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## WHY IS HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING IMPORTANT?

For every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation in New York State, \$6 is saved from the impact of future hazards. Chemung County has a long history of hazards, particularly winter storms and flooding. These hazards have the possibility of creating millions, and in the worst cases billions, of dollars in damage, putting lives at risk and potentially impacting the community for decades to come. In some ways, Chemung County is still dealing with the impacts of past hazards such as **the Flood of 1972, which caused the over 3 billion in damages across 12 states.**

The highest priority of every Hazard Mitigation Plan is to protect human health and safety. Hazards can cost lives, and planning for them ahead of time can reduce or eliminate any potential losses. Hazard Mitigation Plans can set up strategies such as clearly marking and educating residents on evacuation routes, creating infrastructure such as levees or slope stabilization to prevent hazards from reaching residents, or implement procedures such as tree trimming and emergency power generation to prevent the loss of power during storms.



## WHAT IS HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING?

Hazard Mitigation is planning for the worst, so that when that day comes, communities, governments, and first responders are ready to act quickly, or already have procedures and mitigations in place, to minimize the loss of life and property. A Hazard Mitigation Plan assesses the dangers that Chemung County residents and communities might face in any given year and creates strategies for reducing the risk these hazards pose.

### POSSIBLE HAZARDS IN CHEMUNG COUNTY

- ✓ Major flooding
- ✓ Winter storms
- ✓ Thunderstorms (wind, hail, lightning)
- ✓ Landslides
- ✓ Tornadoes

## DOES CHEMUNG COUNTY HAVE A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN?

In concert with participating local jurisdictions, Chemung County is currently updating its Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. The plan highlights risks and existing actions communities have already taken to mitigate hazards and prioritizes actions each Chemung County community can take to further protect themselves from the impacts of hazards.

**THE CHEMUNG COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:**



[chemungcountyny.gov/215/2019-Chemung-County-Hazard-Mitigation-PI](http://chemungcountyny.gov/215/2019-Chemung-County-Hazard-Mitigation-PI)

