

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Allegheny County and its participating jurisdictions have collaborated with local, state, and federal agencies to fulfill the dictates of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the Stafford Act by producing a Plan that addresses natural hazards that affect the county. The Plan takes into account activities that will reduce the loss of life and/or damage to property from disasters *before* they occur and created increased communication and cooperation between local and State agencies while they worked closely together during this process.

The planning process included collection of historical data, hazard identification meetings, risk and loss estimation and creation of goals, objectives and actions to make Allegheny County a more hazard resistant community. Through a concerted local, county, and committee planning process and public input Allegheny County has produced a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan that will be reviewed every other year and updated every five years.