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WMSRDC Initiates Updates of Hazard Mitigation Plans for Five Counties

Five years ago, WMSRDC authored Hazard Mitigation Plans for the counties of Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana. All five plans attained Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval, helping the counties become eligible for certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. WMSRDC is now in the process of updating the plans to maintain this condition for mitigation funding eligibility. As a part of the planning process, WMSRDC will coordinate with each county's Emergency Manager to identify local hazards and educate local communities and citizens about local hazards and how to mitigate their effects. This two-year project is expected conclude in October 2013.

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