



PRESS RELEASE

DATE: June 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Press Release for McMinnville addendum to the Yamhill County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment

For Immediate Release

McMinnville seeks additional public input on update to Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

(McMinnville, OR) – McMinnville is in the process of updating their existing Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). This work is being performed in cooperation with the University of Oregon’s Institute for Policy Research and Engagement - Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience and the Oregon Military Department’s Office of Emergency Management utilizing funds obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. With re-adoption of the plan, McMinnville will regain its eligibility to apply for federal funding towards natural hazard mitigation projects. This local planning process includes a wide range of representatives from city and county government, emergency management personnel, and outreach to members of the public in the form of an electronic survey.

A natural hazard mitigation plan provides communities with a set of goals, action items, and resources designed to reduce risk from future natural disaster events. Engaging in mitigation activities provides jurisdictions with a number of benefits, including reduced loss of life, property, essential services, critical facilities, and economic hardship; reduced short-term and long-term recovery and reconstruction costs; increased cooperation and communication within the community through the planning process; and increased potential for state and federal funding for recovery and reconstruction projects.

An electronic version of the updated draft McMinnville NHMP addendum will be available for formal public comment beginning June 29, 2020. To view the draft please visit the “Latest News” section of the City’s website: <https://www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/>

If you have any questions regarding the McMinnville NHMP addendum or the update process in general, please contact: Mike Bisset, Community Development Director at (503) 434-7312 or mike.bisset@mcmnnvilleoregon.gov; or Michael Howard, Assistant Program Director for the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience at mrhoward@uoregon.edu.

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