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RESIDENTS BEING ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE SURVEY THAT WILL HELP WHEN DEALING WITH NATURAL HAZARDS

Has your home ever been flooded? Or have you been affected by any other type of natural disaster? Monmouth County residents can now learn more about a comprehensive all natural hazards-mitigation plan for the county and its 53 municipalities, and, complete an online citizen questionnaire at <u>www.monmouthsheriff.org</u>.

Through a grant, provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Board of Chosen Freeholders contracted with URS Corp. Inc. of Clifton, N.J., to work with county emergency management staff and municipal representatives to update the All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. The plan is a documented evaluation of the hazards to which a community is susceptible and the extent to which these events will occur.

Background information about the plan is available on the sheriff's website, and residents are being encouraged to complete the online survey that will help a study team better assess the nature, extent and probability of various hazards in Monmouth County.

The 15-question survey will take five minutes to complete.

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The goal of the plan is to identify projects that can reduce damages from future natural hazards. The plan will include a risk assessment and a hazard-mitigation strategy.

The primary hazard in Monmouth County is flooding, but other potential hazards to be analyzed include drought, extreme cold, extreme heat, snow, ice, hail, windstorms Nor'Easters, Hurricanes, tropical storms and tornadoes, among others.

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