

By monitoring mitigation actions, when the plan is next updated, information about the status of proposed mitigation actions will be readily available. The updated plan will include a section explaining if previously proposed mitigation actions have been implemented, completed, or deferred. The updated plan will identify actions that are no longer appropriate for the community and should be deleted. The updated plan will identify obstacles to implementation that caused proposed actions to be deferred and will recommend strategies for overcoming those obstacles.

The Steering Committee will not only monitor the implementation of mitigation actions proposed in this plan, but will also monitor actions of participating jurisdictions and surrounding communities that may affect the ability of Union County to withstand the effects of natural hazards or to recover from a disaster in the future. The method for gathering information about actions beyond those proposed in this plan will be informal; as active members of the Union County community, Steering Committee members will bring their own knowledge of the area to monitoring meetings to provide information about actions of participating jurisdictions as well as of nearby communities.

Evaluating the Plan

One month after conducting the annual monitoring of mitigation actions, the Union County Mitigation Officer will schedule an annual meeting of the Steering Committee to evaluate the mitigation planning process, implementation of the plan, and conditions in Union County that suggest the need to modify either planning data or planning actions. Participating boroughs and townships will be invited to attend the evaluation meetings. The evaluation meeting will include a presentation of the results of the monitoring of mitigation actions and will answer the following questions:

- Do mitigation goals and objectives reflect current community concerns as well as the finding of the risk assessment?
- Have conditions in the County changed so that findings of the risk assessment should be updated?
- What hazards have caused damage in the County since the plan was written? Were these anticipated and evaluated in the plan or should these hazards be added to the plan?
- Have conditions in the County changed so that the magnitude of risk as expressed in this plan has changed?
- Are new sources of data available that will improve the risk assessment?
- Are current resources sufficient for implementing mitigation actions?
- For each mitigation action that has not been completed, what are the obstacles to implementation? What are potential solutions for overcoming these obstacles?
- Is each completed mitigation action effective in reducing risk? What action is required to further reduce the risk addressed by the completed action?
- What mitigation actions should be added to the plan and proposed for implementation?
- Should any proposed mitigation actions be deleted from the plan? What is the rationale for deleting previously proposed actions from the plan?