

Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan



Client: Summit County Emergency Management Agency

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Hazard Mitigation Planning



Sustainability & Resiliency



Demographic Analyses



Environmental Project Management



Public Engagement



Environmental Documents

Project Description

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local jurisdictions must have a disaster mitigation plan in effect to receive FEMA funds for pre-disaster mitigation activities. For this project, Burton Planning Services prepared the update to the Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan with the purpose of identifying and assessing the hazards that pose the greatest risk to Summit County and its communities. This undertaking was necessary to proactively address potential disasters, ensuring local safety and resilience by identifying vulnerabilities and establishing mitigation goals. Understanding the County's demographics and historical hazard occurrences was important for tailoring effective mitigation strategies aimed at reducing the impact of future disasters on residents.

BPS prepared an updated Plan for the County, following 44 CFR 201.6 and utilizing Ohio EMA and FEMA guidance. The team updated and assessed existing information, developed GIS mapping, ran Hazus, and prepared all components of the Plan. BPS also prepared for and facilitated public meetings, and guided the Plan through adoption.

The completed and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan provided the County with a framework to reduce disaster vulnerabilities. Continuing work involved obtaining resolutions of adoption from local jurisdictions and entering the approved plan details into the State Mitigation Information Portal (MIP). Key deliverables included the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan document, GIS mapping, Hazus outputs, public meeting materials, and ultimately, a federally-approved and locally-adopted plan.

