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CITY TO BEGIN WORK ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

A planning team comprised of representatives from the *City of Tombstone, Cochise County*, the *participating Cochise County Cities*, will be meeting regularly via Microsoft Teams meetings and at times in person in Sierra Vista to participate in a county-wide hazard mitigation planning update process. The purpose of this is to update the current hazard mitigation plans for the participating communities, previously approved by the *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*. According to the **Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K)**, local, county, tribal and state governments are required to have a *FEMA* approved hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for federal disaster mitigation grant funds. The plan focuses on the area's most threatening hazards and establishes a strategy to reduce or eliminate the risk from those hazards to the people and property of *Cochise County*. The planning team anticipates having a draft of Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in the late part of this year, at which time public access to the plan will be provided, with the opportunity to comment.

For more information or should you have questions regarding the hazard mitigation planning process/plan, please contact *Elke Remeikis-Hanna* at the *City of Tombstone, Department of Public Works*, 611 E ALLEN ST, or by calling 520-457-3415 or E-Mailing the Department at publicworks@cityoftombstoneaz.gov.