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Public Presentation of the LaPorte County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Scheduled for 6:30 pm, Wednesday, May 11, 2016

LaPorte County, IN (May 2, 2016) – LaPorte County, in cooperation with the Town of Kingsford Heights, the City of LaPorte, the Town of Long Beach, the Town of Michiana Shores, and the City of Michigan City have prepared an update to the 2005 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) to address the risk and vulnerability of communities in the County which may be affected by known natural, technological, and political hazards.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires communities to update their MHMP every 5 years in order to be eligible for any future mitigation funding through the State Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The intent of the MHMP is to plan for a disaster before it occurs in order to reduce the physical, social and economical impact of that disaster.

The draft LaPorte County MHMP Update will be presented at a public meeting on Wednesday May 11, 2016. It will be presented at 6:30 pm in the Michigan City Fire Department, 2510 E Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, Indiana. Topics covered during this public presentation will include: an overview of the planning requirements; a summary of the risk assessment and vulnerability analysis; and proposed mitigation projects for prevention, property protection, natural resource protection, emergency services, structural control projects, and public information.

A copy of the draft LaPorte County MHMP Update will be available Monday, May 2, 2016 at www.laportecounty.org the website for LaPorte County as well as www.emichigancity.com the website for Michigan City. Comments will be accepted through Wednesday May 13, 2016. Please submit comments to Larry Butcher at the LaPorte County Emergency Management Agency, (219) 362-7210 or lbutcher@laportecounty.org

Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in this informational session.

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