Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans Updates Underway

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local governments to adopt hazard mitigation plans as a requirement to be eligible for and to receive certain grant funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Per federal regulation, all hazard mitigation plans must be updated every five years for local jurisdictions to maintain eligibility for mitigation funding.

In 2004-2005, SMCOG assisted several of its member counties in developing their Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans, including the counties of Barry, Christian, Dallas, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster. Updates of the Hazard Mitigation Plans for Lawrence and Webster counties are currently underway and kickoff meetings to begin the plan update process for Barry and Christian counties have been scheduled.

All citizens and stakeholders in Barry County and Christian County are invited to attend one of the kickoff meetings in their respective county to learn about the purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the plan update process. Throughout the plan update process, all interested persons are encouraged and welcome to provide input and feedback on the strategies and actions proposed by their communities to reduce or eliminate the impacts of future natural hazard events.

**Christian County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Plan Update Kickoff Meetings  
December 3, 2009
2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.  
Christian County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom  
Ozark, MO

**Barry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Plan Update Kickoff Meetings  
December 14, 2009
1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.  
Barry County Courthouse  
Cassville, MO