

**APPENDIX 3 Public Participation and Involvement of
Other Interested Parties**

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Public Presentation of the Wabash County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Wabash, IN (April 25, 2019) – Wabash County, in cooperation with LaFontaine, Lagro, North Manchester, Roann, and Wabash have prepared an update to the 2011 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) to address the risk and vulnerability of communities in the county which may be affected by known natural, technological, and political hazards.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires communities to update their MHMP every five years in order to be eligible for any future mitigation funding through the State Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The intent of the MHMP is to plan for a disaster before it occurs in order to reduce the physical, social and economic impact of that disaster.

The draft Wabash County MHMP Update may be accessed through: <https://tinyurl.com/85MHMP>

Topics covered in the Update include: an overview of the planning requirements; a summary of the risk assessment and vulnerability analysis; and proposed mitigation projects for prevention, property protection, natural resource protection, emergency services, structural control projects, and public information.

Comments will be accepted through Friday, May 24, 2019. Please submit comments to Keith Walters at 260.563.3181 or wabashcountyema@wabashcounty.in.gov

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Wabash County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update



**Please take some time to
review and provide
comments on the**

**The 2019 Wabash
County MHMP Update**

**This helps us create a better
plan, prepare for hazards
that may affect Wabash
County and the
communities, and
become more resilient
should an event occur.**

**Your time and efforts are
appreciated!**

The Wabash County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) Update is a multi-jurisdictional planning effort led by the Wabash County Emergency Management Office. The previous MHMP, adopted in 2011 was the necessary first step of a multi-step process to implement programs, policies, and projects to mitigate the effect of hazards in Wabash County. A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved MHMP is required to be eligible for disaster mitigation funds.

FEMA also requires communities to update and resubmit the MHMP every five years to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding. The intent of this current planning effort is to replicate the process of identifying the hazards and the social, physical, and economic impact that they affect Wabash County as well as to discuss mitigation measures implemented within the last five years.

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