

ATTENTION ALL HARMONY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS!

HARMONY TOWNSHIP IS PREPARING A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND WANTS YOUR INPUT.

WHAT IS A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN?

A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IS A PLANNING TOOL THAT CLEARLY IDENTIFIES THE NATURAL EVENTS (E.G., FLOOD, TORNADO, EARTHQUAKE, ETC.) THAT PRESENT A RISK TO HARMONY TOWNSHIP AND THE ACTIONS THAT THE TOWNSHIP WILL TAKE TO MITIGATE ITS VULNERABILITY TO EACH EVENT.

WHY DO WE NEED AN ALL HAZARDS PLAN?

FEDERAL LEGISLATION KNOWN AS THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 (DMA 2000) REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF MITIGATION PLANNING AND EMPHASIZES PLANNING FOR DISASTERS BEFORE THEY OCCUR. AS SUCH, THIS ACT REQUIRES THAT A MUNICIPALITY HAVE AN APPROVED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN EFFECT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL POST DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP). OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, HARMONY TOWNSHIP HAS EXPERIENCED LOSSES DUE TO FLOODING. THE FINANCIAL EFFECT OF SOME OF THESE LOSSES HAS BEEN PARTIALLY OFFSET BY HMGP FUNDING. WITHOUT AN APPROVED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, FUTURE HMGP FUNDING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FOR FLOODING OR ANY OTHER NATURAL DISASTER EVENT.

AS A RESULT, HARMONY TOWNSHIP HAS DECIDED TO PREPARE A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR POST DISASTER FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD A NATURAL DISASTER EVENT OCCUR. A LEADERSHIP AND PLANNING TEAM HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED CONSISTING OF TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT, RESIDENTS, ENGINEERING, COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AND OTHERS TO PREPARE THE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEMA REQUIREMENTS.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING AND IN PROVIDING INPUT TO THE PROCESS, PLAN TO ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING ON AUGUST 7, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.