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## **News Release**

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## Portage County Launches Hazard Mitigation Survey

Portage County, WI – August 12, 2024 – Portage County is inviting residents and businesses to participate in a critical hazard mitigation survey to assess the county's vulnerability to natural and human-caused disasters in order to develop effective preparedness plans. The survey will be open from August 19th, 2024, to September 20th, 2024.

The survey will gather essential data on potential hazards such as floods and severe weather, as well as the community's preparedness and recovery capabilities. The information collected will be used to create a comprehensive hazard mitigation plan to reduce the vulnerability of lives, property, and the environment.

The survey can be accessed online through the county's website or directly through <u>https://forms.fillout.com/t/8uYQEH8Mb1us</u>. Hard copies of the survey will also be available at the Portage County Emergency Management Office, 1462 Strongs Ave, 3rd Floor, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

For more information about the hazard mitigation survey or the planning process, please contact Bob Weinert, Emergency Management Coordinator, at (715) 346-1437 or weinertr@co.portage.wi.gov. You may also contact Bonnie Skalecke, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, at (715) 346-1492 or <a href="mailto:skaleckb@co.portage.wi.gov">skaleckb@co.portage.wi.gov</a>.

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