

# APPENDIX B - SURVEY MATERIALS

**Survey Reports: Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

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**Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan**  
Respondent Type: Anonymous  
Email address: [66.242.94.111](mailto:66.242.94.111)  
IP address: 66.242.94.111  
Survey Started: 05/21/2010, 02:28 PM GMT  
Survey Ended: 05/21/2010, 02:41 PM GMT

**Introduction**  
1. Check the City or Township that you live in.  
Watab Twp

**Natural Disasters and Hazards.**  
2. Check the natural hazard(s) that you believe could affect your City or Township.  
Tornado  
High Winds  
Floods

3. Of the above Natural Disasters, list the top three (3) that you feel are mostly likely to occur within Benton County.  
1.: tornado  
2.: floods, but only along the river/little rock lake area.  
3.: (no answer)

4. What can the County/City/Township do to lessen the effects of natural disasters?  
Septic systems around little rock should safe. Storm shin around little rock lake area or in high poulation areas would be good.

5. Is there any Natural Disaster that is unique to the area in which you live?  
I don't think so.

6. Does the area in which you live have a histroy of any natural disaster that you are aware of?  
(no answer)

**Man-made hazards**  
7. Check the man-made hazard(s) that you believe could affect your City or Township.  
Hazardous materials spill - Highway  
Hazardous materials spill - Railroad  
Pipe line explosion  
fertilizer

8. Of the above man-made Disasters, list the top three (3) that you feel are mostly likely to occur within Benton County.  
1.: spills  
2.: pipe line leak  
3.: to much aggriculture fertilizer will contaminate ground water for drinking.

9. What can the County/City/Township do to reduce the effects of a man-made disaster?  
I don't know.

10. Is there any man-made Disaster that is unique to the area in which you live?  
no

11. Does the area you live in have a history of any man-made Disaster?  
no

**Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources**  
12. Check each type of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource that exists within your City or Township.  
Main Transportation Routes - Road, Air, Rail  
Water  
Government Offices  
Schools  
Churches  
Agriculture

**Preparation**  
13. How well prepared for responding to a disaster do you think your local government (County, City, Township) is?  
Somewhat prepared

14. How well prepared are you and your family to respond to or recover from a disaster that could affect you?  
Poorly prepared

15. If you have a business, how well prepared is it to respond to or recover from a disaster?  
Somewhat prepared

16. Are you aware of anything you can do to your home/business to reduce the effects of a natural or man-made disaster?  
No

17. If you answered yes to the previous question, what might those preparations be?  
(no answer)

18. Do you feel your County/City/Township could do more to be prepared for a disaster?  
Yes

**Background Information**  
19. How old are you?  
40 - 49

20. What is your gender?  
Male

21. How long have you lived in Benton County?  
over 20 years

22. Do you own or rent?  
Own

23. do you live in/on a:  
Single-family home

RESIDENT LETTER

May 6, 2010

Dear Benton County Resident:

Benton County is updating its Mitigation Plan as required by Federal Law. This plan outlines what hazards Benton County residents think would affect the county in coming years and includes ideas as how to mitigate or lessen the affect these hazards would have on the citizens of Benton County.

Your input is needed to help satisfy the Federal requirement of Citizen participation. We would greatly appreciate your completing this survey and mailing it back to:

Benton County Emergency Management  
531 Dewey Street  
P.O. Box 129  
Foley, MN 56329

More information on the Mitigation Plan can be found on the County web site at  
<http://www.co.benton.mn.us/EmerMgmt/mitigation/index.htm> .

Thank you for your time and effort.

Jim McDermott

## Director of Emergency Management

### PRINT SURVEY



### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SURVEY



Benton County is currently updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan and requests input from the citizens of Benton County. Please take a few minutes and fill out this short survey then drop it in the mail to: **Emergency Management**  
P.O. Box 129  
531 Dewey St.  
Foley, MN 56329

### PRINT SURVEY

Your input is greatly appreciated and will help the County to better prepare for emergencies.

This survey is also available and can be accessed online at: <http://www.co.benton.mn.us/EmerMgmt/mitigation/index.htm>

1. What City or Township do you live in?
2. Check the natural hazard (s) that you believe could affect your City or Township?  
 Tornado  
 High winds  
 Wild fires  
 Floods  
 Ice storms  
 Drought  
 Epidemic  
 Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Of the above Natural Disasters, list the top three (3) that you feel are most likely to occur within Benton County.  
 A. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. \_\_\_\_\_
4. What can your local government do to lessen the effects of natural disasters?
5. Is there any natural disaster that is unique to the area in which you live?
6. Does the area in which you live have a history of any natural disaster that you are aware of?
7. Check the Man-Made hazard (s) that you believe could affect your City or Township.  
 Hazardous materials spill—Commercial  
 Hazardous materials spill—Highway  
 Hazardous materials spill—Railroad  
 Oil spill
8. Of the above Man-Made disasters, list the top three (3) that you feel are most likely to occur within Benton County.  
 A. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. \_\_\_\_\_
9. What can your local government do to reduce the effects of a man-made disaster?
10. Is there any man-made disaster that is unique to the area in which you live?
11. Does the area in which you live have a history of any man-made disaster that you are aware of?
12. Check the types of Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources that exist within your City or Township.  
 Government Offices  
 Schools  
 Churches  
 Major retail businesses  
 Major manufacturer  
 Financial Institutions  
 Telecommunications  
 Electric/Gas/Oil facilities  
 Agriculture  
 Main transportation routes—Road/Air/Rail  
 Public health facility
13. How well prepared for responding to a disaster do you think your local government is?  
 Very  
 Somewhat  
 Not at all
14. How well prepared are you and your family for responding to or recovering from a disaster?  
 Very  
 Somewhat  
 Not at all
15. If you have a business, how well prepared is it to respond to or recover from a disaster?  
 Very  
 Somewhat  
 Not at all
16. Are you aware of anything you can do to your home/business to reduce the effects of a natural or man-made disaster?  
 Yes  
 No
17. If you answered yes what might those preparations be?
18. Do you feel your local government could do more to prepare for a disaster?  
 Yes  
 No
19. If you answered Yes, what could they do?
20. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ Gender—M/F (circle one)
21. How long have you lived in Benton County?  
\_\_\_\_\_
22. Do you Own Rent  
Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
23. What type of structure do you live in?  
\_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS LETTER

Hello,

## Invitation Letter to Business

Benton County is currently re-writing its Mitigation Plan. This plan documents, details and discusses various aspects of Benton County in relationship to disasters, man-made or natural.

The Plan consists of hazard identification, vulnerability ranking, identification of critical infrastructure and key resources. Its main focus is on how the County can mitigate or reduce the affect of any hazard should it happen in Benton County.

We have identified your organization as one of these key infrastructures or resources and would like your input into this plan. An advantage to your organization would be that by participating you become eligible to apply for mitigation grant funding when it becomes available. Only mitigation methods described in the plan will be eligible. For example we have had the misfortune in the past to have organizations apply for money to bury power lines underground to protect from ice storms, only to have them turned down because that particular method was not mentioned in our County Plan. These meetings are designed to avoid that from happening again by being as comprehensive as possible.

We have set aside a number of meeting times. On the attached sheet you will find when we have set the meeting date for your category of business, highlighted in yellow. However, you are welcome to come to any date listed if that works better for you. The advantage of having, for example, all the long-term care facilities together is that we can focus just on that industry.

Please reply to Andrew Barbes by phone at 320-968-5069 or email [ABARBES@co.benton.mn.us](mailto:ABARBES@co.benton.mn.us) as to which meeting you will be sending a representative.

Thank you,

Jim McDermott  
Director of Emergency Management  
Benton County



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**Introduction**

1. Check the City or Township that you live in.

	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents
Foley	30.77%	12
Gilman	0.00%	0
Rice	5.10%	2
Sartell	0.00%	0
Sauk Rapids	17.95%	7
St. Cloud	2.56%	1
Alberta Twp	0.00%	0
Gilmanton Twp	5.13%	2
Glendora Twp	5.13%	2
Graham Twp	0.00%	0
Granite Ledge Twp	7.69%	3
Langola Twp	0.00%	0
Mayhew Lake Twp	5.13%	2
Maywood Twp	5.13%	2
Minden Twp	5.13%	2
Sauk Rapids Twp	2.56%	1
St. George Twp	5.13%	2
Watab Twp	2.56%	1

Number of respondents: 39  
Number of respondents who skipped this question: 0

**Natural Disasters and Hazards.**

2. Check the natural hazard(s) that you believe could affect your City or Township.

	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents
Tornado	18.34%	31
High Winds	18.93%	32
Wild Fire	9.47%	16
Floods	11.24%	19
Ice Storms	15.38%	26
Drought	13.02%	22
Epidemic	11.63%	20

Details | Other (Specify): 1.78% | 3  
Number of respondents: 32  
Number of respondents who skipped this question: 7

3. Of the above Natural Disasters, list the top three (3) that you feel are mostly likely to occur within Benton County.

	1.	2.	3.
Details	1.	29	
Details	2.	29	
Details	3.	27	

Number of Respondents: 29  
Number of respondents who skipped this question: 10

4. What can the County/City/Township do to lessen the effects of natural disasters?

	Number of Respondents
Details	18

Number of respondents who skipped this question: 21

5. Is there any Natural Disaster that is unique to the area in which you live?

	Number of Respondents
Details	17

Number of respondents who skipped this question: 22

6. Does the area in which you live have a history of any natural disaster that you are aware of?

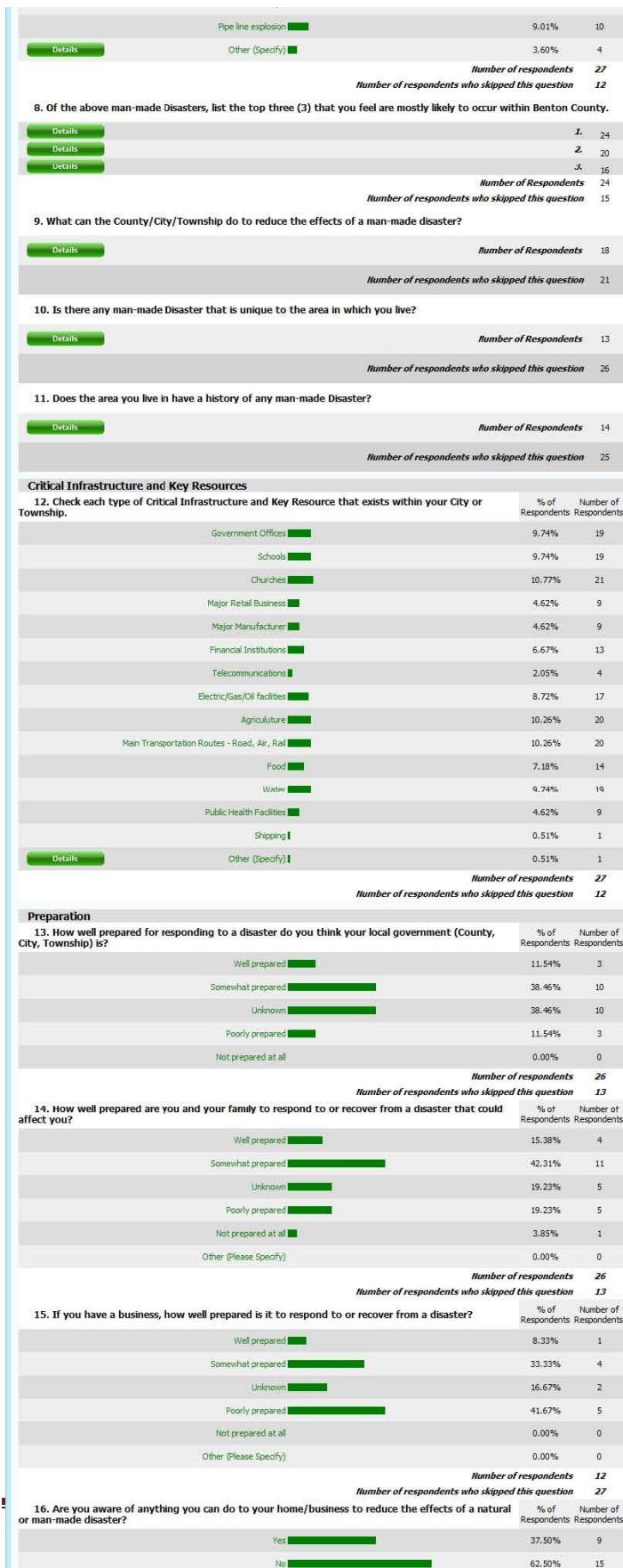
	Number of Respondents
Details	16

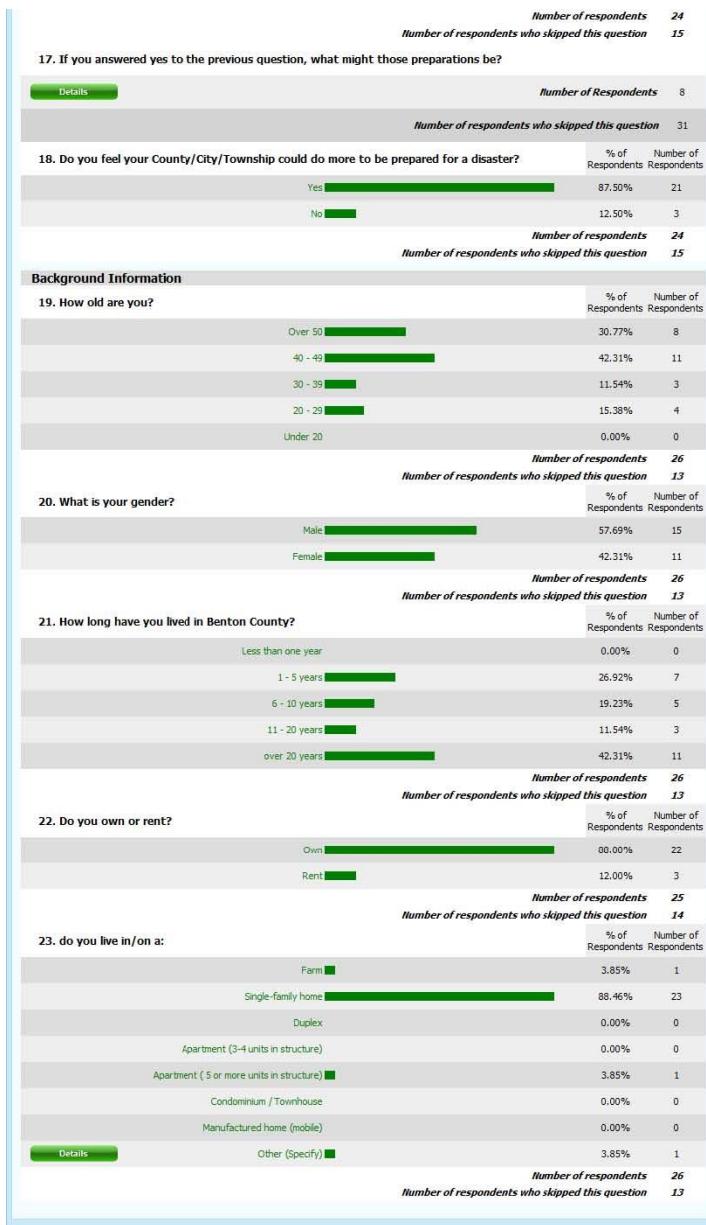
Number of respondents who skipped this question: 23

**Man-made hazards**

7. Check the man-made hazard(s) that you believe could affect your City or Township.

	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents
Hazardous materials spill - Commercial	16.52%	18
Hazardous materials spill - Highway	21.62%	24
Hazardous materials spill - Railroad	7.21%	8
Monticello nuclear power plant radiation release	11.71%	13
Terrorist related attack	4.50%	5
Bio-terrorism	0.90%	1
Dam collapse	2.70%	3
Bridge collapse	7.21%	8
Plane crash	9.01%	10
Oil spill	6.31%	7







# BENTON COUNTY

## Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Answers marked with a \* are required.

### Introduction

Emergency Management is seeking input from the citizens of Benton County. This survey will ask specific questions relating to possible hazards (natural and man-made) that the County may be at risk for at some time in the future.

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You will be able to also add comments to the survey concerning the questions and process.

#### 1. Check the City or Township that you live in. \*

- Foley
- Gilman
- Rice
- Sartell
- Sauk Rapids
- St. Cloud
- Alberta Twp
- Gilmanton Twp
- Glendorado Twp
- Graham Twp
- Granite Ledge Twp
- Langola Twp
- Mayhew Lake Twp
- Maywood Twp
- Minden Twp
- Sauk Rapids Twp
- St. George Twp
- Watab Twp

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# BENTON COUNTY

## Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Answers marked with a \* are required.

### Natural Disasters and Hazards.

This section deals with the Natural Disasters that might affect Benton County.

2. Check the natural hazard(s) that you believe could affect your City or Township.

- Tornado
- High Winds
- Wild Fire
- Floods
- Ice Storms
- Drought
- Epidemic
- Other (Please Specify)

3. Of the above Natural Disasters, list the top three (3) that you feel are mostly likely to occur within Benton County.

1.
2.
3.

4. What can the County/City/Township do to lessen the effects of natural disasters?

5. Is there any Natural Disaster that is unique to the area in which you live?

6. Does the area in which you live have a history of any natural disaster that you are aware of?

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# BENTON COUNTY

## Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan

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### Man-made hazards

This section deals with the different man made hazards that might impact Benton County.

7. Check the man-made hazard(s) that you believe could affect your City or Township.

- Hazardous materials spill - Commercial
- Hazardous materials spill - Highway
- Hazardous materials spill - Railroad
- Monticello nuclear power plant radiation release
- Terrorist related attack
- Bio-terrorism
- Dam collapse
- Bridge collapse
- Plane crash
- Oil spill
- Pipe line explosion
- Other (Please Specify)

8. Of the above man-made Disasters, list the top three (3) that you feel are mostly likely to occur within Benton County.

1.
2.
3.

9. What can the County/City/Township do to reduce the effects of a man-made disaster?

10. Is there any man-made Disaster that is unique to the area in which you live?

11. Does the area you live in have a history of any man-made Disaster?

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# BENTON COUNTY

## Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Answers marked with a \* are required.

### Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources

These questions pertain to critical businesses, organizations and structures within the County that provide for its economic and social health.

12. Check each type of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource that exists within your City or Township.

- Government Offices
- Schools
- Churches
- Major Retail Business
- Major Manufacturer
- Financial Institutions
- Telecommunications
- Electric/Gas/Oil facilities
- Agriculture
- Main Transportation Routes - Road, Air, Rail
- Food
- Water
- Public Health Facilities
- Shipping
- Other (Please Specify)

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# BENTON COUNTY

## Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Answers marked with a \* are required.

### Preparation

These questions will pertain to your thoughts on preparation for a disaster

13. How well prepared for responding to a disaster do you think your local government (County, City, Township) is?

- Well prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Unknown
- Poorly prepared
- Not prepared at all
- Other (Please Specify)

14. How well prepared are you and your family to respond to or recover from a disaster that could affect you?

- Well prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Unknown
- Poorly prepared
- Not prepared at all
- Other (Please Specify)
- Other (Please Specify)

15. If you have a business, how well prepared is it to respond to or recover from a disaster?

- Well prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Unknown
- Poorly prepared
- Not prepared at all
- Other (Please Specify)
- Other (Please Specify)

16. Are you aware of anything you can do to your home/business to reduce the effects of a natural or man-made disaster?

- Yes
- No

17. If you answered yes to the previous question, what might those preparations be?

18. Do you feel your County/City/Township could do more to be prepared for a disaster?

- Yes
- No

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# BENTON COUNTY

## Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan Answers marked with a \* are required.

### Background Information

These questions will give us a general idea about the residents in the County responding to this survey.

19. How old are you?

- Over 50
- 40 - 49
- 30 - 39
- 20 - 29
- Under 20

20. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

21. How long have you lived in Benton County?

- Less than one year
- 1 - 5 years
- 6 - 10 years
- 11 - 20 years
- over 20 years

22. Do you own or rent?

- Own
- Rent
- Other (Please Specify)

23. do you live in/on a:

- Farm
- Single-family home
- Duplex
- Apartment (3-4 units in structure)
- Apartment ( 5 or more units in structure)
- Condominium / Townhouse
- Manufactured home (mobile)
- Other (Please Specify)

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