



### LOCATION

Allen County, Ohio

### TASKS

- Hazard mitigation plan development
- Sustainability and resiliency integration
- Public & stakeholder involvement
- Risk assessments & vulnerability analyses
- Hazus modeling
- Mitigation strategies

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Addressed natural & human-made hazards
- Developed mitigation actions to reduce hazard impacts
- Created a website for updates, meeting notices, and comments
- Facilitated public meetings virtually due to COVID-19

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local jurisdictions must have a disaster mitigation plan in effect to receive funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for pre-disaster mitigation activities. For this project, BPS prepared the update to the Allen County Hazard Mitigation Plan with the purpose of identifying and assessing the hazards that pose the greatest risk to Allen County and its communities.

BPS completed an existing conditions assessment of Allen County, including demographics as well as historic hazard events. BPS also assessed risk by each hazard. Vulnerability assessments were conducted to determine each hazard's potential impact to infrastructure, population, and property, and estimate the economic losses that could result from a hazard event

, the BPS team collected GIS mapping data and performed a Level 1 Hazus analysis; facilitated virtual stakeholder and public engagement activities (due to the COVID-19 pandemic); collected mitigation action recommendations; and developed corresponding mitigation strategies to reduce losses from those hazards. The final plan established a coordinated process to implement the plan and was reviewed and approved by the Ohio and Federal Emergency Management Agencies.

