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PUBLIC KICKOFF MEETING ANNOUNCED FOR UPDATE TO MUSCATINE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

MUSCATINE, Iowa - Muscatine County Emergency Management and the Bi-State Regional Commission invite the public to participate in a Kickoff Meeting for the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

A draft agenda with meeting details is available on the Bi-State Regional Commission website at www.bistateonline.org/news.

The kickoff meeting will provide an overview of the project and planning process to update the 2020 Muscatine County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This update is essential to ensuring the county, schools, local jurisdictions, and a broad range of stakeholders—including neighboring jurisdictions—have a voice in developing strategies to reduce risks from natural and man-made hazards.

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The plan will be developed in accordance with the Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide and Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), meeting requirements for FEMA approval. Having an approved and adopted mitigation plan is necessary for eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) and High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) grant programs. These plans must be updated every five years under the Stafford Act, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Section 322).

Community participation is vital to the success of the plan. If you know of other organizations that would be interested, please share this invitation. Bi-State Regional Commission will be assisting Muscatine County in the plan update.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Further questions regarding the project can be addressed to Lisa Ahern at lahern@bistateonline.org or 309-793-6300 Ext. 1122.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HAZARD MITIGATION:

Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. It begins with identifying natural disaster risks and vulnerabilities that are common in communities. After identifying these risks, they develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from similar events. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction. For more information, visit: [Hazard Mitigation Planning](#)

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Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Public Kick-Off Meeting DRAFT Agenda September 30, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Join by Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83184290696?pwd=gcVkACAgcd3bhCCOUMvdEC9vplHBGu.1> Meeting
ID: 831 8429 0696 / Passcode: 566492

Join by Phone

Phone: 1-309-205-3325 / Meeting ID 83184290696# / Password 566492#

1. Introductions

Chris Jasper – Director, Muscatine County Emergency Management

2. Presentation

Denise Bulat – Executive Director, Bi-State Regional Commission

- a. Hazard Mitigation Planning Overview
- b. Plan Update Process and Role of Participating Communities
- c. Project Timeline

3. Initial Feedback and Discussion - All Attendees

4. Public Comments

5. Adjournment