

Jefferson County, AR, the incorporated municipalities of Altheimer, Humphrey, Pine Bluff, Redfield, Sherrill, Wabbaseka, and White Hall, the public school districts for Dollarway, Pine Bluff, Watson Chapel, and White Hall, Southeastern Arkansas College, and the University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff have updated the 2006 hazard mitigation plan. The plan focuses on reducing the risk of loss of life, injury, and property damage due to hazards such as severe storms, winter storms, and floods. This plan also identifies specific actions that can be undertaken to minimize or eliminate these vulnerabilities. These projects can be implemented as funding becomes available. This plan is a requirement for eligibility for federal mitigation grant programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Each year, millions of federal hazard mitigation grant dollars are made available to eligible applicants via programs such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM). With an approved hazard mitigation plan, the participating jurisdictions are eligible to apply for these competitive grant funds.

As part of the development process, and in compliance with 44 CFR, part 201, we are requesting that the public review this plan, and submit any comments or suggestions on the document. The plan may be viewed at the following location:

Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management, 101 West Barraque Street. Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Should you wish to comment on the draft, please send it in writing to the above address or by email, noting the section and page number relevant to your comment, to:

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All comments must be received no later than May 31, 2017.