

BRADD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

FACT SHEET

Natural disasters can't be prevented, but their impacts can be reduced through hazard mitigation.

WHAT IS HAZARD MITIGATION?

Hazard Mitigation is any action taken to eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to human life and property from natural and technological hazards.

WHAT IS HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING?

- Identification of risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural and manmade disasters
- Development of long-term strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events



PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PLAN UPDATE

In an effort to reduce the Nation's mounting losses from natural disasters, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) in order to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Section 322 of DMA 2000 emphasizes the need for state and local government entities to closely coordinate on mitigation planning activities, and makes the development of a hazard mitigation plan a specific eligibility requirement for any local government applying for federal mitigation grant funds. These plans are mandated to be updated every five years in order to remain eligible. The Barren River Area Development District Hazard Regional Mitigation Plan is set to expire September 2011.

PROCESS

- Research a full range of natural hazards
- Identify subset of significant hazards; these will be the focus of the plan
- Identify location and extent of hazard areas
- Identify assets located within hazard areas
- Characterize existing and potential assets and vulnerabilities
- Assess vulnerabilities to the identified hazards
- Evaluate and prioritize goals, objectives, and hazard mitigation actions
- Implement the Plan and monitor its progress

For More Information

A multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Page has been developed on the BRADD website. We encourage you to visit the website for additional information and updates at: www.bradd.org/hazards.