MONMOUTH COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Monmouth County and its 53 municipalities have been working on the update of the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan since August of 2012. The draft of the updated plan is expected to be released in the early fall. The first county wide plan was completed in 2009. The plan is a documented evaluation of the natural hazards to which a community is susceptible and the extent to which these events will occur. It identifies an area's vulnerability to the effects of natural hazards and the goals, objectives and actions required to minimize future loss. Mitigation is preparation and planning now to reduce loss of life and property later, by lessening the impacts of future disasters.

This plan allows the county and the participating municipalities to apply for pre and post disaster mitigation grant funding through FEMA.

Once released, residents can review the draft of the multijurisdictional plan for the county and its 53 municipalities by visiting: <u>www.monmouthsheriff.org</u>, click on the OEM icon and select Hazard Mitigation Planning.

