

201 W. Washington St.
P.O. Box 439
Clinton, IL 61727
Office Phone: 217/935-7790
Office Fax: 217/935-4733



Micah Gallardo, Coordinator
mgallardo@dewittcountyil.gov
Cellular Phone: 217-433-2187

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Micah Gallardo
217-935-7790

DeWitt County Prepares for Natural and Man-Made Disasters

Clinton, IL (September 25, 2023) — DeWitt County will update its plan to reduce the damages caused by severe weather such as thunderstorms, floods, snow and ice storms, and tornados, among other events. The plan is called a Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the process to update it will be funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“The Plan describes the natural and man-made hazard events that have impacted the County and identifies activities and projects to reduce the risk to residents, property, and infrastructure,” said Micah Gallardo, DeWitt County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator. “By having an updated hazard mitigation plan, the County and participating jurisdictions will remain eligible for federal funds to construct these projects,” he added.

The DeWitt County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 1:30 P.M. The meeting will be in the EOC/County Board Room at the DeWitt County Building, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton. The meeting is open to the public.

The Planning Committee includes representatives from the county, townships, municipalities, schools, fire protection districts, and healthcare services, as well as technical partners and other stakeholders. Meetings of this committee will be conducted over the next year as working sessions so that any interested residents can attend and ask questions. The purpose of these working sessions is to gather and discuss information that will be used to update the Plan.

“This mitigation plan is different from the County’s emergency response plan because it focuses on ways to reduce and prevent damages before they occur,” added Gallardo.