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**Plan to Protect Health and Property in Iroquois County
Ready for Public Review**

Watseka, IL (January 26, 2025) -- The Iroquois County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, outlining projects and activities to reduce damage caused by severe weather and other natural hazards, will be available for public review and comment starting Thursday, February 13. A public forum will be held in conjunction with the Iroquois County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee meeting at the MABAS 37 Building, 103½ Main St., Crescent City (behind Ailey’s Welding Shop) from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday, February 13. Individuals can come and review the Plan at any time during the forum. Those unable to attend can still review the Plan and provide comments without participating in the public forum.

The Plan, along with a summary sheet and a comment survey, will be available for review at the Iroquois County Clerk’s Office (550 S 10th St, Watseka) and on the County website. The comment period will remain open through February 27. Public comments received will be used to make any revisions needed before the Plan is submitted to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Iroquois County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee has been conducting working meetings open to the public since January 2024. The Committee updated the Plan with technical assistance from state and federal agencies as well as a consultant specializing in emergency management planning.

The municipalities of Ashkum, Beaverville, Chebanse, Danforth, Gilman, Watseka, and Woodland have participated in the planning process. Other participating jurisdictions include Belmont Township, Crescent Township, Lovejoy Township, Ridgeland Township, Central CUSD #4, Iroquois County CUSD #9, Iroquois West CUSD #10, Crescent-Iroquois FPD, Danforth FPD, Gilman Community FPD, Iroquois-Ford FPD, Loda FPD, Wellington-Greer FPD, and Woodland FPD.

“This Plan describes how the County and the participating jurisdictions have been impacted by severe weather and other hazards and identifies specific mitigation actions that can be taken to reduce damages to people and property before events occur,” explained Iroquois County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, Scott Anderson.

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