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Poweshiek County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Seeks Public Input

The Poweshiek County Emergency Management Agency is finalizing its Hazard Mitigation Plan draft prior to submission to the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as well as FEMA for final review and approval. The plan assesses natural and man-made hazards' risks and vulnerabilities to the county, its municipalities, and school districts. It provides recommendations to increase their hazard resiliency and reduce risk. In doing so, these actions aim to protect the people and property within Poweshiek County.

The Agency will be holding a two-week review period from **January 12th to January 26th** for citizens and stakeholders to review the plan, ask questions, and provide any input they may have. The draft plan will be available online in PDF format for viewing and comments along with a review checklist at www.tworiversem.com/poweshiekcountyia/. Please direct all inquiries to tony@tworiversem.com. A hard copy of the draft plan will be available for viewing by scheduling a time to review the plan by contacting the Emergency Management office at (641) 623-4357.

Once the review period has concluded and we've addressed any issues the public and stakeholders might have, the plan will be submitted to the state and FEMA for review. This plan will serve Poweshiek County for the next 5 years and is a federal requirement for Poweshiek County, its municipalities and school districts to be eligible to receive mitigation funds following a disaster.

For more information on this plan, hazard mitigation, or other inquiries, please contact the Poweshiek County Emergency Management Agency at (641) 623-4357 or ema@poweshiekcosherriff.com

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