

## Kendall County Emergency Management Agency

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## **Kendall County Prepares for Natural and Man-Made Disasters**

Yorkville, IL (January 3, 2023) — Kendall County will update its plan to reduce the damages caused by severe weather such as floods, snow and ice storms, thunderstorms, and tornados, among other events. The plan is called a Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the process to update it will be funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"The Plan describes the natural hazard events that have impacted the County and identifies activities and projects to reduce the risk to residents, property, and infrastructure," said Roger Bonuchi, Kendall County Emergency Management Agency Director. "By having an updated hazard mitigation plan, the County and participating jurisdictions will become eligible for federal funds to construct these projects," he added.

The Kendall County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Kendall County Health Department, 811 W. John Street, Yorkville. The meeting is open to the public.

The Planning Committee includes representatives from the county, townships, municipalities, schools, and health care services, as well as technical partners and other stakeholders. Meetings of this committee will be conducted over the next year as working sessions so that any interested residents can attend and ask questions. The purpose of these working sessions is to gather and discuss information that will be used to update the Plan.

"This mitigation plan is different from an emergency response plan because it focuses on ways to reduce and prevent damages before they occur," added Bonuchi.

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