

# Hazard Mitigation Plan Summary

A Hazard Mitigation Plan addresses natural disasters that could affect a local community and is an administrative document that is issued to establish activities that should reduce, or when possible, eliminate long-term risk to human-life and property.

The plan identified that hazards Butler County is considered most susceptible to. They are as follows:

- Severe Storms (Summer and Winter)
- Flooding
- Tornadoes
- Droughts
- Earthquakes

As part of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, communities that desire to remain eligible for Federal and State mitigation funds must have an approved mitigation plan in place.

Adoption of this plan by local jurisdictions makes them eligible for the following grant programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Flood Mitigation Assistance
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant
- Repetitive Flood Claims program
- Severe Repetitive Loss program

All 25 jurisdictions of Butler County participated in this mitigation plan by either submitting questionnaires or attending planning meetings.

Mitigation goals have been created to guide the potential mitigation projects throughout the county. These goals are consistent with what is appropriate for all Butler County's jurisdictions. Examples of some goals are as follows:

- Identify and inventory all structures that are subject to flood damage, including critical facilities and repetitive loss properties and prepare feasibility studies pertaining to potential projects to alleviate issues.
- Work with ODNR to develop accurate inundation maps for all areas downstream of the Class 1 dams within the county
- Develop an educational program for the public regarding "snow emergency levels" and other winter storm warnings
- Establish a tornado warning siren public education program throughout the county