



LOWER PLATTE NORTH Natural Resources District

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RE: Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (LPNNRD)
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Announcement

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Dear Hazard Mitigation Planning Participant,

LPNNRD has secured grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update the 2015 Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). HMPs are a requirement of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, administered by FEMA. Communities, counties, and districts are only eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding if they are part of an approved plan. This funding provides a 75% cost share for a variety of projects listed in the plan. **You are receiving this letter because your jurisdiction is eligible to participate in this planning effort. You MUST participate in this planning effort to be eligible for these FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants.**

HMPs are required to be updated on a five-year cycle, and LPNNRD's HMP will expire in July 2020. An HMP is a community-guided document that identifies vulnerability to disasters such as flood, drought, and chemical spills. The plan sets goals, establishes mitigation alternatives, and prioritizes projects which may lessen the extent of future disasters. For every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation, \$6 in post-disaster cleanup and rebuilding is saved, according to a 2018 study conducted by the National Institute of Building Sciences. Public input will be gathered throughout the duration of plan development through public meetings and online tools. All incorporated communities, counties, school districts, sanitary improvement districts, levee/drainage districts, and other taxing authorities within LPNNRD and Butler County are eligible to participate.

The first round of public planning meetings will be held in:

- Wahoo: Thursday, September 19th, 7:00 pm at the Lower Platte North NRD, 511 Commercial Park Road, Wahoo, NE 68066
- David City: Tuesday, September 24th, 7:00 pm at the David City Public Library, 399 5th Street, David City, NE 68632

LPNNRD hired JEO Consulting Group, Inc. (JEO) to assist with plan development over the next 12 months. This HMP update is funded by a FEMA grant; the cost is shared 75% through federal funding and 25% through a local match provided by LPNNRD.

Please provide us with a point of contact and their email for future updates. Submit contact information to Becky Appleford, JEO Planner, at rappleford@jeo.com. For more information, you can visit the project website at <https://jeo.com/lpnrd-hmp> or contact me at (402) 443-4675.

Sincerely,

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