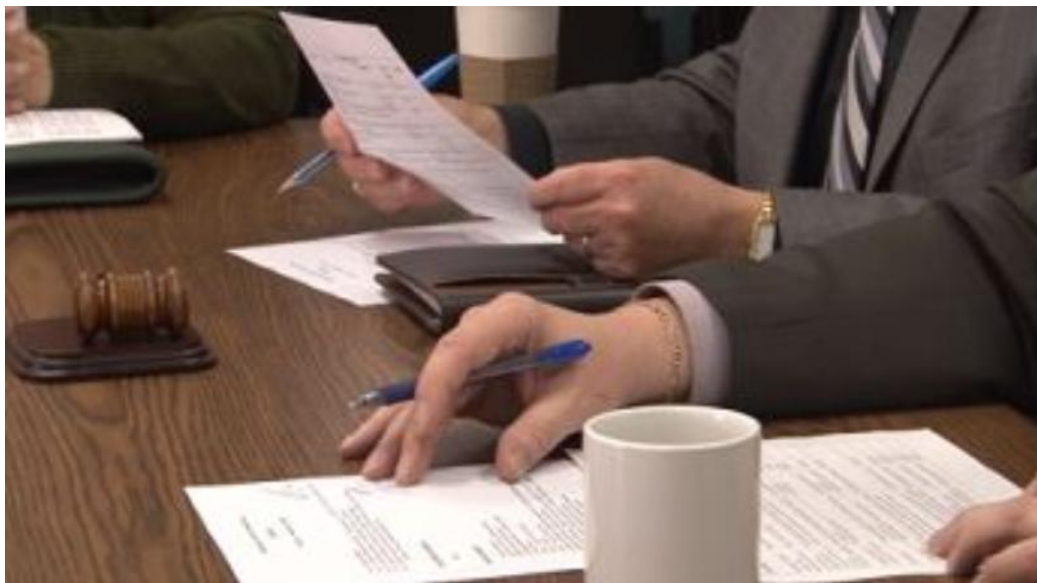


Washington County brings in WV company to compose hazard mitigation plan



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MARIETTA, Ohio (WTAP) Washington County is bringing in a West Virginia consulting [company](#) to take a second look at their hazard mitigation plan.

Washington County's current plan is from 2007, so the state says it is time for a revision.

JH Consulting is going to compose the plan for the county, complete with hazard identification and risk assessment.

They will identify the natural hazards that the area is vulnerable to, like floods, and come up with a list of projects that the governmental jurisdictions will complete to lessen losses from possible hazards.

"We will work with a number of stakeholders throughout the county, a committee if you will, to research, put together information, present to that committee and then sort of let that committee be the vehicle of working with the local governments throughout the county," says owner of JH Consulting, Jeffery Harvey.

"There's a necessary timeline that we have to get it updated, so we've moved forward with this consulting firm. They were part of the original plan back in that day," says Washington County Commissioner, Ron Feathers.

Anyone that wishes to can attend meetings and ask any questions about the process once meeting times are announced.

The county has until June to come up with an updated plan and the process will cost eight thousand dollars.

