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## Madison County's Plan to Reduce Severe Weather Damages Ready for Public Review

May 4, 2020—The Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan outlining projects and activities to reduce damages caused by severe weather and other natural hazards will be available for public review and comment from May 14 through May 21, 2020. The Plan update, along with a summary sheet and a comment survey, can be viewed on the Emergency Management page of the Madison County Website. If you are unable to access the Plan via the website, please contact Mary Kate Brown, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Deputy Director at (618)-296-5907 to schedule an appointment to view a paper copy of the Plan. The comment period will remain open through Thursday, May 21, 2020. Public comments will be used to make any revisions needed before this Plan update is submitted to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and FEMA.

A public forum will also be conducted on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. Due to the COVID-19 crisis which prohibits any gatherings of more than ten people, the public forum will be conducted via teleconference. Persons interested in participating in the public forum should contact Mary Kate Brown, EMA Deputy Director at 618-296-5907 or [ema@co.madison.il.us](mailto:ema@co.madison.il.us). Individuals can still review this Plan update and comment without participating in the public forum.

“This Plan describes how the County and the participating jurisdictions have been impacted by severe weather and other natural hazards and identifies specific mitigation actions that can be taken to reduce damages to life and health, infrastructure, and property before events occur,” according to Mary Kate Brown, Madison County EMA Deputy Director.

The Madison County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee prepared this draft Plan with technical assistance from state and federal agencies as well as a consultant specializing in emergency management planning. The Committee is comprised of representatives from various County departments in addition to Alhambra, Alton, Bethalto, Collinsville, East Alton, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Godfrey, Granite City, Grant Fork, Hamel, Highland, Livingston, Madison, Marine, Maryville, Pontoon Beach, Troy, Venice, Wood River, and Worden. The Committee began meeting last fall to prepare this Plan update. Federal law requires that these Plans be updated every five years.