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***County Launches Two Mitigation Planning Efforts
-Public Input Needed-***

Santa Rosa County is seeking public involvement and participation in two mitigation planning efforts. The first is a comprehensive update to the Local Mitigation Strategy multi-hazard plan. The second effort is the development of a flood mitigation plan, which will be part of the multi-hazard plan but also a stand-alone plan. Mitigation planning can lead to activities that lessen the impacts of disasters and reduce the loss of life and property for residents, governments and businesses. Additionally, effective flood mitigation planning can result in additional discounts for flood insurance policy holders.

Community input is vital to creating an effective plan and there are several ways in which the public can participate in this process:

- ***Attend one of two public meetings***
 - Tuesday, July 28 at 6 p.m.
Oriole Beach Elementary/Media Room
1260 Oriole Beach Road, Gulf Breeze
 - Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m.
County Administrative Center/Commissioner's Board Room
6495 Caroline Street, Milton
- ***Complete an online survey-*** a short survey is available on the county's website at www.santarosa.fl.gov.
- ***Serve on the Local Mitigation Task Force or Flood Mitigation Plan Task Force-*** Volunteers are needed for both the Local Mitigation Strategy task force and the Flood Mitigation task force. Volunteers should expect to participate in one to two meetings per month for the next six months and provide assistance and input regarding mitigation planning.

For more information about volunteering or the county's mitigation planning efforts, please contact Sheila Harris, Grants & Special Projects Coordinator at (850)983-1848 or sheilah@santarosa.fl.gov.

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