



## SECTION 3. PLANNING PROCESS

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

This section includes a description of the planning process used to update the 2015 Livingston County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to its 2022 version, including how the update was prepared, who was involved in the process, and how the public was involved. To ensure that the plan meets requirements of the DMA 2000 and that the planning process had the broad and effective support of the participating jurisdictions, regional and local stakeholders, and the public, an approach to the planning process and plan documentation was developed to achieve the following:

- The plan is multi-jurisdictional, with the intention of including all municipalities in the county. Livingston County invited all municipalities to participate in the planning process. To date, the county and 22 of the 26 local municipal governments in the county participated in the 2022 planning process, as indicated in Table 3-1. The plan will consider hazards of concern facing the area and will satisfy the mitigation planning requirements specified in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000).
- The plan was developed following the process outlined by the DMA 2000, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations, prevailing FEMA guidance, and the 2017 New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) hazard mitigation planning standard. Following this process ensures that all the requirements are met and support HMP review.

**Table 3-1. Participating Livingston County Jurisdictions**

Participating Jurisdictions		Non-Participating Jurisdictions
Livingston County	Town of Lima	Village of Lima
Town of Avon	Town of Mount Morris	Town of Livonia
Village of Avon	Town of North Dansville	Village of Livonia
Town of Caledonia	Town of Nunda	Village of Mount Morris
Village of Caledonia	Village of Nunda	
Town of Conesus	Town of Ossian	
Village of Dansville	Town of Portage	
Town of Geneseo	Town of Sparta	
Village of Geneseo	Town of Springwater	
Town of Groveland	Town of West Sparta	
Town of Leicester	Town of York	
Village of Leicester		

The Livingston County HMP update was written using the best available information obtained from a wide variety of sources. Throughout the HMP update process, a concerted effort was made to gather information from municipal and regional agencies and staff, as well as stakeholders, federal and state agencies, and the residents of the county. The HMP Steering Committee solicited information from local agencies and individuals with specific knowledge of certain hazards and past historical events. In addition, the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership took into consideration planning and zoning codes, ordinances, and recent land use planning decisions. The hazard mitigation strategies identified in this HMP update were developed through an extensive planning process involving local, county, and regional agencies, residents, and stakeholders.



This section of the plan describes the mitigation planning process, including (1) Organization of the Planning Process; (2) Stakeholder Outreach and Involvement; (3) Integration of Existing Data, Plans, and Technical Information; (4) Integration with Existing Planning Mechanisms and Programs; and (5) Continued Public Involvement.

## 3.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

This section of the plan identifies how the planning process was organized with the many planning partners involved and outlines the major activities that were conducted in the development of this HMP update.

### 3.2.1 Organization of Planning Partnership

Livingston County applied for and was awarded a multi-jurisdictional planning grant under the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program, which supported the development of this multi-jurisdictional HMP update.

Project management and grant administration have been the responsibility of the Livingston County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). A contract planning consultant (Tetra Tech, Inc., referred to herein as Tetra Tech) was selected to guide the county and participating jurisdictions through the HMP update process. A contract between Tetra Tech and Livingston County was executed in March 2021. Specifically, Tetra Tech was tasked with the following:

- Assisting with the organization of a Steering Committee and the Planning Partnership
- Assisting with the development and implementation of a public and stakeholder outreach program
- Data collection
- Facilitation and attendance at meetings (Steering Committee, Planning Partnership, municipal, stakeholder, public, and other)
- Review and update of the hazards of concern, hazard profiling, and risk assessment
- Assistance with the review and update of mitigation planning goals and objectives
- Assistance with the review of past mitigation strategies progress
- Assistance with the screening of mitigation actions and the identification of appropriate actions
- Assistance with the prioritization of mitigation actions
- Developing the draft and final plan documents.

In June 2021, Livingston County notified all municipalities within the county of the pending planning process and invited them to formally participate.

To facilitate plan development, Livingston County developed a Steering Committee to provide guidance and direction to the HMP update effort and to ensure the resulting document will be embraced politically by the constituency within the planning area (refer to Table 3-2). Specifically, the Steering Committee was charged with the following:

- Providing guidance and oversight of the planning process on behalf of the Planning Partnership.
- Attending and participating in Steering Committee meetings.
- Assisting with the development and completion of certain planning elements, including:
  - Reviewing and updating the hazards of concern;
  - Developing a public and stakeholder outreach program;
  - Ensuring that the data and information used in the plan update process are the best available;
  - Reviewing and updating the hazard mitigation goals; and
  - Identifying and screening appropriate mitigation strategies and activities.



- Reviewing and commenting on plan documents prior to submission to NYS DHSES and FEMA.

The Steering Committee provided guidance and leadership, oversight of the planning process, and acted as the point of contact for all participating jurisdictions and the various interest groups in the county.

**Table 3-2. Livingston County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee Members**

Affiliation	Name	Title
Livingston County	Angela Ellis	Deputy County Administrator
Livingston County Economic Development Department	Bill Bacon	Director
Livingston County Office of Emergency Management	Andrew P. Brodell	Director
Livingston County Office of Emergency Management	Brad Austin	Former Director
Livingston County Department of Health	Mark Grove	Director
Livingston County Highway Department	Jason Wolfanger	Director
Livingston County Planning Department	Heather Ferrero	Deputy Director
Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District	Robert Stryker	District Manager
Town of Geneseo	Dean Pendergast	Floodplain Administrator
Town of Leicester	David Fanaro	Supervisor
Town of North Dansville	Dennis Mahus	Supervisor
Town of Ossian	Dwight Knapp	Supervisor

Table 3-3 lists the current municipal members of the Planning Partnership at the time of this HMP development. It is noted that the Steering Committee members also are part of the overall project Planning Partnership, fulfilling these responsibilities on behalf of Livingston County. The Planning Partnership members (Steering Committee and participating jurisdictions) were charged with the following:

- Represent their jurisdiction throughout the planning process.
- Ensure participation of all department and functions within their jurisdiction that have a stake in mitigation (e.g., planning, engineering, code enforcement, police and emergency services, public works).
- Assist in gathering information for inclusion in the HMP update, including the use of previously developed reports and data.
- Support and promote the public involvement process.
- Report on progress of mitigation actions identified in prior or existing HMPs, as applicable.
- Identify, develop, and prioritize appropriate mitigation initiatives.
- Report on progress of integration of prior or existing HMPs into other planning processes and municipal operations.
- Support and develop a jurisdictional annex for their jurisdiction.
- Review, amend, and approve all sections of the plan update.
- Adopt, implement, and maintain the plan update.

**Table 3-3. Livingston County Hazard Mitigation Planning Partnership Members**

Jurisdiction	Primary Point of Contact	Title	Alternate Point of Contact	Title
Livingston County	Andrew P. Brodell	OEM Director	Heather Ferrero	Deputy Planning Director
Avon, Town of	Sharon Knight	Town Clerk	David LeFeber	Town Supervisor
Avon, Village of	Heather Randall	Village Clerk	Thomas Freeman	Mayor



Jurisdiction	Primary Point of Contact	Title	Alternate Point of Contact	Title
Caledonia, Town of	Mark Schroeder	Highway Superintendent	Daniel Pangrazio	Town Supervisor
Caledonia, Village of	Scott DiLiberto	Mayor	Ann Marie Grattan	Clerk-Treasurer
Conesus, Town of	Donald W. Wester	Town Supervisor	Steve Martucio	Highway Superintendent
Dansville, Village of	Peter Vogt	Mayor	Tammy Saylor-Malone	--
Geneseo, Town of	Sarah Wright	Town Clerk	Will Wadsworth	Town Supervisor
Geneseo, Village of	Aprile S. Mack	Village Clerk/Treasurer	Margaret Duff	Mayor
Groveland, Town of	William Devine	Acting Supervisor	Kimberly Burgess	Town Clerk
Leicester, Town of	David Fanaro	Town Supervisor	Shawn Grasby	Code Officer
Leicester, Village of	Barry Briffa	Village Mayor	Kristie DeGraff	Village Clerk/Treasurer
Lima, Town of	Michael J. Falk	Town Supervisor	Jenifer Heim	Town Clerk
Lima, Village of	Did not participate			
Livonia, Town of	Did not participate			
Livonia, Village of	Did not participate			
Mount Morris, Town of	Dave DiSalvo	Deputy Supervisor	Don Huff	Councilman
Mount Morris, Village of	Did not participate			
North Dansville, Town of	Dennis Mahus	Town Supervisor	Tim Wolfanger	Town Clerk
Nunda, Town of	Merilee G. Walker	Town Supervisor	Rick Moran	Highway Superintendent
Nunda, Village of	LeRoy J. Wood	Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer	Mark Mullikin	Code Enforcement Officer
Ossian, Town of	Dwight Knapp	Town Supervisor	Sheila Hess	Planning Consultant
Portage, Town of	Esther Howe	Town Clerk	Steve Howe	Superintendent of Highways
Sparta, Town of	Mark Schuster	Town Supervisor	Kevin Robinson	Highway Superintendent
Springwater, Town of	Deborah Babbitt Henry	Town Supervisor	Larry Gnau	Deputy Town Supervisor
West Sparta, Town of	Susan Erdle	Town Supervisor	Doug Reniff	Highway Superintendent
York, Town of	Carl Peter	Code Enforcement Officer	Christine Harris	Town Clerk

The jurisdictions in Livingston County have differing levels of capabilities and resources available to apply to the plan update process and, further, have differing exposure and vulnerability to the natural hazard risks being considered in this plan. Livingston County’s intent was to encourage participation by all-inclusive jurisdictions and to accommodate their specific needs and limitations while still meeting the intents and purpose of plan update participation. Such accommodations have included the establishment of a Steering Committee, engaging a contract consultant to assume certain elements of the plan update process on behalf of the jurisdictions, and the provision of additional and alternative mechanisms to meet the purposes and intent of mitigation planning.

Ultimately, jurisdictional participation is evidenced by a completed municipal annex to the HMP (Section 9) wherein jurisdictions have individually identified their planning points of contact; evaluated their risk to the hazards of concern; identified their capabilities to effect mitigation in their community; identified and prioritized an appropriate suite of initiatives, actions, and projects to mitigate their hazard risk; and eventually, adopted the updated plan via resolution.



Appendix B (Participation Matrix) identifies those individuals who represented the municipalities during this planning effort and indicates how they contributed to the planning process.

All 26 municipalities in Livingston County actively participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Floodplain administration is provided by the municipal officials identified in the jurisdictional annexes.

### 3.2.2 Planning Activities

Members of the Planning Partnership (individually and as a whole), as well as key stakeholders, convened and/or communicated regularly to share information and participate in workshops to identify hazards; assessed risks; reviewed existing inventories and identified new critical facilities; assisted in updating and developing new mitigation goals and strategies; and provided continuity through the process to ensure that natural hazards, vulnerability information, and appropriate mitigation strategies were incorporated. All members of the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership had the opportunity to review the draft plan, supported interaction with other stakeholders, and assisted with public involvement efforts.

A summary of Steering Committee and Planning Partnership meetings held and key milestones met during the development of the HMP update is included in Table 3-4, which also identifies activities that meet DMA 2000 requirements. Documentation of meetings (e.g., agendas, sign-in sheets, minutes) are provided in Appendix C (Meeting Documentation). Table 3-4 identifies only the formal meetings held during plan development and does not reflect the planning activities conducted by individuals and groups throughout the planning process. In addition to these meetings, there was a great deal of communication between the county, committee members, and the contract consultant through individual local meetings, email, and by phone.

After completion of the HMP update, implementation and ongoing maintenance will become a function of the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership, as described in Section 7 (Plan Maintenance). The Planning Partnership is responsible for reviewing the HMP and soliciting and considering public comment as part of the 5-year mitigation plan update.

The table below summarizes a list of mitigation planning activities and meetings and their respective participants. A more detailed list of participants for each meeting is provided in Appendix B (Participation Matrix) and Appendix C (Meeting Documentation).

**Table 3-4. Summary of Mitigation Planning Activities / Efforts**

Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
May 13, 2021	1b, 2	Steering Committee Kickoff Meeting (Data Collection, Review of Mission Statement and Goals, Identification of Hazards of Concern, Public Outreach Strategy)	Livingston County, Leicester Town, Ossian Town, North Dansville Town, NYS DHSES
June 24, 2021	1b, 2	Planning Partnership Kickoff (Municipal Kickoff Meeting and Planning Overview)	Livingston County, Avon Town, Caledonia Village, NYS DHSES, Geneseo Village, Groveland Town, Leicester Town, York Town, National Grid, NYSEG, Caledonia-Mumford CSD, American Red Cross, RG&E, SUNY Geneseo, US Army Corps of Engineers
August 23, 2021	1b, 2	Steering Committee Meeting #2 (Data Collection, Review of Mission Statement and Goals, Identification of Hazards of Concern, Public Outreach Strategy)	Livingston County, North Dansville Town, Geneseo Town



Date	DMA 2000 Requirement	Description of Activity	Participants
August 31, 2021	1b, 2, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e	Planning Partnership Meeting to Review the Results of the Risk Assessment (Presentation of risk assessment overview, development of hazard problem statements by community)	Livingston County, Avon Village, Caledonia Town, Dansville Village, Geneseo Town, Geneseo Town, Leicester Town, Mt. Morris Town, Mt. Morris Village, North Dansville Town, Ossian Town, RG&E, SUNY Geneseo, US Army Corps of Engineers
September 8, 2020	1b, 2, 4a, 4b, 4c	Mitigation Workshop	Livingston County, Caledonia Town, Dansville Village, Geneseo Town, Geneseo Village, Livonia Village, North Dansville Town, Ossian Town, Springwater Town, York Town
December 13, 2021	1b, 2, 3, 4, 5	Draft Plan Review Meeting	Livingston County, NYS DHSES

Notes:  
 CSD = Central School District  
 NYS DHSES = New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services  
 NYSEG = New York State Electric and Gas  
 RG&E = Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation  
 TBD = To be determined  
 SUNY = State University of New York  
 Each number in column 2 identifies specific DMA 2000 requirements, as follows:  
 1a – Prerequisite – Adoption by the Local Governing Body  
 1b – Public Participation  
 2 – Planning Process – Documentation of the Planning Process  
 3a – Risk Assessment – Identifying Hazards  
 3b – Risk Assessment – Profiling Hazard Events  
 3c – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Identifying Assets  
 3d – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Estimating Potential Losses  
 3e – Risk Assessment – Assessing Vulnerability: Analyzing Development Trends  
 4a – Mitigation Strategy – Local Hazard Mitigation Goals  
 4b – Mitigation Strategy – Identification and Analysis of Mitigation Measures  
 4c – Mitigation Strategy – Implementation of Mitigation Measures  
 5a – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan  
 5b – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Implementation through Existing Programs  
 5c – Plan Maintenance Procedures – Continued Public Involvement

### 3.3 STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT

Stakeholders are the individuals, agencies, and jurisdictions that have a vested interest in the recommendations of the hazard mitigation plan, including all planning partners.

Diligent efforts were made to ensure broad regional, county, and local representation in this planning process. To that end, a comprehensive list of stakeholders was developed with the support of the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership. Stakeholder outreach was performed early and throughout the planning process. This HMP update includes information and input provided by these stakeholders where appropriate, as identified in the references.

The following is a list of the various stakeholders that were invited to participate in the development of this plan, along with a summary of how these stakeholders participated and contributed. This summary listing does not represent the total of stakeholders that were aware of and contributed to this HMP update, as outreach efforts were being made, both formally and informally, throughout the process by the many planning partners involved in the effort, and documentation of all such efforts is impossible. Instead, this summary is intended to demonstrate the scope and breadth of the stakeholder outreach efforts made during the plan update process.

#### 3.3.1 Federal Agencies

**FEMA Region II:** Provided updated planning guidance, provided summary and detailed data from the NFIP (including repetitive loss information), and conducted plan review.





Information regarding hazard identification and the risk assessment for this HMP update was requested and received or incorporated by reference from the following agencies and organizations:

- National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)
- National Hurricane Center (NHC)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- Storm Prediction Center (SPC)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Census Bureau

### 3.3.2 State Agencies

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**NYS DHSES:** Administered planning grant and facilitated FEMA review, provided updated planning guidance, and provided review of draft and final HMP.

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC):** Provided data and information.

**New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH):** Attended the Planning Partnership Kickoff Meeting. Provided information.

**New York State Police:** Attended the Planning Partnership Kickoff Meeting. Provided information.

### 3.3.3 Livingston County Departments

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Several county departments were represented on the Steering Committee and involved in the HMP update planning process. Appendix B (Participation Matrix) provides further details regarding regional and local stakeholder agencies. All responses to the stakeholder surveys are provided in Appendix D (Public and Stakeholder Outreach).

**Livingston County Office of Emergency Management:** Secured and administered FEMA planning grant, managed project, served on the Steering Committee, arranged and attended meetings, provided data and information, facilitated and supported public and stakeholder outreach, and reviewed progress on previous mitigation actions.

**Livingston County Economic Development Department:** Served on the Steering Committee, provided data and information, including countywide information, facilitated and supported public and stakeholder outreach, and reviewed draft and final plan sections.

**Livingston County Department of Health:** Served on the Steering Committee, provided data and information, including countywide information, facilitated and supported public and stakeholder outreach, and reviewed draft and final plan sections.

**Livingston County Highway Department:** Served on the Steering Committee, attended meetings, reviewed progress on previous mitigation actions, provided data and information, identified vulnerabilities, updated mitigation strategies, and reviewed draft and final sections of the plan.

**Livingston County Planning Department:** Served on the Steering Committee and led the update of the HMP, provided data and information, including countywide information such as land use, open space, population and



demographics, and watersheds, reviewed progress on previous mitigation actions, facilitated and supported public and stakeholder outreach, and reviewed draft and final plan sections.

**Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District:** Served on the Steering Committee, provided data and information, including countywide information, facilitated and supported public and stakeholder outreach, and reviewed draft and final plan sections.

**Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council:** Provided regional and countywide data and information.

### 3.3.4 Regional and Local Stakeholders

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Appendix B (Participation Matrix) provides further details regarding regional and local stakeholder agencies. The stakeholders listed below were directly contacted via email in August 2021 by the Livingston County Planning Department to take a stakeholder survey, which included the identification of specific mitigation strategies, review of the draft HMP, or both. Results of the surveys are included in Appendix D (Public and Stakeholder Outreach). Feedback was reviewed by the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership and integrated where appropriate in the plan (e.g., within the jurisdictional annexes in Section 9).

#### Academia

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All schools, school districts, and libraries in the county were provided with the Stakeholder survey, invited to provide input, and notified of the draft HMP review period. The Caledonia-Mumford Central School District and the State University of New York College at Geneseo participated in the plan update by attending a meeting and providing information.

#### Business and Commercial Interests

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Businesses and commercial industries in Livingston County were notified of the stakeholder survey and invited to provide input on the draft HMP, though none did.

#### Emergency Services

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All state, county, and local emergency service providers (police, fire, emergency medical services [EMS]) were notified of the stakeholder survey and invited to provide input on the draft HMP. The Livingston County Director of Emergency Management and Livingston County Fire Coordinator, Village of Avon Fire Marshal, Village of Geneseo Police Department Chief, and the Town of York Fire and EMS Manager participated in the planning process by attending meetings and providing information.

#### Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities

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Hospitals and healthcare facilities located in Livingston County were invited to take the stakeholder survey and provide input to the planning process. Major facilities were notified of HMP meetings, and the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation completed the stakeholder survey. The healthcare community was also represented by the Livingston County Department of Health's participation on the Steering Committee.

#### Highway and Public Works

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All state, county, and local highway and public works departments were notified of the Public Works stakeholder survey and invited to provide input on the draft HMP. In addition, many of the participating municipalities had representatives from their highway and public works departments representing them on the Planning Partnership. The Town of Java and the Town of Sheldon provided input to the planning process via the public works stakeholder survey. The Livingston County Highway Superintendent participated on the Steering Committee,





attended meetings, and provided information. The Village of Caledonia’s Water and Streets Department Supervisor attended a planning meeting and provided information.

### Utilities

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Utility providers in the county were notified of the Stakeholder survey and invited to provide input on the draft HMP. New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) attended two meetings during the plan update process.

### 3.3.5 Adjacent Counties

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Livingston County has tried to keep surrounding counties and municipalities apprised of the project and allowed the opportunity to provide input to this planning process. Specifically, representatives from adjoining and nearby counties (listed below) were contacted in July 2021 to inform them about the availability of the project website, draft plan documents, and surveys and to invite them to provide input to the planning process.

- Allegany County, New York
- Monroe County, New York
- Ontario County, New York
- Genesee County, New York
- Wyoming County, New York
- Steuben County, New York

Representatives of Allegany, Genesee, Steuben, and Wyoming Counties submitted valuable input via the Neighboring County survey.

### 3.3.6 Public Outreach

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The Steering Committee and Planning Partnership made the following efforts toward public participation in the development and review of the HMP:

- A public project website was developed and is being maintained to facilitate communication between the Steering Committee, Planning Partnership, public, and stakeholders. The public website provides a project overview, county and local contact information, access to the citizen's survey and various stakeholder surveys, and sections of the HMP for public review and comment. Figure 3-1 provides a screenshot of the current website homepage. (<https://www.livingstoncountynyhmp.com/>).
- An online natural hazards preparedness citizen survey was developed to gauge household preparedness relevant to hazards in Livingston County and to assess the level of knowledge of tools and techniques available to assist in reducing risk and loss of those hazards. The questionnaire asked quantifiable questions about citizen perception of risk, knowledge of mitigation, and support of community programs, as well as several demographic questions to help analyze trends. The questionnaire was posted on the county’s public website in February 2021 and was available for over 9 months to facilitate public input garnering 18 responses. The survey results were sorted by municipality and provided to the Steering Committee and Planning Partnership members to use to identify vulnerabilities and develop mitigation strategies. A summary of survey results is provided in Appendix D (Public and Stakeholder Outreach).
- All participating municipalities were encouraged to post the links to the project webpage and citizen and stakeholder surveys. In addition, all participating municipalities were requested to advertise the availability of the project website via local homepage links and other available public announcement methods (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, email blasts).



- Starting in October 2021, draft sections of the plan were posted on the project website (<https://www.livingstoncountynyhmp.com/draft-plans/>) for public review and comment. In addition, links were provided to the participating jurisdictions to post on their respective websites.
- Once approved by NYS DHSES and FEMA, the final HMP will be available on the county and municipal websites.

Figure 3-1. Livingston County HMP Website Homepage



### 3.4 INCORPORATION OF EXISTING PLANS, STUDIES, REPORTS, AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The Livingston County HMP update strives to use the best available technical information, plans, studies, and reports throughout the planning process to support hazard profiling; risk and vulnerability assessment; review and evaluation of mitigation capabilities; and the identification, development, and prioritization of county and local mitigation strategies.

The asset and inventory data used for the risk and vulnerability assessments are presented in the County Profile (Section 4). Details of the source of this data, along with technical information on how the data was used to develop the risk and vulnerability assessment, are presented in the Hazard Profiling and Risk Assessment Section (Section 5), specifically within Section 5.3 (Data and Methodology), as well as throughout the hazard profiles in Section 5.4 (Hazard Profiles). Further, the source of technical data and information used can be found within Volume I under *References*.

Plans, reports, and other technical information were identified and provided directly by the county, participating jurisdictions, and numerous stakeholders involved in the planning effort, as well as through independent research by the planning consultant. The county and participating jurisdictions were tasked with updating the inventory



of their planning and regulatory capabilities in Section 9 (Jurisdictional Annexes) and providing relevant planning and regulatory documents, as applicable. Relevant documents, including plans, reports, and ordinances, were reviewed to identify the following:

- Existing municipal capabilities
- Needs and opportunities to develop or enhance capabilities, which may be identified within the county or local mitigation strategies
- Mitigation-related goals or objectives considered in the review and update of the overall goals and objectives listed in Section 6 (Mitigation Strategy)
- Proposed, in-progress, or potential mitigation projects, actions, and initiatives to be incorporated into the updated county and local mitigation strategies

The following local regulations, codes, ordinances, and plans were reviewed during this process to develop mitigation planning goals, objectives, and strategies that are consistent across local and regional planning and regulatory mechanisms to accomplish complementary and mutually supportive strategies:

- Building Codes
- Capital Improvement Plans
- Comprehensive/Master Plans
- Emergency Management and Response Plans
- Local Flood Mitigation Action Plans
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- NFIP Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances
- Strategic Plans
- Subdivision Regulations
- Water Laws and Regulations

### 3.5 INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING PLANNING MECHANISMS AND PROGRAMS

Effective mitigation is achieved when hazard awareness and risk management approaches and strategies become an integral part of public activities and decision making. Within Livingston County, many plans and programs exist that support hazard risk management, and thus it is critical that this hazard mitigation plan integrate, coordinate with, and complement those existing plans and programs.

The Capability Assessment section of Section 6 (Mitigation Strategy) provides a summary and description of the existing plans, programs, and regulatory mechanisms at all levels of government (federal, state, county, and local) that support hazard mitigation within the county. Within each jurisdictional annex in Section 9, the county and each participating jurisdiction identified how they integrated hazard risk management into their existing planning, regulatory, and operational/administrative framework (*integration capabilities*) and how they intend to promote this integration (*integration actions*).

Section 7 (Plan Maintenance) presents a further summary of these continued efforts to develop and promote a comprehensive and holistic approach to hazard risk management and mitigation.

### 3.6 CONTINUED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Livingston County and participating jurisdictions are committed to the continued involvement of the public in the hazard mitigation process. This HMP update will be posted online at the following website:



<https://www.Livingstonco.net/190/Emergency-Services> and municipalities will be encouraged to maintain links to the plan website. Further, the county will make hard copies of the HMP available for review at public locations as identified on the website.

A notice regarding annual updates of the plan and the location of plan copies will be publicized annually after the Planning Partnership's annual evaluation and posted on the public website at the following website: <https://www.livingstoncounty.us/203/Emergency-Management-Office-of>.

Each jurisdiction's governing body will be responsible for receiving, tracking, and filing public comments regarding this plan.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the plan as a part of the annual mitigation planning evaluation process and the next 5-year mitigation plan update. The HMP Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the plan evaluation portion of the meeting, soliciting feedback, collecting and reviewing the comments, and ensuring their incorporation in the 5-year plan update as appropriate; however, members of the Planning Partnership will assist the HMP Coordinator. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Planning Committee to provide the public an opportunity to express concerns, opinions, and ideas about the plan.

Further details regarding continued public involvement are provided in Section 7 (Plan Maintenance).

After completion of this plan, implementation and ongoing maintenance will continue to be a function of the Planning Partnership. The Planning Partnership will review the plan and accept public comments as part of an annual review and as part of 5-year mitigation plan updates.

After the HMP Committee's annual evaluation, a notice regarding annual updates of the plan and the location of plan copies will be publicized and posted on the public website.

Andrew P. Brodell is identified as the Livingston County HMP Coordinator in Section 7 (Plan Maintenance) and is responsible for receiving, tracking, and filing public comments regarding this plan. Contact information is:

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