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The Montour County Commissioners have been tasked with completing an update to the current Montour County Hazard Mitigation Plan which was adopted by the Montour County Commissioners in March 2015. Most municipalities in Montour County adopted the 2015 Montour County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the municipal hazard mitigation plan. **Each County and Municipality is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to have a current and adopted hazard mitigation plan.** The hazard mitigation plan is used to support requests for public assistance and individual assistance after a federally declared disaster or to request pre-disaster mitigation grant funding. Without a FEMA approved plan, the municipality may be ineligible for assistance and funding.

The Montour County Commissioners have secured a grant to complete the 2021 mitigation plan update. Montour County has hired MCM Consulting Group, Inc. of State College, Pennsylvania and is currently developing a local planning team to assist with updating the mitigation plan. The plan update will be completed by Montour County with involvement and input from numerous stakeholders. You have been identified as a key stakeholder. **Stakeholders will be requested to participate in approximately four meetings and to complete surveys and worksheets over the next ten months.**

A most important aspect of the planning process is for every municipality to participate. As such, you are requested to have a municipal elected official attend and participate in planning meetings and to provide information as necessary. The initial meeting for municipal leaders will be held on September 16, 2020 **at the Montour County Emergency Management Agency starting at 4:00 P.M.** If you are not available to meet in person, there will also be a conference call option. During this meeting, the duties and responsibilities of the local planning team and the Montour County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update project schedule will be reviewed and discussed. Worksheets and surveys will also be provided for completion. We are confident that that you will be an asset in helping to keep "Montour Resilient". If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 570-271-3047 or email: [eburkland@montourco.org](mailto:eburkland@montourco.org)

Sincerely,

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