

# Hazard Mitigation Plan

How Does It Affect Your Community?

# Why Does the County Write the Plan?

- To alleviate the burden on the municipalities
  - Plan has taken 18 months to write
    - Approximately 1800 man-hours
    - Specific FEMA guidance on language and format
- To provide consistency in reporting for all jurisdictions
- To provide an overview of the threats facing the county

# How Was the Plan Developed?

- Consultation with local Emergency Management Directors and/or Local Public Works/Road Commissioners
  - In person discussions
  - Emails
  - Phone calls
- Yearly updates from last five year plan helped provide information on mitigation progress
- Guidance from Maine Emergency Management

# How Does It Affect Your Town?

- Provides an overview of your mitigation needs and progress
- Allows you to see the big picture beyond your boundaries
- Does **NOT** commit your town to anything!

# What Happens If You Don't Adopt?

- Specifically, the Stafford Act requires state, tribal, and local governments to develop and adopt FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and Flood Mitigation Assistance, and indirectly, Fire Mitigation Assistance
- **Without approval, these funds are not available to the county or towns**