

# Hays County

## Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

### Status – January 31, 2017

- **July 2015** - Applied for Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant to provide funding for update of Hazard Mitigation Plan which includes Hays County and 11 Community Partners;
- **June 2016** – Notice of PDM grant award and acceptance by Commissioners Court;
- **August 2016** – Solicitation for Consultant to prepare the Plan;
- **October 2016** – Partnership of Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates, Inc. and Halff Associates, Inc. selected to facilitate planning process and provide Plan update;
- **November 2016** – Enter into contract with above firms to complete the Plan;
- **December 2016** – First meeting of the planning team to kick off process;
- **January 2017** – Second meeting of the planning team for natural hazard risk assessment.

## Phase 1:

### Kick-Off Meeting

12/08/2016

- Review planning area
- Confirm resources
- Updates to planning process
- Outreach strategy
- Review capabilities

## Phase 2:

### Risk Assessment Meeting

01/05/2017 (Tentative)

- Collect hazard history, impact data
- Validate hazards of concern
- Update community assets
- Revise problem statements
- Review Outreach activities for Phase 2

## Phase 4:

### Adopt and Implement Plan- Draft Plan Submittal to TDEM

03/15/2017

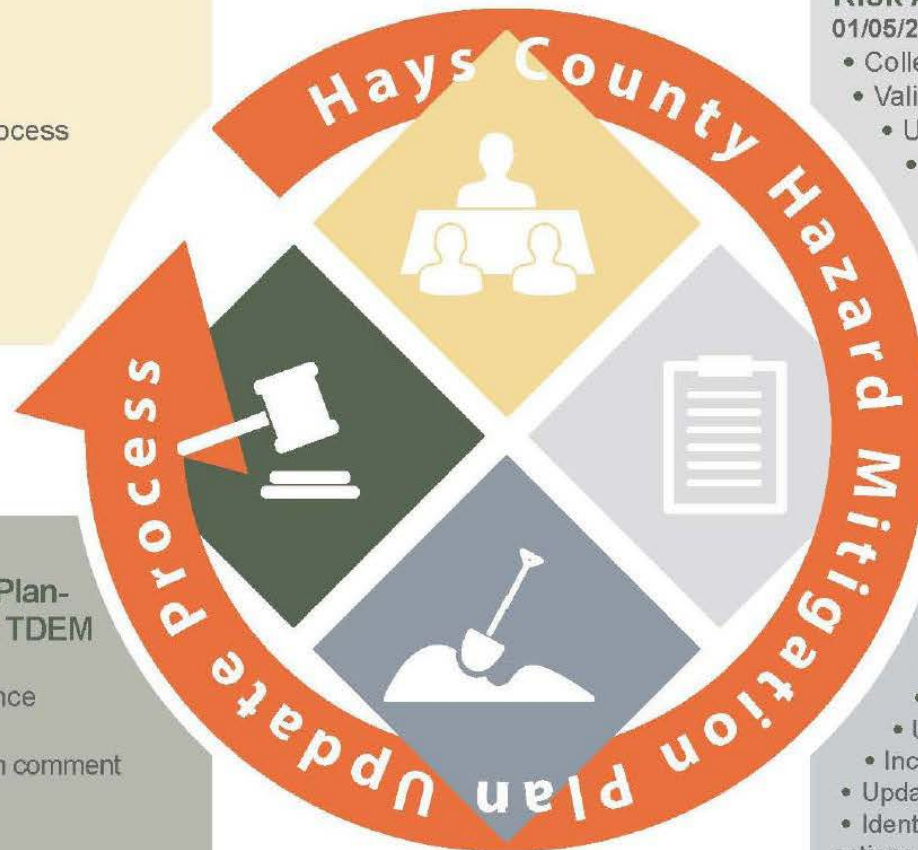
- Update Plan maintenance procedures
- Incorporate feedback from comment periods
- Assemble draft plan
- Submit to TDEM
- Preparation for Plan Adoption

## Phase 3:

### Mitigation Strategy Meeting

2/03/2017 (Tentative)

- Update goals
- Update actions
- Incorporate Strategy into other sources
- Update action priorities
- Identify possible funding sources for actions




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### Hays County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Status

Jan. 23, 2017

Hays County is currently coordinating the countywide update of the Hays County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which includes participation from all cities and villages in Hays County as well as the County itself. This planning effort is expected to continue until the plan draft is complete in the spring of 2017.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan outlines actions that can be taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from natural hazards. It is an effective tool in identifying risks from and vulnerabilities to natural hazards, allowing communities to take action to protect its people and infrastructure before disasters occur. These plans are required as a condition for receiving federal mitigation grant funding for projects. The plan is updated every five years and the current effective plan will expire in November 2017. The current plan is available at the Hays County Web Site under "Plans, Policies and Reports – 2011" or at

<http://www.co.hays.tx.us/SharedFiles/Download.aspx?pageid=256&mid=290&fileid=614>

Part of the effort includes encouraging public feedback and involvement throughout the process. Citizens can provide their input regarding local community hazards by taking part in the Hays Hazard Mitigation Planning Public Opinion Survey. This questionnaire can be completed via the online survey tool at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HaysHMPUpdatePublicSurvey>.

Questionnaire responses will be collected through February 15, 2017.

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[2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)