



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **Public Feedback Sought on Calvert County Hazard Mitigation Plan *Forum to Detail Plan for Reducing Risks of Damage from Natural Hazards***

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – September 13, 2011** – The Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division, is hosting a public forum on updates to the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan on Thursday, September 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Courthouse Square, 205 Main Street, Prince Frederick.

The forum will detail the plan and allow public comment on the county's ongoing hazard mitigation program. The goal of the program is to permanently reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and property from the effects of natural hazards such as tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, severe storms, droughts, landslides and other events.

Calvert County's Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies and assesses potential natural hazards, evaluates local mitigation measures that should be undertaken and outlines procedures for monitoring the implementation of mitigation strategies.

A draft of the plan can be viewed online at [www.co.cal.md.us/assets/HMPUpdate2011.pdf](http://www.co.cal.md.us/assets/HMPUpdate2011.pdf) and is also available at local libraries. For more information on the Calvert County Division of Emergency Management, visit online at [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us) or call 410-535-1600, ext 2638.

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.*