

## Section

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## INTRODUCTION

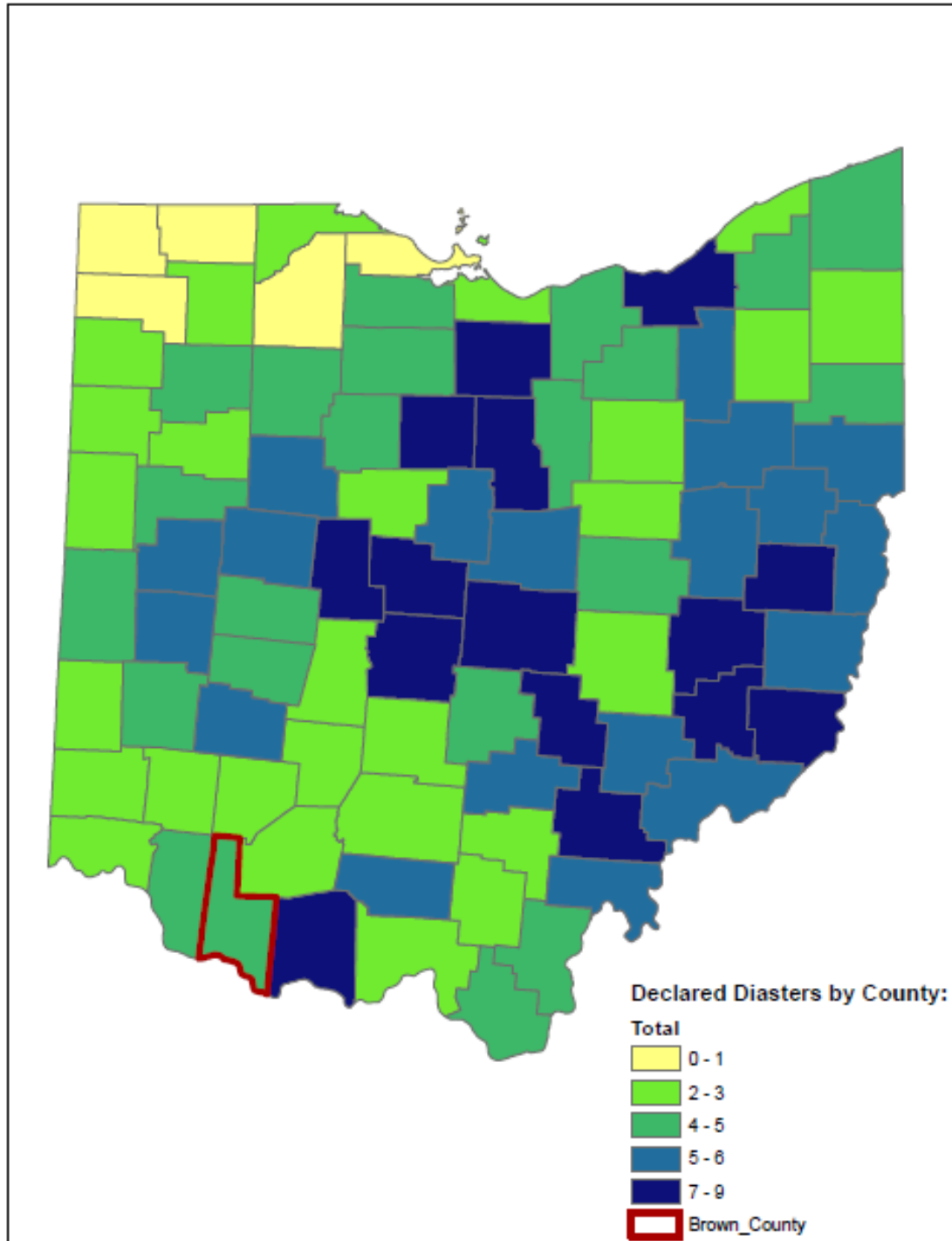
Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained action to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from hazards. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has made reducing hazards one of its primary goals. Hazard mitigation planning and the subsequent implementation of the projects, measures, and policies developed as part of this plan, is a primary mechanism in achieving FEMA's goal.

The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires jurisdictions to develop and maintain a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) to remain eligible for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs. Renewal of the plan every five years is required to encourage the continual awareness of mitigation strategies. In order for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) communities to be eligible for future mitigation funds, they must adopt the MHMP.

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Since the year 2000, FEMA has declared 23 disasters for the state of Ohio. Emergency declarations allow states access to FEMA funds for Public Assistance (PA), and disaster declarations allow for additional PA funding, including Individual Assistance (IA) and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Brown County has received federal aid for PA funding for five declared disasters since 2000 with over \$4 million in public assistance. Figure 1-1 depicts the disasters and emergencies declared in Ohio by county. Table 1-1 describes the disasters that have impacted Brown County.

**Figure 1-1: FEMA-Declared Emergencies and Disasters in Ohio (2000-2015)**



**Table 1-1: Brown County Declared Disasters (2000-2015)**

<b>Disaster Number</b>	<b>Declaration Date</b>	<b>Incident Period</b>	<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>Federal Funding Program(s)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FEMA Funds for Brown County</b>
DR-4002	7/31/2011	4/4/2011 to 5/15/2011	Severe Storms and Flooding	PA	\$3,532,239.87
DR-1805	10/24/2008	9/14/2008	Severe Wind Storm (IKE)	PA	\$99,183.26
EM-3286	4/24/2008	3/7/2008 to 3/9/2008	Snow	PA	\$91,870.86
DR-1580	2/15/2005	12/22/2001 4 to 2/1/2005	Flood, Mud/Landslide/Winter Storms	PA	\$358,605.09
DR-1390	8/27/2001	7/17/2001 to 7/18/2001	Severe Storms and Flooding	PA, M, S	\$290,772.90
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$4,372,671.98</b>

<sup>1</sup> PA – Public Assistance, M – Hazard Mitigation program, S – State Funds