

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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### **KICK-OFF OF THE 2020 UPDATE TO SUFFOLK COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN TAKE THE SURVEY**

The Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services is kicking off the 2020 Multi-Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

*Hazard Mitigation* is defined as sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from hazards. These hazards include floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, among many others.

Suffolk County's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) will identify projects and strategies that can reduce damages from future natural hazards. During this planning process, county and local leaders and participating jurisdictions will work in tandem to identify risks, assess capabilities, and formulate a strategy to reduce disaster vulnerability in our county.

Public participation and feedback are a vital part of the hazard mitigation planning process. Suffolk County has developed a **Citizen Preparedness Survey** to provide the public an opportunity to contribute to the 2020 HMP update. This survey is anonymous and will be used to develop portions of the plan: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Suffolk2020>. Additional opportunities to become involved include attendance at future public meetings and review of the draft plan.

If you would like more information, please contact the Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services at [OEMHazMit@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:OEMHazMit@suffolkcountyny.gov)

To keep up to date with the project, visit:

<https://fres.suffolkcountyny.gov/RESPOND/HazardMitigation.aspx>