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Wayne County Receives Funding for Development of Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Centerville, Iowa ---In February 2009, Wayne County received federal and state funding to compile and complete information for a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is being written and prepared by Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments through process development and data collection. The county is sponsoring the plan and is closely working with the Wayne County Emergency Management Coordinator as well as county and community representatives since the start in 2009. The draft plan will be presented to Iowa Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval in February 2012. Mitigation planning is the process of determining what hazards are present or what disasters can or have influenced a community. Once those concerns have been determined, actions (mitigation measures) are identified on how to be able to reduce or eliminate the impact of disasters and emergency situations in the area.

Those participants in the planning process determined that the following disasters were the top critical hazards for this area from the determined list of 40 identified hazards in the State of Iowa Hazard Mitigation Plan: Windstorms/High Wind Events, Severe Winter Storms, Extreme Heat, Flash Flooding, Tornado, Hailstorms, Thunderstorms/Lightning, Communication Failure, Highway Transportation Incident, and Radon/Lead concerns. By identifying the critical hazards, the county and communities are able to apply for possible grant funding through FEMA and state funding sources to reduce or remove the impact of these hazards on the area.

The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will need to be reviewed annually and updated in 5 years. Currently you may review the plan at the offices of the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors, Appanoose County Courthouse; ADLM Emergency Management, 12307 Highway 5 North, Moravia, 52571 or Chariton Valley Planning & Development, 308 North 12th Street, Centerville, Iowa. It will later be available at; www.charitonvalleyplanning.com website.

The county has an In-kind responsibility for match funds. All participants that are willing to attend meetings and gather information can sign an In-kind sheet to contribute. If your organization would like a short presentation or overview of the plan and information please contact the Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council office at 641-437-4359 or the Wayne County Emergency Management Coordinator at 641-872-1566 to set up a time. Your time will be included in the In-kind contribution that the county needs.