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Coryell County Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Copperas Cove, Texas – Local governments have the responsibility to aid in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens. When disasters hit and cause loss of life; damage property and infrastructure; they have devastating consequences for a community's economic, social, and environmental well-being. Coryell County has therefore begun development of a countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). An HMP outlines actions to be taken to eliminate or reduce long-term risks to residents and their property from natural hazards.

The goal is to increase Coryell County's resiliency in response to the hazards it faces by developing an HMP. This Plan will identify and outline the types of hazards the County experiences and how the County will address and mitigate vulnerabilities and risks associated with those hazards. Having an HMP in place would benefit the County in numerous ways such as protect public safety and prevent loss of life and injury, reduce harm to existing and future development, minimize operational downtime and accelerate recovery of government and business after disasters, just to name a few.

Development of a plan requires effort and input from the citizens, cities, and villages in Coryell County as well as County officials. Furthermore, public involvement and feedback is essential to develop a comprehensive HMP. Coryell County citizens can provide vital information by partaking in the "Coryell County Hazard Mitigation Planning Public Opinion Survey". This short survey is comprised of questions about your awareness and concern about natural hazards and their impacts on you, your family, property, and community. Participation in the survey is voluntary and should be completed by an adult. All individual responses are strictly confidential; your name will not be requested or collected, and your survey responses will be completely anonymous and will be used for research and planning purposes only. The survey is available electronically and will be distributed in paper form at various venues including public meetings and county offices. The survey is currently open and will close on February 12, 2023.

To partake in the survey, please follow this link: <https://s.surveyplanet.com/qyobvfqy>
For more information on the HMP please visit: www.coryellcountyhmp.com

The public is encouraged to attend the Copperas Cove Public Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023, from 530pm to 730pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 508 S. 2nd Street, Copperas Cove. Citizens may also join the meeting virtually via Zoom at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82777686791?pwd=TG1NOU51eIJ1RGsrbIV0MVc4L1JRdz09>

Meeting ID: 827 7768 6791
Passcode: 224066
One tap mobile +1 346 248 7799 (Houston)

(Survey Flyer Attached)

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Coryell County Hazard Mitigation Plan Underway

Coryell County is developing a county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Your participation is a vital part of this process.

An HMP is a written document that identifies natural hazards that have or can occur in an area and provides information on how to prepare for and respond to those hazards. An HMP also identifies tools and strategies that can reduce impacts to you, your property, your community, and the environment.

Coryell County is one of 27 counties in Texas that does not have an HMP and is the only county in Central Texas without an HMP. We are in the process of changing that.

Our goal is to help Coryell County prepare for emergencies and protect its residents and their property.

We want to hear from you!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://s.surveyplanet.com/qyobvfqy> to participate in the Public Survey. Hardcopies available at public meetings and county/city offices.

Open now through February 12, 2023.



Upcoming Public Meetings

January 18th 530-730 pm – Gatesville City Auditorium

January 19th 530-730 pm – Evant City Hall

January 25th 530-730 pm – Copperas Cove Council Chambers

January 26th 530-730 pm – Oglesby Community Center



Please visit www.coryellcountyHMP.com for more information.