

## **Public Participation Plan**

### **Sauk County Multijurisdictional 2024 Hazards Mitigation Plan Update**

Working in concert with local jurisdictions, Sauk County has initiated a project to update its countywide hazards mitigation plan to comply with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The items listed below are the ways in which the county will facilitate public participation and local government involvement in the preparation, review, and adoption of the plan update.

- ♦ **Formation of a Steering Committee.** An advisory steering committee will be established to guide the project and provide oversight and input. Members, selected by Sauk County Emergency Management, will include county officials and staff, local government officials, emergency services, community members and representatives who wish to participate.
- ♦ **Public Notices for Steering Committee Meetings.** All steering committee meetings will be formally noticed and open to the public consistent with the state's open meeting law.
- ♦ **Local Government Involvement.** Each of the local governments in Sauk County will be contacted early in the process and informed about the project and asked to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the county. Although the MOU would be non-binding, it would establish a framework for intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in terms of information sharing and give the jurisdiction the opportunity to also adopt the plan making it eligible for federal mitigation funding.
- ♦ **Local Jurisdiction Survey.** A listing of critical facilities in the jurisdiction and a draft version of the assessment matrix used in the plan will be sent to each of the local jurisdictions in the county. Local officials will have an opportunity to review and comment on the materials prepared up to that date.
- ♦ **Fire Chiefs Survey.** A survey will be sent to each of the fire chiefs in the county to collect information on wildland fire in their jurisdiction.
- ♦ **Website.** Information about the project will be posted on the county's website, along with draft documents, maps, meeting notices and agendas, and project-related news.
- ♦ **Material Availability.** As various drafts are completed, copies will be sent to each of the local jurisdictions in Sauk County and other interested parties for review and comment. Drafts will also be posted on the county's website.
- ♦ **Plan Adoption.** The County Board will review the plan at one of its meetings and take final action on the resolution adopting the plan. Each of the participating cities and villages who want to adopt the plan may also adopt resolutions of adoption as well.
- ♦ **Press Releases.** Press releases will be issued to the local media on an as-needed basis.
- ♦ **Other Means.** The county may provide other avenues for public participation and local government involvement during the course of the project.