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Public Invited to Participate in Hazard Mitigation Planning Workshop

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 8, 2011 – The Calvert County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will review the planning process for addressing the local effects of various natural and manmade hazards during a stakeholders workshop Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Square Building, 205 Main Street, Prince Frederick.

Residents, elected officials, emergency responders and other interested stakeholders – especially those who may have been impacted by flooding or other hazards – are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the workshop is to present and discuss the planning team's approaches to updating the 2004 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team was created to steer the process and consists of representatives from town and county government departments, state and regional agencies and first responders.

The initial drafts of the updated 2011 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan identify the natural and manmade hazards to which local communities are vulnerable and update the quantitative assessment of the vulnerability for significant hazards such as flood and wind events. The public is encouraged to comment on these aspects of the plans at the workshop.

Prior to the workshop, the planning team will hold a work session at 3 p.m. that will be open to the public. For more information, contact Carl Brown at the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division, at 410-535-1600, ext. 2537 or e-mail browncf@co.cal.md.us.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 92,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. A labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.