

Appendix IV-9 Letter to Public Regarding HIRA Gathering Meeting

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Region 2000 Regional Commission would like to cordially invite you to a Public Meeting for the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan on Thursday, March 31 from 7pm to 8pm at the Lynchburg City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room, 900 Church Street. The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Planning effort is to identify projects that potentially reduce or eliminate long term risk to life and property from a hazard event, such as flooding. You have been identified by the Plan Steering Committee as having a possible interest in the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Why should you attend this meeting?

At the meeting, we will provide valuable information about ongoing efforts to identify areas in our region that are vulnerable to hazards such as flooding, winter storms, drought, and tornadoes. We will also discuss how this Plan will be the foundation for future regional mitigation planning and funding efforts. If you have ever asked or been asked after a natural disaster, "How can we prevent this from happening again?" you will want to attend this meeting. To have a successful Plan, we need to capture your knowledge on how hazards have affected you and your community and any ideas you have on reducing the impacts from natural hazards. This input will be a valuable tool as the Plan Steering Committee develops comprehensive mitigation strategies for the Plan this spring.

If you have any questions about this meeting or the Mitigation Plan, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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