



**Onondaga County, NY  
Multi-Jurisdictional  
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

# Hazard Mitigation Plan Overview



## 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Onondaga County,  
New York

### Volume 1: Countywide Planning Elements



**FEMA Region 2 has approved the Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan five year update pending adoption.**

- The 2025 update includes:
  - **Volume I** – Countywide Planning Area
  - **Volume II** – 36 Jurisdictional Annexes
- The Plan was reviewed and approved by the New York Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYDHSES) and FEMA.
- To maintain eligibility for federal hazard mitigation grants, the Plan **must be adopted by each plan participant (municipality and special district).**

# Hazard Mitigation Goals



**The hazard mitigation goals represent the County's long-term strategic vision for achieving successful mitigation efforts.**

## **Goal 1**

Protect life, property, and the environment.

## **Goal 2**

Increase understanding and awareness of natural hazard risk.

## **Goal 3**

Promote resiliency throughout the County.

## **Goal 4**

Protect the environment and natural resources.

## **Goal 5**

Promote and support partnerships.

## **Goal 6**

Enhance disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

# Hazards Addressed



<b>Drought</b>	<b>Earthquake</b>
<b>Flood</b> <i>(riverine, flash/urban, ice jam, dam and levee failure)</i>	<b>Geological Hazards</b> <i>(landslides, land subsidence, mudboils)</i>
<b>Harmful Algal Bloom</b>	<b>Heat Wave/Extreme Heat (NEW)</b>
<b>Invasive Species and Infestation</b> <i>(Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, True Armyworm, Common Reed (Phragmites), Eurasian Watermilfoil, Water Chestnut, Tick-Borne Diseases, Mosquito-Borne Diseases)</i>	<b>Severe Weather</b> <i>(thunderstorm, hail, strong winds, tornado, hurricane/tropical storm, nor'easter)</i>
<b>Wildfire (NEW)</b>	<b>Winter Weather</b> <i>(blizzards, heavy snow, ice storms, cold wave/extreme cold)</i>

This Plan only addresses natural hazards

# Countywide Hazard Ranking



Rank	Hazard	Rank	Hazard
1	Urban/Flash Flood ( <b>Flood</b> )	11	Tropical Storm/Hurricane ( <b>Severe Weather</b> )
2	Winter Weather ( <i>blizzards, lake effect snow, nor'easter, ice storm</i> )	12	Dam and Levee Failure ( <b>Flood</b> )
3	Strong Winds/Damaging Winds ( <b>Severe Weather</b> )	13	Hail ( <b>Severe Weather</b> )
4	Harmful Algal Bloom	14	Earthquake
5	Severe Thunderstorm ( <b>Severe Weather</b> )	15	Tornado ( <b>Severe Weather</b> )
6	Riverine/Creek/Ice Jam ( <b>Flood</b> )	16	Wildfire
7	Invasive Species and Infestation	17	Landslide ( <b>Geological Hazards</b> )
8	Cold Wave/Extreme Cold ( <b>Winter Weather</b> )	18	Land Subsidence ( <b>Geological Hazards</b> )
9	Heat Wave/Extreme Heat	19	Mudboils ( <b>Geological Hazards</b> )
10	Drought		

# Jurisdictional Hazard Ranking



Rank	Hazard	Rank	Hazard
1	<b>GO TO SECTION 10 (HAZARD RISK RANKING) OF YOUR ANNEX AND UPDATE THE TABLE IN THIS SLIDE ACCORDINGLY.</b>	11	
2		12	
3		13	
4		14	
5		15	
6		16	
7		17	
8		18	
9		19	
10			

# Mitigation Actions



Status		Mitigation Action Total	
Continuous		#	
In Progress/Not Yet Completed		#	
No Progress/Not Yet Started		#	
New		#	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>#</b>	
Complete		#	
Discontinued		#	
Mitigation Actions per Hazard			
Drought	#	Harmful Algal Bloom	#
Earthquake	#	Invasive Species and Infestation <i>(Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, True Armyworm, Common Reed (Phragmites), Eurasian Watermilfoil, Water Chestnut, Tick-Borne Diseases, Mosquito-Borne Diseases)</i>	#
Heat Wave/Extreme Heat	#	Severe Weather <i>(severe thunderstorms – hail, strong winds/damaging winds, tornadoes, hurricane/tropical storm)</i>	#
Flood <i>(riverine, flash/urban, ice jam, dam and levee failure)</i>	#	Winter Weather <i>(blizzards, heavy snow, ice storms, cold wave/extreme cold, nor'easter)</i>	#
Geological Hazards <i>(landslides, land subsidence, mudboils)</i>	#	Wildfire <i>(wildfire smoke)</i>	#

- **Each** jurisdiction was required to have one (1) mitigation action for each hazard ranked *high* or *medium* in the hazard ranking.
- These actions were developed in collaboration with other [Enter Jurisdiction Name] departments, agencies, and stakeholders.

# Public Comment Period



- Individuals who live and/or work in Onondaga County were provided *an opportunity* to review and provide feedback on the Plan draft (Volume 1 and all the plan annexes) before the Plan was submitted to the State and FEMA.

**Public Comment Period**  
**May 1, 2025 – May 30, 2025**

**Onondaga County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan**

We are seeking public feedback on the 2025 Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan!

This Plan serves as a guide to the County jurisdictions on how to become more resilient to the local impacts of natural hazards. Interested residents and business owners can review the Plan and provide comments before it is submitted for review. Your feedback will help shape how we can prepare for natural hazards in our communities.

The Draft Plan and Comment Form can be found at: <http://ongov.net/planning/haz.html>

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**Public Comment Review – Comment Form**  
2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Onondaga County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Name (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (required): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Onondaga County and its jurisdictions (i.e., city, towns, villages, special districts) are completing a five (5) year update of the Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).

This Plan is an effort to make your community more resilient, to provide a basis for identifying and managing natural hazards, and to meet federal, state, and local requirements for hazard mitigation grant funding.

The Plan identifies and assesses risks the County faces from natural hazards, and outlines strategies the County and jurisdictions have identified for reducing the impacts of these hazards.

Public involvement is a key part of this update process, and we encourage residents to review the Plan and share their feedback. Participate in this update process by following the instructions below:

1. Access and view the draft Plan via the following webpage: [ongov.net/planning/haz.html](http://ongov.net/planning/haz.html). You can use one of the library computers!
2. Provide comments by completing this Form. If you prefer to complete the online comment form, you can access it via the link above.
3. If you complete this hard copy form, mail to: Onondaga County Department of Planning, Carnegie Building, 335 Montgomery Street, 1st Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202.

We appreciate your interest and feedback!

Identify the jurisdiction for which you will provide comments/feedback. *Select One*  
*\*\*If you are providing feedback for more than one location, please complete another form.\*\**

Volume 1 (Countywide Planning Elements)  
 City of Syracuse  Town of Onondaga  Village of Fabius

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**We need your feedback on the 2025 Onondaga County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**  
For Immediate Release: 5.12.2025  
Contact: Justin Sayles (315) 435-3516

## County Executive McMahon Invites Onondaga County Residents to Participate in Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

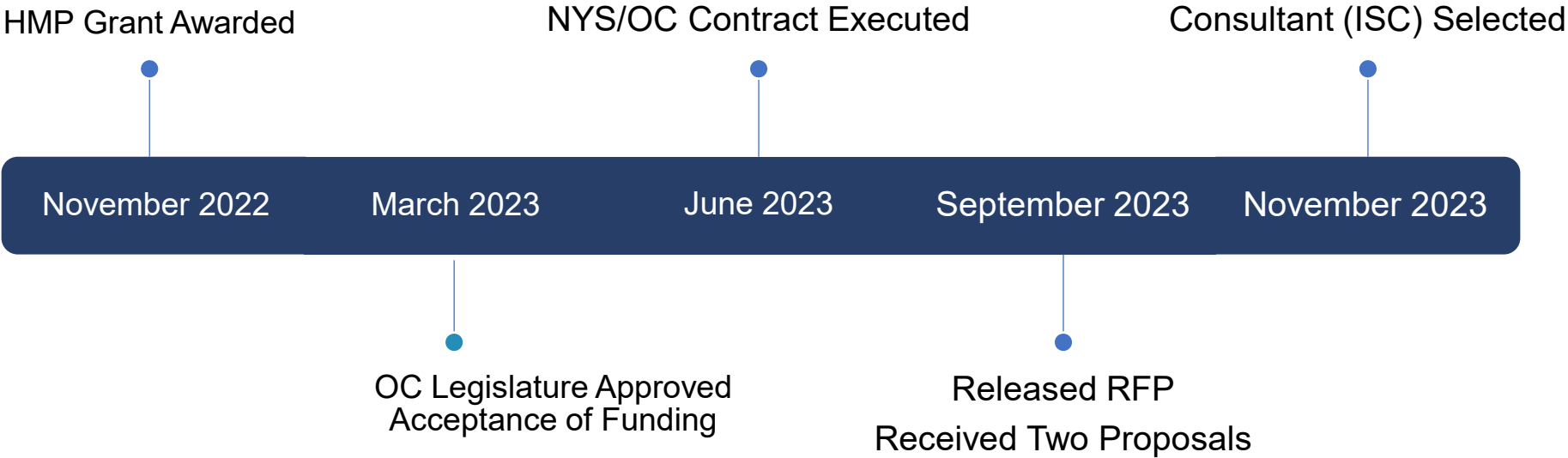
*Review & feedback welcome on 2025 draft update*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Onondaga County Department of Planning invites residents, businesses, community organizations, and stakeholders to review and provide feedback on the 2025 Draft Update of the Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

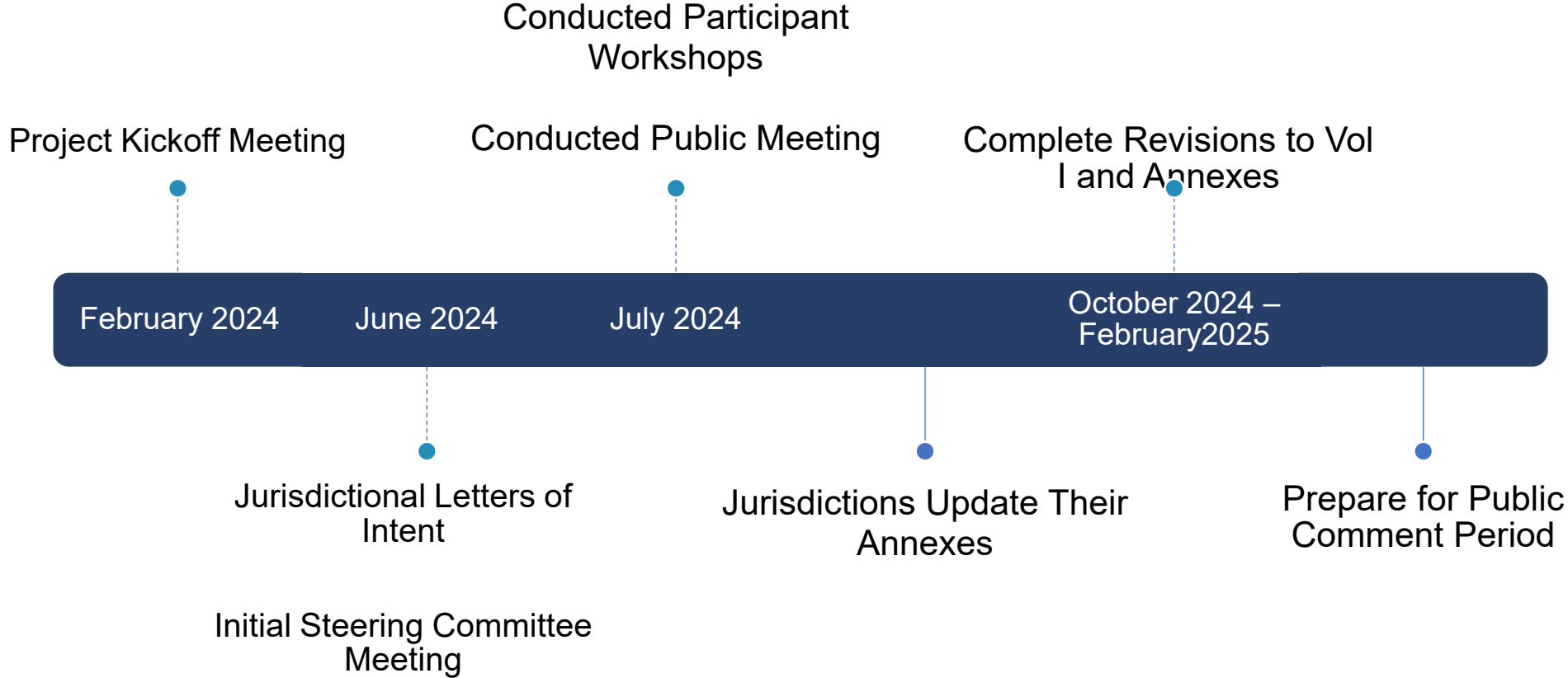
The countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan forms the foundation of a countywide strategy to reduce natural disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repetitive damage. In addition to minimizing risks to the population, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) cites that every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation before a natural hazard occurs saves \$6 on future disaster losses after the fact.

The Plan assesses risks the County faces from 10 identified natural hazards and outlines strategies the County, municipalities (i.e., cities, towns, and villages) and special districts have identified for reducing the impact of these hazards. The Onondaga County Department of Planning has led the planning effort on behalf of, and with participation from, each of the County's 19 towns, 15 villages, the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County government, and the Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA). Each

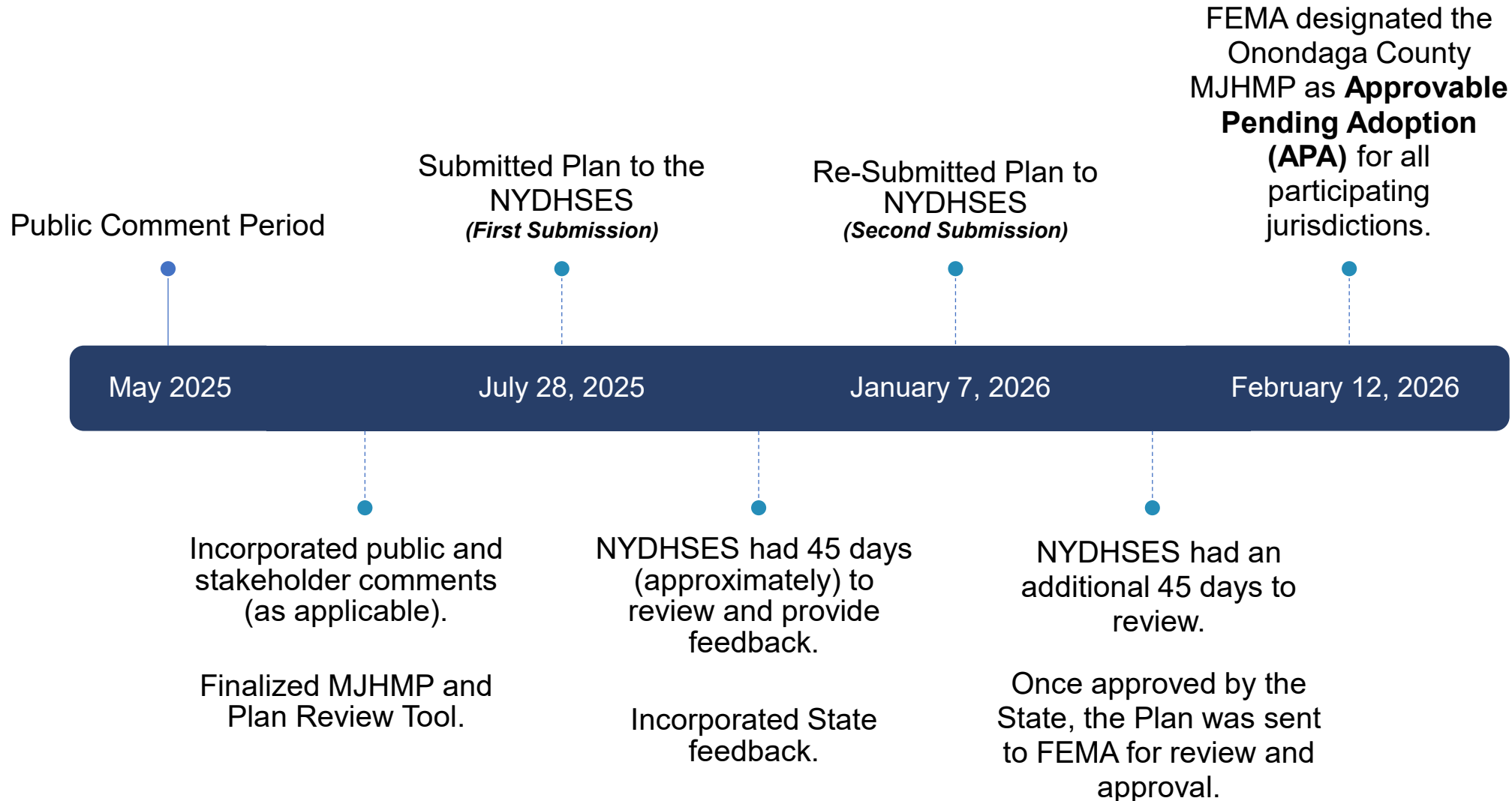
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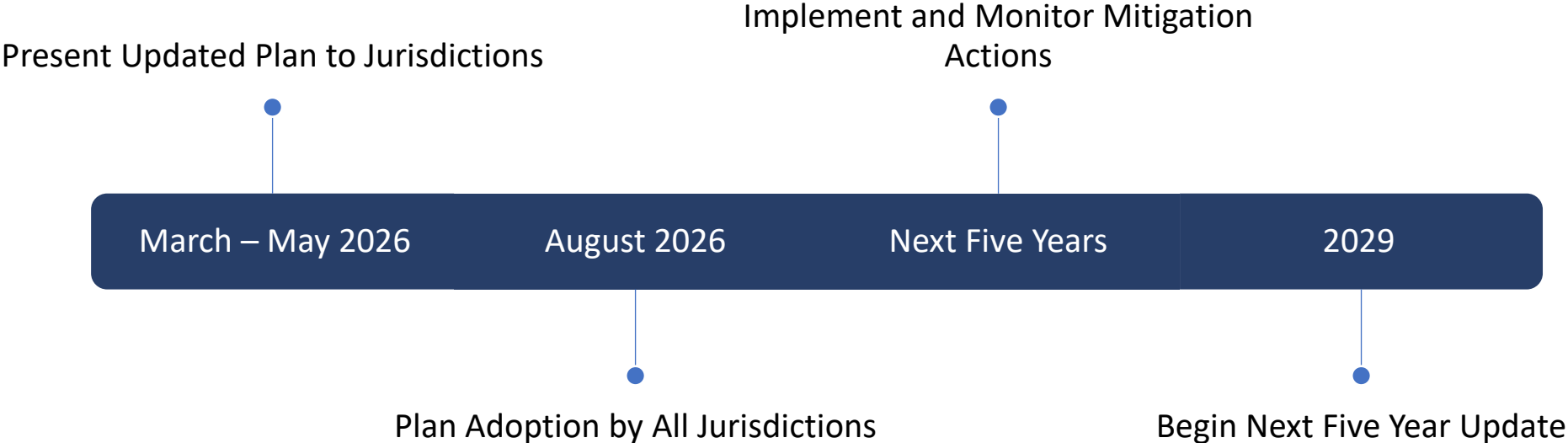
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# Plan Adoption and Implementation



# Next Steps: Plan Adoption



**Without adoption, the jurisdiction has not completed the mitigation planning process and will not be eligible for certain FEMA assistance (e.g., HMGP, FMA) for mitigation actions.**

- **Each** jurisdiction **must** adopt the Plan by its governing body to demonstrate the jurisdiction's commitment to the hazard mitigation goals and actions.
- Participating jurisdictions need to adopt the Plan promptly after it is granted APA status to be eligible for certain types of FEMA non-emergency disaster assistance.
- Onondaga County's goal is to have 100% jurisdictional approval by August 31, 2026.



# Questions

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