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**TOWN RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN
REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION SURVEY**

PURCELLVILLE, Va. August 30, 2021 — Residents and business owners are encouraged to help build community resilience to disasters by participating in the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Survey.

Loudoun County and the incorporated towns of Hamilton, Hillsboro, Leesburg, Lovettsville, Middleburg, Round Hill, along with the Town of Purcellville, are taking part in a region wide effort to update the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan identifies strategies for reducing or eliminating loss of life, injury, and property damage caused by disasters as well as the long-term risks that result from hazards such as floods, severe storms, tornadoes, wildfires and winter weather.

In addition to preventing loss of life, injuries and damage to buildings and infrastructure, hazard mitigation can prevent damage to a community's economic, social and environmental well-being.

Members of the Purcellville community may take part in the mitigation planning process by completing the on-line Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Survey. The survey allows responses to questions about natural hazards you may be concerned about or have directly experienced in the past five years. The survey also asks for opinions on proposed mitigation strategies. Participation in the on-line survey is voluntary.

The brief survey is available [online](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthernVirginiaHazardMitigationSurvey) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthernVirginiaHazardMitigationSurvey> and is open through September 15, 2021.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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