

# NEWS RELEASE

## Mason County

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **MASON COUNTY TO UPDATE THE MASON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Mason County, its jurisdictions, and special purpose districts are embarking on a planning process to prepare for impacts of natural disasters. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), Mason County Division of Emergency Management will update its 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan to enhance resilience throughout the County.

This planning process is being led by Tammi Wright, Project Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator of Mason County's Division of Emergency Management, with support from Beverly O'Dea of Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, the hired technical consultant. This project is funded by a planning grant from FEMA. The planning process will take approximately seven to nine months to complete.

During this process, local citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing knowledge of the area's vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires, maps, and updates on the plan's progress via a website. This process will be directed by a Planning Team made up of representatives from local jurisdictions, special purpose districts, citizens, and other stakeholders from within the planning area. This Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will meet as needed throughout the process. Notice of the date, time and location of these meetings will be posted on the County's website.

An informational website on the plan and supporting information has been established at: [Mason County Hazard Mitigation Plan \(masoncountywa.gov\)](http://masoncountywa.gov)

This website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan and ways that they can participate in the planning process. The public is highly encouraged to provide input on all phases of this plan's development.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and should be directed to Tammi Wright, Mason County Division of Emergency Management at 360-427-9670 Ext. 800, email: [TammiW@masoncountywa.gov](mailto:TammiW@masoncountywa.gov) or to Bev O'Dea, Bridgeview Consulting, LLC at (253) 301-1330 or email: [bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org](mailto:bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org)

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