

Etowah County, AL

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Expired on 2026-03-16. Plan: Division F (FEMA plan 108184), approved 2021-03-17.

Since the plan was approved on 2021-03-17: 1 new hazard declaration (1 incident) and 71 NOAA Storm Events records; details under "What changed since your last plan".

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$22,853,382 a year), Tornado (\$17,249,208) and Earthquake (\$3,080,325).

The tables that follow are organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B (B1-a to B2-c); each heading says which item its tables support.

TERMS USED

EAL: expected annual loss: FEMA's modeled average yearly loss from a hazard.

NRI: FEMA's National Risk Index (version 1.20, December 2025).

NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.

RL, SRL: repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss: flood-insured properties with repeated claims (definitions in B2-c).

FMA, HMGP: Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA mitigation grants.

PA: FEMA Public Assistance: disaster aid to governments and some nonprofits.

Zone-level: NOAA logged the event for a National Weather Service forecast zone, which may include parts of neighboring counties.

County-coded: NOAA logged the event to this county.

FIPS: the federal code for a place; 01055 is this area.

D0 to D4: U.S. Drought Monitor categories, from abnormally dry (D0) to exceptional drought (D4).

F/EF, EFU: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita tornado ratings; EFU is an unrated tornado.

kt, CONUS: knots (1 kt is about 1.15 mph); the contiguous United States.

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.

A4-a, E1-a: other items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (sources, and changes since the last plan).

Dollars: nominal (as reported, labeled with the year), not adjusted for inflation.

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Plan clock

Status:	Expired on 2026-03-16	Plan:	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)
Approved:	2021-03-17	Days since expiry:	198
Update underway:	none recorded in FEMA's plan tracker		

Until a new plan is approved, FEMA mitigation project grants (HMGP, FMA) need a FEMA exception (44 CFR 201.6(a)(3)).

What changed since your last plan (approved 2021-03-17)

New federal declarations:	1 new hazard declaration (1 incident): EM-3618-AL (Hurricane Helene)	Storm Events records since approval:	71 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 0, SRL 1 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 11	Repeat-flood change:	this release sets the baseline count.

Sources: 1, 2, 4, 6 (numbered list at the end)

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Notes
Etowah County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2021-08-18
Altoona town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-07-14
Attalla city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2023-02-09
Gadsden city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-11-04
Glencoe city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-07-14
Hokes Bluff city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-07-26
Rainbow City city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-04
Reece City town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-07-25
Ridgeville town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-08-16
Sardis City town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-08-18
Southside city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-08-16
Walnut Grove town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	Division F (FEMA plan 108184)	2021-03-17	2026-03-16	-198	this jurisdiction approved 2022-08-16

Plan 108184 lists 36 other participants, named in the Excel file.

State plan status and tribal plans in this state: see the state page.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

- dam failure (incl. upstream dams)
- levee failure
- flash flood as its own subtype
- ice jams
- debris flows
- erosion (riverine and coastal)
- land subsidence and sinkholes
- expansive soils

The 18 National Risk Index hazards, ranked by expected annual loss (EAL)

Sources: 5, 6

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$22,773,155	\$8,823	\$71,404	\$22,853,382	36	
2	Tornado	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$7,670,044	\$10,041	\$9,569,123	\$17,249,208	20	
3	Earthquake	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$2,194,952	n/a	\$885,373	\$3,080,325		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
4	Cold Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$13,365	\$83,779	\$2,249,217	\$2,346,361	6	Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
5	Strong Wind	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$260,931	\$4,203	\$1,908,214	\$2,173,348	271	Includes 4 High Wind and 13 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
6	Heat Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$71	\$6,671	\$997,179	\$1,003,921	7	
7	Lightning	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$50,934	n/a	\$465,760	\$516,694	14	
8	Hurricane	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$309,013	\$59,264	\$15,345	\$383,623	6	Includes 2 Tropical Depression records (outside NRI's Hurricane definition).
9	Hail	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$262,886	\$12,721	\$10,645	\$286,252	104	
10	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$130,397	\$291	\$29,975	\$160,663	0	Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.
11	Drought	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	n/a	\$96,628	n/a	\$96,628	38	
12	Ice Storm	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$74,090	n/a	\$10,232	\$84,322	2	

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
13	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$4,093	\$125	\$15,738	\$19,956	25	
14	Landslide	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$5,942	n/a	\$3,410	\$9,352	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).

Total = buildings + agriculture + population equivalence; FEMA values each expected death (or 10 injuries) at \$13.7 million (2024 dollars).

NRI risk rating combines expected annual loss with social vulnerability and community resilience; EAL rating rates expected annual loss alone. Both compare this county with all U.S. counties.

Local data needed: state and local wildfire and landslide records (Storm Events records these hazards only in part).

Not applicable to this county per NRI, with no federal declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996: avalanche, coastal flooding, tsunامي and volcanic activity. That is the evidence for leaving them out of the plan.

The state hazard mitigation plan also lists hazards for this county; FEMA asks the plan to explain any hazard it leaves out.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

Affects the whole county (national data give no location within it): Cold Wave, Drought, Hail, Heat Wave, Ice Storm, Lightning, Strong Wind and Winter Weather.

Inland Flooding: The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov>) for this county.

Hazards that vary within the county: highest-rated census tracts

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Earthquake	tract 12 (Relatively Moderate, 85.4); tract 13 (Relatively Moderate, 83.4); tract 104.02 (Relatively Moderate, 82.0)
Hurricane	tract 104.02 (Relatively Low, 64.5); tract 111 (Relatively Low, 63.0); tract 11 (Relatively Low, 57.9)
Landslide	tract 111 (Relatively Low, 95.1); tract 103 (Relatively Low, 93.4); tract 108 (Relatively Low, 92.5)
Tornado	tract 104.02 (Very High, 99.8); tract 111 (Very High, 99.6); tract 11 (Very High, 99.4)
Wildfire	tract 106.02 (Relatively Moderate, 89.1); tract 106.01 (Relatively Low, 87.1); tract 107 (Relatively Low, 86.0)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 12 is Census Tract 12). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

Extent: scale, observed range and worst recorded event per hazard

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	4 records, 1996 to 2014 (4 zone-level)	2 days to 4 days (median 2.5 days); 4 with a recorded value	4 consecutive days, 1996-03-07 to 1996-03-10, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	2 records, 2007 (2 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 2 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	38 records, 2006 to 2026 (38 zone-level)	8 days to 519 days (median 36 days); 9 with a recorded value	519 days (about 17.0 months), 2007-03-27 to 2008-08-26, a run of 18 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	134 records, 1961 to 2026	0.75 in to 4.5 in (median 1 in); 133 with a recorded value	4.5 in hail, 1993-02-21	Hail, 2003-05-02, \$75,000 property; \$0 crops (2003 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gadsden city (17 records), Hokes Bluff city (11 records), Rainbow City city (11 records), Glencoe city (8 records), Attalla city (5 records), Sardis City town (5 records), Southside city (5 records), Walnut Grove town (5 records), Altoona town (2 records), Reece City town (2 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	7 records, 1996 to 2025 (7 zone-level)	1 day to 16 days (median 1.5 days); 6 with a recorded value	16 consecutive days, 2007-08-08 to 2007-08-23, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Heat records from November to March (unseasonable warmth, not a heat wave) are counted but not used for the longest run.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	6 records, 2005 to 2020 (6 zone-level)		Strongest recorded: Tropical Storm record, 2005-08-29 to 2005-08-30, \$25,000 property; crops not reported (2005 dollars); NWS zone ALZ018		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	2 records, 1998 to 2005 (2 zone-level)		Ice Storm, 2005-01-28, \$20,000 property; crops not reported (2005 dollars); NWS zone ALZ018		Countywide (zone-level records).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	36 records, 1997 to 2026 (2 zone-level)		Flash Flood, 2004-11-24, \$200,000 property; crops not reported (2004 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gadsden city (9 records), Altoona town (3 records), Rainbow City city (2 records), Walnut Grove town (2 records), Attalla city (1 record). Zone-level records (2) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	0					
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	14 records, 1996 to 2010		Lightning, 2005-07-27, \$110,000 property; crops not reported (2005 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gadsden city (4 records), Hokes Bluff city (1 record), Rainbow City city (1 record), Southside city (1 record), Walnut Grove town (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	17 records, 1996 to 2025 (17 zone-level)	30 kt (35 mph) to 52 kt (60 mph) (median 40 kt (46 mph)); 17 with a recorded value	52 kt (60 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2004-09-16; NWS zone ALZ018		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	335 records, 1962 to 2026	35 kt (40 mph) to 87 kt (100 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 266 with a recorded value	87 kt (100 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2008-08-02	Thunderstorm Wind, 1999-02-27, \$800,000 property; \$0 crops (1999 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gadsden city (40 records), Hokes Bluff city (19 records), Rainbow City city (17 records), Sardis City town (12 records), Attalla city (10 records), Glencoe city (10 records), Walnut Grove town (10 records), Altoona town (9 records), Reece City town (5 records), Southside city (2 records).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	34 records, 1958 to 2023	F/EF0 to F/EF4 (median F/EF1); 34 with a recorded value	F4 tornado, 2001-11-24, 1.8 mi within this county, 500 yd wide, \$1,500,000 property; \$0 crops (2001 dollars)	Tornado, 2000-12-16, \$10,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2000 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Sardis City town (3 records), Altoona town (2 records), Attalla city (2 records), Glencoe city (2 records), Hokes Bluff city (2 records), Gadsden city (1 record), Rainbow City city (1 record), Reece City town (1 record), Southside city (1 record), Walnut Grove town (1 record).	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake- Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	25 records, 1996 to 2026 (25 zone-level)		Winter Storm, 1996-02-01, \$15,000 property; crops not reported (1996 dollars); NWS zone ALZ018	Winter Storm, 2000-01-28, \$15,000 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2000 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	

In event narratives only (local data needed): wind chill, temperature, heat index, ice thickness, acres burned and snow depth; any physical measure of debris flow and lightning.

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records from zones that no NWS zone-county file places in this county (mostly before 2020) are not counted here (the Methods page explains the zone matching).

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 29 declarations covering 24 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2024-09-26	2024-09-22	EM-3618-AL	Emergency	Hurricane Helene	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2020-09-14	2020-09-14	EM-3545-AL	Emergency	Hurricane Sally	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	in the 12 months before plan approval	
2020-07-10	2020-04-12	DR-4555-AL	Major disaster	Severe Thunderstorms	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted	\$1,129,238.08	in the 12 months before plan approval	
2020-03-29	2020-01-20	DR-4503-AL	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$223,197.45	in the 12 months before plan approval	
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3472-AL	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4503
2018-04-26	2018-03-19	DR-4362-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Tornadoes	Tornado	\$971,185.92		
2017-09-11	2017-09-08	EM-3389-AL	Emergency	Hurricane Irma	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
2014-05-02	2014-04-28	DR-4176-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$638,887.94		
2011-04-28	2011-04-15	DR-1971-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$176,580.95		
2011-04-27	2011-04-27	EM-3319-AL	Emergency	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Straight-Line Winds	Strong Wind; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-1971
2008-08-30	2008-08-29	EM-3292-AL	Emergency	Hurricane Gustav	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2005-09-10	2005-08-29	EM-3237-AL	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2004-09-15	2004-09-13	DR-1549-AL	Major disaster	Hurricane Ivan	Hurricane	PA not declared for this county		
2003-05-12	2003-05-05	DR-1466-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	PA not declared for this county		
2002-11-14	2002-11-05	DR-1442-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Tornadoes	Tornado	PA not declared for this county		
2001-12-07	2001-11-24	DR-1399-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Tornadoes	Tornado	\$396,474.69		
2001-11-20	2001-11-20	FM-2395-AL	Fire management	AI - North East Alabama Fire Complex - 11/20/2001	Wildfire	no Public Assistance recorded		
2000-12-18	2000-12-16	DR-1352-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Tornadoes	Tornado	\$256,108.01		
1996-02-23	1996-02-01	DR-1104-AL	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms, Ice and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1995-10-04	1995-10-04	DR-1070-AL	Major disaster	Hurricane Opal	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
1994-03-03	1994-01-16	DR-1013-AL	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms, Freezing, Flooding	Inland Flooding; Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1993-03-15	1993-03-13	EM-3096-AL	Emergency	Severe Snowfall, Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1990-02-17	1990-02-03	DR-856-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
1979-04-18	1979-04-18	DR-578-AL	Major disaster	Storms, Wind, Flooding	Inland Flooding	PA not declared for this county		
1977-07-20	1977-07-20	EM-3045-AL	Emergency	Drought	Drought	no Public Assistance recorded		
1977-04-09	1977-04-09	DR-532-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1974-04-04	1974-04-04	DR-422-AL	Major disaster	Tornadoes	Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
1973-05-29	1973-05-29	DR-388-AL	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1973-03-27	1973-03-27	DR-369-AL	Major disaster	Tornadoes & Flooding	Tornado (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars.

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
1961-02-27	1961-02-27	DR-109-AL	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding

FEMA recorded these with designated area Statewide and no county, so they are listed on every county page in the state and not counted with county rows. Local data needed: whether each one affected this county.

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Cold Wave	6	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	38	9	0	9	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	134	9	2	8	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	7	2	0	2	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	6	0	1	0	6	1	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 2 Tropical Depression records.
Ice Storm	2	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	36	5	1	4	10	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Lightning	14	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	352	42	1	40	2	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 4 High Wind and 13 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	34	2	3	2	11	1	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Winter Weather	25	2	0	2	3	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2023-08-03	Thunderstorm Wind	70 kt (81 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (2023 dollars)	0, 20	NOCALULA FALLS	new since last plan; within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2008-08-02	Thunderstorm Wind	87 kt (100 mph) estimated gust	\$154,000 property; \$0 crops (2008 dollars)	0, 0	WILLIAMS to MARKTON		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2007-08-08	Heat		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2007 dollars)	0, 17	NWS zone ALZ018 (ETOWAH), zone-level		deaths or injuries recorded
2007-03-27	Drought		\$0 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2007 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone ALZ018 (ETOWAH), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2005-08-29	Tropical Storm		\$25,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2005 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone ALZ018 (ETOWAH), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
2005-07-27	Lightning		\$110,000 property; crops not reported (2005 dollars)	0, 0	COUNTYWIDE		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2004-11-24	Flash Flood		\$200,000 property; crops not reported (2004 dollars)	0, 0	COUNTYWIDE		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2004-09-16	High Wind	52 kt (60 mph) estimated gust	\$180,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2004 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone ALZ018 (ETOWAH), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2001-11-24	Tornado	F4, 1.8 mi within this county, 500 yd wide	\$1,500,000 property; \$0 crops (2001 dollars)	0, 0	ALTOONA		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
2000-12-16	Tornado	F3, 8.1 mi within this county, 500 yd wide	\$10,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2000 dollars)	0, 14	GADSDEN		deaths or injuries recorded
1996-03-07	Cold/Wind Chill		property not reported; \$1,000,000 crops (zone total, 1996 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone ALZ018 (ETOWAH), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
1993-02-21	Hail	4.5 in	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Hail

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (654 rows).

Location is the place NOAA recorded, as written in its data; it need not be a jurisdiction in this plan.

Local data needed: state-declared emergencies, from your state emergency management agency (federal data do not include them).

Tribal and special-area declarations in this state are listed on the state page.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-e: probability of future events

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Cold Wave	0.895	event-days per year	about 0.895 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	17	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	28.4	event-days per year	about 28.4 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 8 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (26.7%)	819	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	
Earthquake	0.00293	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.293%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	4.83	events per year	about 4.83 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	183.4 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	4.63	event-days per year	about 4.63 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	78	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane	0.0349	events per year	about 1 in 29 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	12	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are in B1-d.
Ice Storm	0.452	event-days per year	about 0.452 days per year	Possible	Storm Events event-days in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	31	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	0.964	event-days per year	about 0.964 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 17 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (56.7%)	27	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.476	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 2 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	63.2	days per year with a strike	about 63.2 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	4.06	events per year	about 4.06 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	155	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Tornado	0.527	events per year	about 0.53 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.00191	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.191%		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Winter Weather	3.68	event-days per year	about 3.68 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 14 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (46.7%)	70	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) is the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025) estimate of how often a hazard affects this county in a year; it is not recorded events divided by years, and its unit differs by hazard (events, event-days, or days with a lightning strike per year). For earthquake, wildfire, coastal flooding and tsunami the value is the chance (or number of events) at a location in the county, not across the county, so no "1 in N years" is given and the descriptor comes from Storm Events where it has a record (none for earthquake). The Methods page gives each hazard's method, from FEMA's National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20.

Where NRI gives event-days, the descriptor comes from the share of years with a Storm Events record; NRI's source records more events, so the two differ.

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years
events per year	Possible	about once in 10 to 100 years
events per year	Unlikely	less than once in 100 years
annual probability	Likely	10% to under 100% chance in a given year
annual probability	Possible	1% to under 10% chance in a given year
annual probability	Unlikely	under 1% chance in a given year
event-days (share of years)	Highly likely	event-days recorded in 90% or more of years
event-days (share of years)	Likely	event-days recorded in 10% to under 90% of years
event-days (share of years)	Possible	event-days recorded in some years but under 10% of years
lightning strike-days	Highly likely	cloud-to-ground strikes on 1 or more days per year

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	67	30	2.23
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	227	30	7.57
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	7	30	0.233
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	11	30	0.367
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	14	30	0.467
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	5	30	0.167
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

The bands show how often events of each severity were recorded in this county, to profile how severe events have been (FEMA's probability item asks for the range of intensities).

Hail smaller than 1 inch is not counted: on 2010-01-05 the National Weather Service raised its severe-hail threshold from 3/4 inch to 1 inch, so smaller reports became less common after 2009 (NWS Service Change Notice 09-52). NRI hail frequency uses a 0.75 inch threshold.

Optional: future conditions. Not a required item in the 2025 FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide; some states ask for it. The federal Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation (CMRA) site gives county exposure to future climate conditions (<https://resilience.climate.gov/>).

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-f: hazards that vary across jurisdictions

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Cold Wave	33 of 33	37.3	62.4	82.9	Relatively High 2, Relatively Moderate 27, Relatively Low 4
Drought	14 of 33	69.1	83.4	93.1	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 10, Very Low 3, No Rating 19
Earthquake	33 of 33	33.2	70.5	85.4	Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively Low 25, Very Low 1
Hail	33 of 33	36.3	55.5	75.5	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 31, Very Low 1
Heat Wave	33 of 33	17.6	47.9	73.2	Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively Low 26
Hurricane	33 of 33	45.0	54.0	64.5	Relatively Low 24, Very Low 9
Ice Storm	33 of 33	11.1	34.6	63.2	Relatively Low 17, Very Low 16
Inland Flooding	33 of 33	18.6	63.1	97.7	Very High 1, Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 19, Relatively Low 9
Landslide	33 of 33	14.1	80.3	95.1	Relatively Low 15, Very Low 18
Lightning	33 of 33	36.8	64.0	87.8	Relatively High 5, Relatively Moderate 23, Relatively Low 5
Strong Wind	33 of 33	66.1	86.0	96.1	Relatively High 24, Relatively Moderate 9

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Tornado	33 of 33	78.0	96.9	99.8	Very High 25, Relatively High 8
Wildfire	30 of 33	21.4	78.1	89.1	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 19, Very Low 10, No Rating 3
Winter Weather	33 of 33	20.3	27.6	40.4	Relatively Low 33

Drought: Agriculture is all of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

Rated tracts only: No Rating (score 0.0), Not Applicable and Insufficient Data tracts are counted but not used for the minimum, median and maximum.

The score ranks a tract against all U.S. tracts (100 = highest). The rating is FEMA's category for the tract's risk value, computed differently, so the two can disagree.

Frequency data for cold wave, drought, hail, heat wave, ice storm, lightning, strong wind and winter weather are county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone), the same for every jurisdiction; the tract range mostly reflects where buildings and people are (crop and livestock value where a line above names agriculture).

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction <i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since its plan</i>	Notes
Etowah County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 3	\$1,884,961.91	0 total; 0 since its plan	Includes \$836,012.11 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4503-AL, DR-4555-AL).
Altoona town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$382,074.15	16 total; 3 since its plan	
Attalla city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	no Public Assistance recorded	18 total; 2 since its plan	
Gadsden city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 2	\$145,130.59	71 total; 5 since its plan	Includes \$130,075.41 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4503-AL, DR-4555-AL).
Glencoe city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$40,030.44	20 total; 5 since its plan	
Hokes Bluff city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	33 total; 6 since its plan	
Rainbow City city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 4	\$359,216.36	32 total; 3 since its plan	Includes \$3,796.49 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4503-AL).
Reece City town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$308,163.90	8 total; 1 since its plan	Includes \$308,163.90 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4555-AL).
Ridgeville town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$7,532.80	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Sardis City town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	20 total; 3 since its plan	
Southside city	City	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$553,398.01	9 total; 1 since its plan	
Walnut Grove town	Town	Expired on 2026-03-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	19 total; 1 since its plan	

Repetitive-loss counts are for whole NFIP communities, which can extend beyond this county (see the note in B2-c).

County Public Assistance in B1-d also includes applicants filed under the county that are not jurisdictions in this plan (for example state agencies, special districts and nonprofits), so the jurisdiction rows add up to less.

Supports FEMA checklist items B2-a and B2-b: vulnerability and potential impacts

Local data needed

The table below gives county-level starting figures; the plan describes impacts for each jurisdiction and its own assets.

- Critical facilities and lifelines per hazard
- A problem statement per jurisdiction per hazard

- Changes in development in hazard-prone areas since the last approval, or a statement of none (E1-a)
- Future assets

County-level starter: exposure, expected annual loss and damage since the plan

Sources: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2021-03-17 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Cold Wave	\$21,329,110,232	\$120,305,377	103,320	\$13,365	\$83,779	\$2,249,217	under 0.0001%				
Drought	n/a	\$7,473,450	n/a	n/a	\$96,628	n/a	1.29% (agriculture)		\$0		NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$37,629,522,364	n/a	103,436	\$2,194,952	n/a	\$885,373	0.00583%				
Hail	\$21,329,110,232	\$120,305,377	103,320	\$262,886	\$12,721	\$10,645	0.00123%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$21,329,110,232	\$120,305,377	103,320	\$71	\$6,671	\$997,179	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Hurricane	\$21,329,076,357	\$120,286,456	103,320	\$309,013	\$59,264	\$15,345	0.00145%			no Public Assistance recorded (1 declaration)	
Ice Storm	\$21,321,418,599	n/a	103,284	\$74,090	n/a	\$10,232	0.000347%				
Inland Flooding	\$21,293,805,178	\$13,169,561	2,613	\$22,773,155	\$8,823	\$71,404	n/a (see note)	\$0			NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$614,942,409	n/a	3,449	\$5,942	n/a	\$3,410	0.000966%				
Lightning	\$21,329,110,232	n/a	103,320	\$50,934	n/a	\$465,760	0.000239%				
Strong Wind	\$21,329,110,232	\$120,305,377	103,320	\$260,931	\$4,203	\$1,908,214	0.00122%	\$2,000			
Tornado	\$21,329,110,232	\$120,305,377	103,320	\$7,670,044	\$10,041	\$9,569,123	0.036%	\$0		no Public Assistance recorded (1 declaration)	

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2021-03-17 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Wildfire	\$1,447,878,763	\$19,307,519	12,321	\$130,397	\$291	\$29,975	0.00901%				
Winter Weather	\$21,329,110,232	\$120,305,377	103,320	\$4,093	\$125	\$15,738	under 0.0001%		\$0		

Totals since 2021-03-17 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 57 county-coded records, 57 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$2,000; 14 zone-level records, 13 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: none recorded on the 1 counted declaration.

FEMA does not split Public Assistance by hazard. A declaration mapped to several hazards is listed under each of them with its full amount, so the per-hazard column does not add up to the total; the unit total counts each declaration once.

NRI computes earthquake exposure on its own basis, so it exceeds the county building value in B2-a.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-a: vulnerability (county context)

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	103,320
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$21,329,110,232
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$120,305,377
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Moderate
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$34,032,419
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$16,231,617
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively High
Community resilience rating	Relatively Moderate
NRI version	December 2025

FEMA's all-hazard expected annual loss adds buildings, agriculture and population equivalence; this table gives the property part and the population-equivalence part as separate rows.

Social vulnerability: higher means people are more likely to be harmed and slower to recover. Community resilience: lower means the community is less able to recover. High social vulnerability and low resilience both raise the NRI risk rating.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	1
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	11	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	1

The state NFIP coordinator's list, the source FEMA's Handbook names, often uses the NFIP insurance definition (second row).

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	0	1	11	1	11	0	4
of which: Etowah County (unincorporated area)	0	0	3	0	3	0	2
of which: Attalla city	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
of which: Gadsden city	0	1	2	1	2	0	1
of which: Rainbow City city	0	0	4	0	4	0	1
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	3	0	3	0	0

The statewide row counts properties FEMA's file gives with no county in this state; they are listed for reference and are not in this county's counts.

Repeat-flood properties by jurisdiction in the plan (NFIP community)

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Etowah County (unincorporated area)	010077	0	0	3	0	3	0	2
Altoona town	010078	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attalla city	010079	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Gadsden city	010080	0	1	2	1	2	0	1
Glencoe city	010081	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hokes Bluff city	010254	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow City city	010351	0	0	4	0	4	0	1
Reece City town	010253	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeville town	010493	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sardis City town	010361	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southside city	010082	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walnut Grove town	010252	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Counts by occupancy group for each jurisdiction are in the Excel file, sheet "B2-c Jurisdictions".

Jurisdiction rows are whole NFIP communities and need not add up to the county total: a community that extends into another county is counted in full on each jurisdiction row, while the county table counts only its part in this county.

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	0	0	9	0	9	0	4
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
non-residential	0	1	2	1	2	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class; institutional properties are counted in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites. NFIP repetitive loss (the FEMA insurance definition) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years, and a property can leave that group once it is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured. The Methods page gives the OpenFEMA field details.

Counts are aggregates of FEMA's public NFIP Multiple Loss Properties file (FEMA's data date 2026-08-02; file version 2026-08-04). No property is identified. County assignment is FEMA's geocode.

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 11 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

This packet is the federal data for the plan's risk assessment (the summary on page 1 says how it is organized); the plan and FEMA's review decide whether each item is met.

The plan adds what only the community has: local data on assets, critical facilities, development and each jurisdiction's impacts; local hazard history, including state-declared emergencies; the mitigation strategy; and adoption.

How the federal data are built: National Risk Index values are FEMA's model, not counts of events. Storm Events is more complete from 1996; zone-level records are placed by forecast zone, not by location in the county. Public Assistance for a jurisdiction is matched by applicant name. The Methods page gives every rule and the known edge cases.

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