



Upper Big Blue NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Update

Public Survey

As part of the Upper Big Blue NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan, the planning team is seeking your input on hazards that impact Hamilton, Seward, and York Counties. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions.

1. What affiliation within the planning area do you have? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Resident
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed in Hamilton, York, or Seward Counties

2. Please select which jurisdiction you live in.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aurora	<input type="checkbox"/> McCool Junction
<input type="checkbox"/> Beaver Crossing	<input type="checkbox"/> Milford
<input type="checkbox"/> Bee	<input type="checkbox"/> Phillips
<input type="checkbox"/> Benedict	<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant Dale
<input type="checkbox"/> Bradshaw	<input type="checkbox"/> Seward
<input type="checkbox"/> Cordova	<input type="checkbox"/> Staplehurst
<input type="checkbox"/> Garland	<input type="checkbox"/> Stockham
<input type="checkbox"/> Giltner	<input type="checkbox"/> Thayer
<input type="checkbox"/> Goehner	<input type="checkbox"/> Utica
<input type="checkbox"/> Gresham	<input type="checkbox"/> Waco
<input type="checkbox"/> Hampton	<input type="checkbox"/> York
<input type="checkbox"/> Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Areas of Hamilton County
<input type="checkbox"/> Hordville	<input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Areas of Seward County
<input type="checkbox"/> Lushton	<input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Areas of York County
<input type="checkbox"/> Marquette	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

3. What types of hazards have you experienced in your community? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials Release
<input type="checkbox"/> Dam & Levee Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe Thunderstorms
<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Storms (Includes Extreme Cold & Ice Storm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat	<input type="checkbox"/> Terrorism & Cyber Attack
<input type="checkbox"/> Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Tornadoes & High Winds
<input type="checkbox"/> Grass/Wildfire	



4. Please rank your level of concern regarding these hazard events occurring in your jurisdiction or impacting your residence or workplace. Please rate each hazard as follows:

1 = No Concern, 2 = Some Concern, 3 = High Concern, 4 = Extreme Concern.

Agricultural Disease		Floods		Severe Winter Storms	
Dam & Levee Failure		Grass/Wildfire		Terrorism & Cyber Attack	
Drought		Hazardous Materials Release		Tornadoes & High Winds	
Extreme Heat		Severe Thunderstorms			

5. Preparing for a disaster can take many forms. Of the following items, please circle your level of importance to you.

Protecting People	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Protecting Private Property	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Protecting Community Assets (Parks, Community Buildings)	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Protecting Critical Infrastructure (Hospitals, Fire/Police Stations, Utilities)	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Preventing Development in Hazardous Areas (ex. Flood Prone Areas)	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Protecting Natural Environment	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Protecting Historical/Cultural Landmarks	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Protecting Economic Drivers and Tourist Locations	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Improving Emergency Response Capabilities (fire/police/emergency management equipment and training)	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important



6. Of the following projects, select up to 3 that would be most important to your community to reduce risk and be more resilient?

- ☐ **Alert Sirens / Early Warning Systems / Emergency Notification**
- ☐ **Backup Generators**
- ☐ **CPR / AED Training**
- ☐ **Creating Drought Response Protocol**
- ☐ **Cyber Security Improvements**
- ☐ **First Aid Training**
- ☐ **Hazardous Tree Removal**
- ☐ **Public Education on Hazards**
- ☐ **Safe Room / Storm Shelter**
- ☐ **Stormwater Management – Bank Stabilization, Drainage Improvements, Culvert Upsizing**
- ☐ **Updated Planning Mechanisms (Comprehensive Plan, Building Codes, Zoning Regulations, etc.)**
- ☐ **Utility Protective Measures (Electric, Gas, etc.)**
- ☐ **Water & Sanitary Sewer System Protective Measures**
- ☐ **Wildfire Fuels Reduction / Fuel Break Creation**
- ☐ **Other: _____**

7. What is the best way for you to receive information about preparing for a disaster (Choose up to 3)?

- ☐ **Community Website**
- ☐ **County Website**
- ☐ **Social Media (Facebook/Twitter/Other)**
- ☐ **Emergency Text Alerts**
- ☐ **Radio Alerts**
- ☐ **Newsletters**
- ☐ **Public Meetings**
- ☐ **Other: _____**

8. What is one thing you'd like your community to do to help reduce risk to natural disasters or severe weather events in the future?



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9. Comment on any other issues that the Hazard Mitigation Plan Team should consider in developing a strategy to reduce future losses caused by hazard events.

Thank you for your time! Completed surveys may be dropped off, mailed, or emailed to:

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For more information on the plan, please visit <https://www.jeo.com/upper-big-blue-hazard-mitigation-plan>.