

## **SECTION 5 - MITIGATION GOALS**

Goals were developed by taking into consideration both state and jurisdictional goals for mitigation. None of the goals or actions in this County plan contradicts the goals of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. In fact, the Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals are in support of furthering the State's goals in many ways.

### **New York State Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals**

New York State's Hazard Mitigation Vision Statement reads:

*"To create communities whose daily activities reflect a comprehensive commitment by government, business, non-profit organizations, and the public to eliminate or reduce risks and adverse impacts from natural, technological, and human-caused hazards."*

As outlined in the New York State Hazard Mitigation Plan (approved by FEMA January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008), the State's generic goals are:

- 1) Promote hazard mitigation awareness and education throughout the State.
- 2) Build a State and Local hazard mitigation infrastructure within the State and promote mitigation as the most effective means to reduce future disaster losses.
- 3) Implement, maintain, and update a comprehensive State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 4) Reduce risk to lives and property from frequent natural, technological and human caused disasters. Set priority on hazards that are repetitive and pose severe risk to life and property.
- 5) Promote the implementation of flood mitigation plans and projects in flood prone areas of the State, in accordance with the FMA program as well as the Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) program.
- 6) Encourage the development and implementation of long-term, cost-effective and environmentally sound mitigation projects at the local level.
- 7) Promote Hazard Resistant Construction, especially in residential buildings throughout the State.

### **Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals**

The Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals are long-term statements of what the participating jurisdictions hope to achieve over time through implementation of the plan. They are based on the findings of the risk assessment, and will apply to each jurisdiction adopting this plan.

1. Promote disaster-resistant development.
2. Build and support local capacity to enable the public to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.
3. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to drought.
4. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to flooding caused by floods, hurricanes and nor'easters.
5. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to earthquakes.
6. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to landslides.
7. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to lightning.

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8. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to ice jams.
9. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to dam failures.
10. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to wildfires.
11. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to winter storms.
12. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to extreme temperatures.
13. Reduce the possibility of damage and losses due to tornadoes and high winds caused by windstorms, hurricanes and nor'easters.
14. Reduce the possibility of damages to emergency and critical facilities from damage due to flooding, wildfires, and extreme winds.

*Note- The term “losses” is intended to refer to monetary losses as well as other types of losses related to injury and/or loss of life.*

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