

# Public Survey: Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The federal government requires all states and local governments to have hazard mitigation plans approved by FEMA that are consistent with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). This is required to maintain eligibility for certain types of federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants.

A planning committee comprised of representatives from Polk County, the incorporated cities, and the public school districts is currently developing an update to the comprehensive Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with a strategy to reduce the vulnerability of people and property in the planning area to the impacts of hazards and to remain eligible for mitigation funding programs from FEMA.

One of the key components of a hazard mitigation plan is public input during the planning process. The planning committee will be evaluating information on the hazards that impact each jurisdiction within Polk County. The committee is seeking your input on the hazards that will be evaluated as well as your opinions on the types of activities that should be considered to reduce future impacts. Your comments will be considered by your community's representatives on the planning committee as the plan is developed. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions. Thank you for your participation.

1. Please select your jurisdiction from the list. You may only select one jurisdiction for each survey completed. If you belong to more than one jurisdiction in this list, please complete multiple surveys.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Polk County | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Johnston        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ankeny School District, 261                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Alleman            | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Mitchellville   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bondurant-Farrar School District, 720        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Altoona            | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Norwalk         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas Center-Grimes School District, 1576   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Ankeny             | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Pleasant Hill   | <input type="checkbox"/> Des Moines Independent School District, 1737 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Bondurant          | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Polk City       | <input type="checkbox"/> Johnston School District, 3231               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Carlisle           | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Runnells        | <input type="checkbox"/> North Polk School District, 4779             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Clive              | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Sheldahl        | <input type="checkbox"/> Saydel School District, 5805                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Des Moines         | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Urbandale       | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Polk School District, 6101         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Elkhart            | <input type="checkbox"/> City of West Des Moines | <input type="checkbox"/> Urbandale School District, 6579              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Granger            | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Windsor Heights | <input type="checkbox"/> West Des Moines School District, 6957        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Grimes             |  |   |

2. The hazards addressed in the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan are listed below. Please indicate your opinion on the likelihood for each hazard to impact YOUR JURISDICTION (identified above). **Please rate EACH hazard 1 through 4 as follows:**

**1=Unlikely, 2=Occasional, 3=Likely, 4=Highly Likely.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal/Plant/Crop Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass/Wildland Fire    | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Fire             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure               | <input type="checkbox"/> HAZMAT Incident        | <input type="checkbox"/> Thunderstorm/Lightning/Hail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Disease          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake                | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Incident     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansive Soils           | <input type="checkbox"/> Levee Failure          | <input type="checkbox"/> Windstorm                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat              | <input type="checkbox"/> River Flooding         | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Storm                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash Flood               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinkholes/Landslide    |  |

3. The hazards addressed in the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan are listed below. Please indicate your opinion on the potential magnitude of each hazard's impact on YOUR JURISDICTION (identified above). Please rate **EACH hazard 1 through 4 as follows:**

**1=Negligible, 2=Limited, 3=Critical, 4=Catastrophic**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal/Plant/Crop Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass/Wildland Fire    | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Fire             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure               | <input type="checkbox"/> HAZMAT Incident        | <input type="checkbox"/> Thunderstorm/Lightning/Hail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Disease          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado                     |
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4. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants are administered by the Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division. Listed below are some types of projects considered.

**Please check all those that could benefit your jurisdiction, in your opinion:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood-prone Property Acquisition & Structure Demolition /Relocation                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings, and Facilities from wind damage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood-Prone Structure Elevation   | <input type="checkbox"/> New Tornado Safe Room Construction  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Floodproofing of Historical Residential Structures  | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Utilities Infrastructure Retrofit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Floodproofing of Non-residential Structures   | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion Stabilization  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects (storm water management or localized flood control projects) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Mitigation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings (adding a tornado safe room)                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)  |
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5. Please comment on any other issues that the Polk County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee should consider in developing a strategy to reduce future losses caused by hazard events.