

Douglas County Hazard Mitigation Plan

2026 Update



Douglas County is seeking input for its 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The plan will address the County's risks posed by hazards (wildfires, flood, drought) and identify specific strategies to help reduce or eliminate risks.



To inform the Plan, we need input from residents to identify safety issues and hazard areas in the county.



Public Safety

What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) are prepared and adopted by counties and municipalities with the primary purpose of identifying, assessing, and reducing the long-term risk to life and property from hazard events. HMPs are most effective when they are based on a comprehensive, long-term plan developed before a disaster occurs.

The purpose of mitigation planning is to identify local policies and actions that can be implemented over the long term to reduce risk and future losses from hazards. These mitigation policies and actions are identified based on an assessment of hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks and the participation of a wide range of stakeholders and the public in the planning process.

Effective mitigation planning can break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. There are four key elements of an HMP: 1) a risk assessment, 2) capability assessment, 3) mitigation strategy, and 4) plan maintenance procedures.

Hazard Mitigation Planning in Douglas County

This plan is an opportunity to detail a variety of potential hazards that could affect Douglas County residents and will also allow the county and participating municipalities to be eligible for future mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The primary hazards of concern in the county include: dam failure, drought, earthquake, flood, geologic hazards, hazardous materials, pandemic, severe weather, severe winter weather, and wildfire.

The study will focus on existing buildings and potential future development, infrastructure, and lifelines that might be impacted.

FAQs

What is mitigation? Any sustained action taken to reduce / eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event.

How can you reduce/eliminate risk? Help inform the 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan by taking the public survey at the bottom of this page! Feedback from residents will help inform the County of safety issues in the area and identify projects that can reduce damages from future hazards.

How can I support the plan? Take the public survey, attend public meetings, and encourage other community members to get involved.

Where can I see the 2026 plan? Sections of the draft plan will be available in 2026 for download, review and comment on the Douglas County HMP Story Map.



We need your input!

Tell us what you think the updated plan should focus on by taking [a quick survey](#). ✨

