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## Public Meeting on Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG), which represents the municipalities of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Trumbull and Stratford is pleased to invite residents, local businesses and other stakeholders to a Public Meeting on the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Meeting will occur on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Fairfield Regional Fire School. The Fairfield Regional Fire School located at 205 Richard White Way, Fairfield, Connecticut 06824.

A Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is a tool that helps a community understand risks and take specific steps to reduce property damage, injury, and loss of life. This plan discusses the occurrence and consequences of floods, sea level rise, winter storms, tornadoes, hurricanes and tropical storms, earthquakes, and dam failure. The plan identifies activities that communities can perform before natural hazards occur in order to minimize property damage, risk of life, and the costs that are shared by all. This update will identify significant changes in risks, vulnerabilities, capabilities, and mitigation actions that have developed since adoption of the previous plan in 2014.

The Public Meeting will include a presentation of the some of the proposed mitigation actions for 2019 - 2024. All interested parties and members of the public will have an opportunity to participate as well as voice their opinions and provide feedback on the Plan.

First Selectman Dunsby is encouraging the public to attend the Meeting and help shape the Region's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is a result of FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant that was awarded to MetroCOG by the State of Connecticut's Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

Anyone interested in the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is encouraged to attend the Public Meeting. For further information please contact Patrick Carleton, MetroCOG at <a href="mailto:pcarleton@ctmetro.org">pcarleton@ctmetro.org</a>.