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Press Release

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Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Kick-Off meeting

The 2018 Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) expired in October 2023; Washington County Emergency Management has started the process of working on the 2024 HMP Update. Once the plan is approved by FEMA and adopted by the individual municipalities as their own hazard mitigation plan, those municipalities will be eligible for certain federal funding.

Washington County EMA is holding the official “kick-off” meeting for the 2024 HMP Update process on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** Meeting will be held in the Conference room at Sunrise Economic Council, 7 Ames Avenue in Machias or by Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86753987947>.

This meeting is intended to be an informative session for the general public, to educate the community on the purpose of the plan, how the municipalities are involved in the process, and the need for the entire community to have the opportunity to provide input.

In the near future, a survey will be made available to the public to help municipal, and county officials understand the concerns of the community. With all the damaging storms we have gone through in the last several years, public participation is even more important than ever. This is a public meeting and everyone is welcome!