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Ralls County Planning Committee Seeks Public Input

New London, MO- The Public is encouraged to review and comment on the Ralls County Multi-jurisdictional hazard Mitigation Plan before it is finalized. The plan was created to develop a strategy to reduce damage and losses caused by natural hazard events. The final draft of the plan will be available online and in hard-copy format at the Ralls County Courthouse County Coordinator's office from March 7 to March 22, 2017. The purpose is to provide information to the public on the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as well as gain public input.

Tax payers pay billions of dollars each year for disaster recovery. Some events are predictable, and often, damages can be reduced or eliminated. The Federal Disaster Act of 2000 requires communities to develop an approved local hazard mitigation plan to remain eligible for certain federal funding.

The Planning committee addressed 11 natural hazards- ranging from flooding and tornadoes to severe winter storms- and considered the impacts of those events on local communities. Based on the results of a risk assessment of the hazards, committee members suggested ways for their jurisdictions to reduce damages caused by the various hazards.

The planning committee would like input from the public on the strategy being developed to lessen impacts of future disasters on people and property in Ralls County. The Plan will be sent to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and FEMA for their final approval. Your comments will be considered by the Planning Committee and Incorporated into the plan, as appropriate.

From March 7 to March 22, 2017, the final draft plan will be available for your review at the following locations:

Online at: www.marktwaincog.com

In hard-copy during normal operating hours at:

Ralls County Courthouse
311 S. Main Street
New London, MO 63459

The final plan must be approved by the governing body of each participating jurisdiction, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and FEMA before becoming official.

For more information on this planning effort, or to provide your comments, please contact Cindy Hultz at 573-565-2203 or via email at hultzcog@rallstech.com