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Lucas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved

Centerville, Iowa ---On January 15, 2012, the Lucas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was federally approved. The plan was written and prepared by Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments through process development and data collection. The county sponsored plan worked closely with the ADLM Emergency Management Coordinator as well as county and community representatives since 2008. The draft plan was presented to Iowa Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval in November 2011. 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: Flash Flooding, Severe Winter Storms, Thunderstorm & Lightning, Tornado, Windstorm/High Wind Events, Radon/Lead, Hailstorms, Highway Transportation Incident, Fixed Hazardous Materials, and River Flooding. 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 Lucas County Board of Supervisors, Lucas 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.