaster mitigation funding from FEMA. Example of grant-eligible projects include home acquisitions or elevations, retrofitting critical facilities, and local flood control measures.

Information about the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the planning process is posted on the Monroe County HMP plan website at <https://www.monroecountynyhmp.com/>.

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## Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan - Public Survey

### 1. Introduction

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Monroe County Residents,

Monroe County has assembled a team to update our hazard mitigation plan which addresses hazards that may impact our county and municipalities. Please help us plan for future disaster by completing this survey regarding hazards in the county.

This survey is designed to help us gather information from around Monroe County to help us better coordinate activities and reduce the risk of injury or property damage. These questions are for information-gathering only and do not necessarily reflect any intent or future priorities of any governing body. This information will be shared with municipal, state, federal, and county entities for planning purposes only.

You will be asked if you live in a floodplain. If you do not know, or are not sure, please check the FEMA website: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>.

The Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Planning Partnership thanks you in advance for your cooperation and participation.





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This site will provide you with information about our beautiful Village and all of the various festivals and events, as well as our many services. You may contact us at (585) 265-3770 or by visiting our office Monday - Thursday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday between 8:00AM and 11:00AM with your comments, questions, or concerns.

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### Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Is your family storm-ready? Have ideas for making Monroe County more resilient to natural hazards? Let us know! Monroe County is updating it's Hazard Mitigation Plan and are looking for your feedback to inform their planning process. Please take the survey below to give them your feedback.

[Natural Hazard Survey](#)

[Monroe County Project Website](#)

**2022 Fall Events**

### Public Survey Summary

Those that live and work in Monroe County were given the opportunity to be involved in the planning process. One opportunity was the public survey. As stated above, the survey was developed to assess the level of knowledge of tools and techniques to assist in reducing risk and loss of those hazards. It asked quantifiable questions about citizen perception of risk, knowledge of mitigation, and support of community programs. The County advertised the survey on their website and social media accounts. As of November 2022, the survey received 94 responses.

*Most residents receive information concerning natural hazards through the internet (77.5%) or social media (67.6%).*

Demographically, survey respondents were from 22 municipalities within Monroe County, with 51 percent having lived in the County for 20 years or more. The most common (31.9 percent) age of respondents was over the age of 60. The majority (77.5 percent) of residents receive information concerning a natural hazard through the internet. Over half (67.6 percent) receive information through TV news or radio news (57.8 percent).

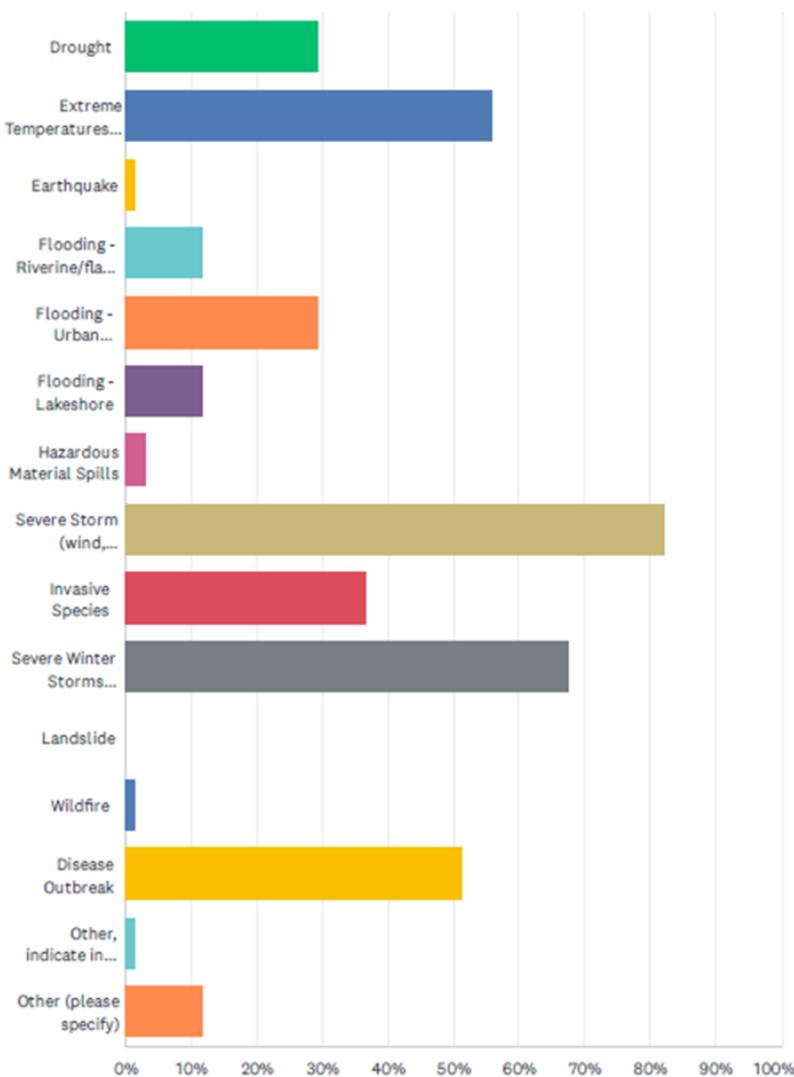
Survey respondents identified the following as the top 5 most frequently occurring natural hazard events within Monroe County in the past 10 years, as shown in Figure 3-2:



- Severe storms – wind, lightning, hail (82.4 percent)
- Severe winter storms – blizzard, heavy snow, ice (67.7 percent)
- Extreme temperature – heat and cold (55.9 percent)
- Disease outbreak (51.5 percent)
- Invasive species (36.8 percent)

*The highest hazards of concern (respondents reporting somewhat concerned, very concerned, or extremely concerned) include Extreme Temperatures, Severe Winter Storms, and Disease Outbreak.*

Figure 3-2. Most frequently experienced natural hazard events in Monroe County



Respondents identified the following as desired projects to implement to reduce the damages due to natural hazards:

- Work on improving the damage resistance of utilities (electricity, communications, water/wastewater facilities etc.) (80.0 percent)
- Improve and strengthen infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems (70.8 percent)



- Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways (46.2 percent)
- Provide better information about hazard risks and high-hazard areas (33.9 percent)
- Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to mitigate their properties (30.8 percent)

Respondents were then given the opportunity to propose their own projects they would like to see implemented in Monroe County. Suggestions included assisting lakeshore property owners with flood protection, stormwater infrastructure upgrades, and electrical utility improvements.

Respondents were asked how much money they would be willing to spend on their current home to help protect it from the impacts of potential future natural disasters. 23.0 percent of respondents indicated they would spend between \$5,000 and \$9,999, while 24.6 percent of respondents do not know how much they would be willing to spend. However, 18 respondents provided the amount of money they have already spent on hazard mitigation, ranging from \$500 to over \$56,000, for items such as stormwater systems, window replacements, and shoreline fortification. 43 respondents indicated they would be incentivized by grants, tax breaks, funding assistance, insurance discounts, low interest rate loans, waivers, and/or lower insurance rates to protect their home from natural hazard impacts.

*Please list any additional types of projects you believe local, county, state or federal government agencies could be doing in order to reduce the damage and disruption of natural disasters in Monroe County.*

*“Help Ontario lakeside property owners with flood protection.”*

*“Storm drains repair and increased drainage for roads and parks.”*

*“Convert overhead power lines to underground”*

Respondents were also asked about their property’s location within the floodplain, and if they have flood insurance. Of the 71 respondents who answered this question, only 5 (7.0 percent) indicated that their property is located in a designated floodplain. However, 7 residents (9.9 percent) indicated their home is covered by flood insurance.

The most self-selected jurisdictions respondents indicated that they live in, include the Town of Perinton, the City of Rochester, the Town/Village of East Rochester, and the Town of Chili.

Municipality-specific responses can be found in Section 9 (Jurisdictional Annexes).

Refer to Appendix D (Public and Stakeholder Outreach) for the full list of survey questions and responses.

### 3.4 Incorporation of Existing Plans, Studies, Reports and Technical Information

The Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan strives to use the best available technical information, plans, studies and reports throughout the planning process to support hazard profiling; risk and vulnerability assessment; review and evaluation of mitigation capabilities; and the identification, development and prioritization of County and local mitigation strategies.

The asset and inventory data used for the risk and vulnerability assessments is presented in the County Profile (Section 4). Details of the source of this data, along with technical information on how the data was used to develop the risk and vulnerability assessment, is presented in the Hazard Profiling and Risk Assessment Section (Section 5), specifically within Section 5.3 (Data and Methodology), as well as throughout the hazard profiles in Section 5.4. Further, the source of technical data and information used may be found within the References section.



Plans, reports and other technical information were identified and accessed online or provided directly by the County, participating jurisdictions and numerous stakeholders involved in the planning effort, as well as through independent research by the planning consultant. The County and participating jurisdictions were tasked with updating the inventory of their Planning and Regulatory capabilities (see Capability Assessment section of each jurisdictional annex in Section 9) and providing relevant planning and regulatory documents as applicable. Relevant documents, including plans, reports, and ordinances were reviewed to identify:

- Existing municipal capabilities;
- Needs and opportunities to develop or enhance capabilities, which may be identified within the County or local mitigation strategies;
- Mitigation-related goals or objectives, considered in the review and update of the overall Goals and Objectives (see Section 6);
- Proposed, in-progress, or potential mitigation projects, actions and initiatives to be incorporated into the updated County and local mitigation strategies.

The following local regulations, codes, ordinances and plans were reviewed during this process in an effort to develop mitigation planning goals and objectives and mitigation strategies that are consistent across local and regional planning and regulatory mechanisms; and thus, develop complementary and mutually supportive strategies, including:

- Comprehensive/Master Plans
- Building Codes
- Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances
- NFIP Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances
- Site Plan Requirements
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Plans
- Stormwater Management Plans
- Emergency Management and Response Plans
- Land Use and Open Space Plans
- Capital Plans
- Climate Smart Community Program
- Community Rating System
- New York State Standard Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2019

During the course of this planning process, a concerted effort was made to review all relevant plans contributing to the capability of the County and each municipality to integrate effective mitigation efforts into the daily activities of the county and municipalities. Documentation of this extensive review is reflected in the capability assessment table in each of the municipal annexes wherein the plan types, names, and dates are indicated in the table as well as a summary of how the plan supports mitigation and resilience.

### 3.5 Integration with Existing Planning Mechanisms and Programs

Effective mitigation is achieved when hazard awareness and risk management approaches and strategies become an integral part of public activities and decision-making. Within the County there are many existing plans and programs that support hazard risk management, and thus it is critical that this hazard mitigation plan integrate and coordinate with, and complement, those existing plans and programs.

The “Capability Assessment” section of Chapter 6 (Mitigation Strategy) provides a summary and description of the existing plans, programs and regulatory mechanisms at all levels of government (Federal, State, County and



local) that support hazard mitigation within the County. Within each jurisdictional annex in Chapter 9, the County and each participating jurisdiction have identified how they have integrated hazard risk management into their existing planning, regulatory and operational/administrative framework (“integration capabilities”) and how they intend to promote this integration (“integration actions”).

A further summary of these continued efforts to develop and promote a comprehensive and holistic approach to hazard risk management and mitigation is presented in Section 7.

### 3.6 Continued Public Involvement

Monroe County and participating jurisdictions are committed to the continued involvement of the public in the hazard mitigation process. This Plan update will be posted on-line (currently at <https://www.monroecountynyhmp.com/>), and municipalities will be encouraged to maintain links to the plan website. Further, the County will make hard copies of the Plan available for review at public locations as identified on the public plan website.

A notice regarding annual updates of the plan and the location of plan copies will be publicized annually after the Planning Partnership’s annual evaluation and posted on the public website (currently at <https://www.monroecountynyhmp.com/>).

Each jurisdiction’s governing body shall be responsible for receiving, tracking, and filing public comments regarding this plan.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the plan as a part of the annual mitigation planning evaluation process and the next five-year mitigation plan update. The HMP Coordinator (currently Mr. Matthew Jarrett of the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management) is responsible for coordinating the plan evaluation portion of the meeting, soliciting feedback, collecting and reviewing the comments, and ensuring their incorporation in the 5-year plan update as appropriate; however, members of the Planning Partnership will assist the HMP Coordinator. Additional meetings may also be held as deemed necessary by the Planning Partnership. The purpose of these meetings would be to provide the public an opportunity to express concerns, opinions, and ideas about the plan.

Further details regarding continued public involvement are provided in Section 7.

After completion of this plan, implementation and ongoing maintenance will continue to be a function of the Planning Partnership. The Planning Partnership will review the plan and accept public comment as part of an annual review and as part of five-year mitigation plan updates.

A notice regarding annual updates of the plan and the location of plan copies will be publicized annually after the HMP Committee’s annual evaluation and posted on the public web site.

Mr. Matthew Jarrett of the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management has been identified as the ongoing County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordinator (see Section 7), and is responsible for receiving, tracking, and filing public comments regarding this Plan Update. Contact information is:

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