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Gratiot County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded Gratiot County a substantial grant to update its existing Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hazard mitigation project grants improve local core capabilities of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery.

Gratiot County's plan expired in January 2017. A current plan is required to maintain the county's eligibility for hazard mitigation project grant funding and to comply with national preparedness goals.

The planning process will include participation by business leaders, elected officials, government professionals and nongovernmental organizations. However, every resident and visitor of Gratiot County could be impacted by the development of the plan and, therefore, citizen input is crucial. There will be a series of public hearings throughout the process, beginning in the fall of 2017. Notice of meetings will be dispersed via broadcast and social media, as well as by print and internet sources. Other methods for providing input will be made available to those unable to attend public meetings.

Gratiot County Emergency Management will be coordinating this collaborative effort in conjunction with a professional planning consultant from the East Michigan Council of Governments. Commencing in the fall of 2017, this process is expected to last through the fall of 2019.

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