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Cedar Rapids and Surrounding Area Multi-Hazard Tournament

**September 1, 2016
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Cedar Rapids Police Department Community Room
505 1st St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA



What is a Multi-Hazard Tournament?

The Multi-Hazard Tournament (MHT) is a table-top or simulation exercise designed to aid decision-making by playing out potential strategies to reduce drought and flood risk. The MHT, a type of “serious game”, is an innovative way to spur new ideas by creating a fun, team-centered learning environment and to address potential polarizing aspects of the focal watershed - with the goal of reducing barriers to innovative and productive decision-making.

Taking the traditional tabletop exercise one step further, the Multi-Hazard Tournament asks participants to collaborate in teams of 5-6 players, competing against other teams to find the best ways to reduce the effects of drought, flood, and water quality hazards in the basin. In this tournament, teams will be asked to consider the effectiveness of non-structural approaches (such as altering landuse practices or policies) as well as structural approaches (such as treatment plants and wells).

Who Should Attend?

The tournament will ask participants to create solutions to address drought, flood, and water quality issues from the beginning of the Cedar River near Austin, Minnesota downstream to the City of Cedar Rapids, IA. If you and/or your organization are 1) involved in making decisions related to flood, drought, or water quality; 2) have knowledge of the basin related to the biological, ecological, hydrological components or other similar areas of expertise; or 3) are often impacted by or concerned with these hazards in this area, this tournament would be beneficial to you.

Questions

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