# Help Shape Penobscot County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural disasters like floods, winter storms, high winds, and extreme heat. These actions protect lives, reduce costs from future disasters, and build community resilience.

## Why Does this Matter?

### A Hazard Mitigation Plan helps:

- Protect homes, roads, and public infrastructure
- Plan ahead for emergencies and reduce disaster impacts
- Qualify for federal funding for mitigation projects
- Build a safer, more prepared community

## What's Happening Now?

Communities update their Hazard Mitigation Plans every 5 years to remain eligible for FEMA grants and to ensure plans reflect current risks and priorities. Penobscot County is currently updating its 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan, so we are reaching out to members of the public for your input.

**COMMUNITY SURVEY — HAVE YOUR SAY**
**https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/cSQJDtBAtp**

## How Can I Participate?

### Community Survey

All members of the public are invited to complete this survey before the January 4, 2027 deadline.

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### Join a Public Meeting

Meetings will be held in the spring/summer of 2027, with notices posted on the County's website.

### Review the Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan

Review and provide comments on the Draft Plan in the fall of 2027, when made available on the County's website.

### Reach Out with Questions

Contact Penobscot County EMA Director Chris Fox at cfox@penobscot-county.net or your municipal Emergency Management Director.