



# HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC NOTICE

## BACKGROUND

In coordination with Hill County, the City of Abbott, City of Aquilla, City of Blum, Town of Bynum, City of Carl's Corner, City of Covington, City of Hillsboro, City of Hubbard, City of Itasca, City of Malone, City of Mertens, City of Mount Calm, City of Penelope, and City of Whitney are updating the Hill County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP).

The Plan Update will address hazards that affect the area. The goal of the Plan Update is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards through effective mitigation. Public input will help the planning team analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact.

## ELECTRONIC SURVEY



[https://tinyurl.com/  
HillHMAP](https://tinyurl.com/HillHMAP)

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## SURVEY

**1.** Please select the jurisdiction (city or community) where you reside.

*The impacts of hazard events do not follow political boundaries. All responses, regardless of jurisdiction, are valuable and will contribute to the development of a comprehensive mitigation strategy.*

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Hill County | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Carl's Corner | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Malone     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Abbott             | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Covington     | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Mertens    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Aquilla            | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Hillsboro     | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Mount Calm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Blum               | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Hubbard       | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Penelope   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Bynum              | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Itasca        | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Whitney    |

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## SURVEY (CONTINUED)

1. Please select the jurisdiction (city or community) where you reside. *(Continued)*

☐

Other:

2. Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster?

☐

Yes *(Please explain below)*

☐

No

3. How concerned are you about the possibility of your community being impacted by a disaster?

☐

Not Concerned

☐

Somewhat Concerned

☐

Extremely Concerned

4. With the consideration of frequency of occurrence and potential impact severity, please indicate your concern level for each of the following hazards:

|                     | Low                      | Moderate                 | High                     |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dam Failure         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drought             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Extreme Heat        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flood               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hail                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lightning           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thunderstorm Wind   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tornado             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wildfire            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Winter Storm        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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## SURVEY (CONTINUED)

5. Is there another natural or human-caused hazard not listed above that you think is a wide-scale threat to your neighborhood?

☐ Yes (*Please explain below*)      ☐ No

6. To your knowledge, is your home located in any high hazard risk zones?

*Some examples include: dam inundation zone, flood zone, landslide hazard area, high fire risk/ wildland-urban interface (WUI), etc.*

☐ Yes                      ☐ No                      ☐ Unsure

7. Have you had any issues getting homeowners or renters insurance due to risks of hazardous events?

☐ Yes                      ☐ No

8. Do you have any hazard specific insurance? Why or why not?

☐ Fire Insurance      ☐ No, I rent and/or I do not qualify  
☐ Flood Insurance      ☐ No, I just have homeowners' or rental blanket coverage  
☐ No, too expensive      ☐ Other:

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## SURVEY (CONTINUED)

**9.** Have you taken any actions to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

*Some examples include reducing fire fuel by cutting down dead trees, home generators, elevating home, etc.*

☐ Yes (Please check boxes below) ☐ No

☐ Purchased a generator / alternative power supply such as solar

☐ Trim trees / clear out debris

☐ Reinforced structural design such as foundation

☐ Nature-based solution such as landscaping / defensible space

☐ Emergency evacuation plan / emergency go-kit

☐ Storm shutters / window prep

☐ Elevating home / structures on property

☐ Replaced roof / upgraded shingles

☐ Installed storm shelter / safe room

☐ Winter weatherized home

☐ Fire extinguishers

☐ Upgraded drainage system(s)

☐ Other:

**10.** Are you interested in making your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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## SURVEY (CONTINUED)

**11.** What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home and neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

*(Please check one for each form of communication)*

|                            | Least Effective          | Neutral                  | Most Effective           |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Newspaper                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Television                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Radio                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mail                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Meetings/ Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School Meetings            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social Media               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Official Websites          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**12.** Are there any other forms of communication you consider to be effective?

**13.** Do you have any access to functional needs (AFN) within your household that would require early warning or specialized response during disasters? *(Optional)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

**14.** If so, please provide your address. *(Optional)*

**15.** Would you support regulation (restrictions) on land uses within known high hazard areas?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure / Dependent  
on Situation

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## SURVEY (CONTINUED)

**16.** In your opinion, please select the steps your local government should prioritize to reduce or eliminate the risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood.

- ☐ Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to protect their property
- ☐ Buyout flood prone properties and maintain as open space
- ☐ Construct, maintain, or retrofit infrastructure to reduce hazard impact (*e.g. elevating roadways, improving drainage systems, dams, detention basins, storm sewers, etc.*)
- ☐ Construct safe rooms and shelters for use during hazard events
- ☐ Create a stream gauge and weather monitoring program for more accurate data and warnings
- ☐ Disclose natural hazard risks during real estate transactions
- ☐ Distribute information on water conservation methods to use during drought event
- ☐ Enhance stream maintenance projects
- ☐ Implement awareness program for flood insurance and discounts
- ☐ Inform property owners how to minimize damage to their properties
- ☐ Install indoor / outdoor warning systems throughout county
- ☐ Preserve or restore natural systems to reduce hazard impacts (*e.g. floodplain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization and forest management*)
- ☐ Prevent / restrict development in hazard-prone areas
- ☐ Protect and strengthen critical facilities (*e.g. transportation, hospitals, fire stations, schools*)
- ☐ Protect historical and cultural landmarks
- ☐ Protect and improve reliability of utilities
- ☐ Provide accessible resources for individuals with communication disabilities (*e.g. braille*)
- ☐ Strengthen building codes and laws to improve standards for development in high hazard areas
- ☐ Other (*Please explain on the following page*)

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## SURVEY (CONTINUED)

**17.** Is there anything else regarding hazard mitigation that you would like to note?

*Please note: if you include a question in this box you would like an answer to, please leave your contact information at the end of this survey. Thank you!*

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## SURVEY (CONTINUED)

**18.** A number of community-wide activities can reduce our risk from hazards. In general, these activities fall into one of the following six broad categories. Please tell us how important you think each one is for your community to consider pursuing.

| CATEGORIES  | IMPORTANCE               |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Low                      | Moderate                 | High                     |
| <b>Emergency Services</b> - Actions that protect people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. <i>Examples include warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training, and protection of critical facilities or systems.</i>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Natural Resource Protection</b> - Actions that, in addition to minimizing hazard losses, also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. <i>Examples include floodplain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization, riparian buffers, and forest management.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Prevention/Local Plans &amp; Regulations</b> - Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. <i>Examples include planning and zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.</i>                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Property Protection</b> - Actions that involve the modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. <i>Examples include acquisition, relocation, elevation, structural retrofits, and storm shutters.</i>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Public Education and Awareness</b> - Actions to inform citizens about hazards and techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. <i>Examples include outreach projects, school education programs, library materials, and demonstration events.</i>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Structural Projects</b> - Actions intended to lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. <i>Examples include dams, levees, seawalls detention/retention basins, channel modification, retaining walls, and storm sewers.</i>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |





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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

If you would like to be notified of upcoming meetings related to the Hill County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, please leave your name, email, and phone number.

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Title: (Resident, Jurisdiction, or Agency/Organization)**

**Please provide which jurisdiction, agency, or organization you represent:**