

The City of Tolleson has joined forces with Maricopa County and other jurisdictions around the Valley to review and update the existing individual multi-hazard mitigation plans and consolidate them into a single multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan. The goal of this mitigation planning effort is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from natural hazard events. Mitigation is not how we respond to emergencies like floods and wildfires, but rather how we as a community prevent the impact of such things in the first place.

The mitigation planning process involves identifying and profiling the natural hazards most likely to occur in a community, assessing the vulnerability to these hazards, and establishing goals, actions, and projects that mitigate the associated risks. The development of this mitigation plan will also ensure eligibility for certain hazard mitigation grants and public assistance funds.

Public input on the mitigation planning process is important and residents are encouraged to educate themselves about the existing plan and offer comments on the update. For more information, please visit the multi-jurisdictional planning website at: [www.maricopa.gov/emerg\\_mgt](http://www.maricopa.gov/emerg_mgt) or contact:

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