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Draft Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan Posted for Public Comment

The Broome County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update is now posted for public comment. A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a document that communities use to reduce their vulnerability to hazards, including flood, drought, extreme temperatures, severe storms, severe winter storms, and earthquakes. It forms the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and creates a framework for decision making to reduce damages to lives, property, and the economy from future disasters.

The Plan was developed under leadership of the Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development in collaboration with representatives from each of the County's municipalities and other relevant agencies and organizations. It was funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the assistance of the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). This is the second update to the plan first adopted in 2008. Having a current plan, as required by FEMA, ensures the County and its participating municipalities continue to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation funding.

A link to the document and instructions for submitting comments may be found on the County's website at: www.gobroomecounty.com/Planning/hazardmitigation. The public is encouraged to review the plan, learn more about local hazard mitigation planning and implementation, and provide input into the planning process.

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