

SCOTT COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Kick-Off Meeting

Bi-State Regional Commission

May 19, 2022

What is Hazard Mitigation?



“Any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from hazards.” (44 CFR § 201.2)

What is Hazard Mitigation Planning?



A coordinated process used by state, local, tribal and territorial governments to identify their risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters and to develop and implement strategies to reduce or eliminate long-term risk.

Why Create a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- ❑ Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
- ❑ Allows communities to be eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs
- ❑ Update to the current Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - ❑ Will conform to Federal Regulations found in 44 CFR 201.6

Benefits of Hazard Mitigation Planning

- ❑ Saves lives and reduces risk from future disasters.
- ❑ Aids risk-informed decision making for the whole community.
- ❑ Prepares states and communities to adapt to changing conditions.
- ❑ Helps directed mitigation resources to where they are most needed.
- ❑ Increases capacity to support faster disaster recover.

2018 Scott County Plan



- Was approved by FEMA June 25, 2018.
 - Five Year Plan.
 - Expires 2023.
- What does that mean?
 - Time to start updating!

Updated Hazards (15)

- ◉ Dam Failure
- ◉ Drought
- ◉ Earthquake
- ◉ Expansive Soils
- ◉ Extreme Heat
- ◉ Flash Flood
- ◉ Grass or Wild Land Fire
- ◉ Landslide
- ◉ Levee Failure
- ◉ River Flood
- ◉ Severe Winter Storm
- ◉ Sinkholes and Land Subsidence
- ◉ Thunderstorm, Hailstorm and Lightning
- ◉ Tornado
- ◉ Windstorm
- ◉ *Cyber Terrorism**
- ◉ *Human Disease* Pandemic*
- ◉ *Public Disorder**
- ◉ *Railway Transportation Incident**

*Reintroduced due to current events

Grant Application and Funding

- ① Scott County applied Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning grant, delayed award, notified of award 5/17
- ① Contracted with Bi-State Regional Commission for planning services. Working under existing member agreements to move forward.

Grant and Local Match

Total Project Cost: \$40,000

- 56% FEMA Grant: \$22,500
- 7.5% State Contribution: \$3,000
- 36% Local Match: \$14,500

Jurisdictions Invited to Participate

- Scott County
- Bettendorf
- Blue Grass
- Buffalo
- Davenport
- Dixon
- Donahue
- Eldridge
- LeClaire
- Long Grove
- Maysville
- McCausland
- New Liberty
- Panorama Park
- Princeton
- Riverdale
- Walcott
- Bettendorf CSD
- Davenport CSD
- Pleasant Valley CSD
- North Scott CSD
- Eastern Iowa Community College

Role of Participating Jurisdictions

- ◎ Participate in the planning process by:
 - Designate a primary contact
 - Attend planning committee meetings
 - Provide updated information
 - Review planning documents
 - Assist with public input (Board/Council Agenda item for public input opportunity)
 - Adopt the plan

Meeting Structure

- ⦿ Public Kick-Off Meetings (May 18th + 19th, 2022)
- ⦿ Community Meetings
- ⦿ Public Meeting for Draft Review
- ⦿ City Council/School Board Meetings for Adoption
- ⦿ May include additional large group meetings to build consensus on plan changes

Timeline of Planning Process

- ◎ Phase 1 (January 2022 – June 2022)
 - Research Hazards
 - Risk Assessment for each community
 - Hazard Priorities
- ◎ Phase 2 (June 2022 – September 2022)
 - Goal Review
 - Mitigation Actions
 - Evaluate Mitigation Actions
- ◎ Phase 3 (September 2022- December 2022)
 - Finalize Draft
 - Formal Public Review of Planning Document
- ◎ Phase 4 (December 2023 – June 2023)
 - State and FEMA Review and Approval
 - Community Adoption

Public Input

- ⦿ Very Important part of the planning process
- ⦿ Ideas:
 - All meetings will be open to the public
 - 30-day comment period before plan is submitted to FEMA
 - Any additional ways to get public input?
 - Survey?

Advisory Committee Members

- ⦿ Neighboring counties – emergency management
- ⦿ Incorporated municipalities or school districts not wishing to otherwise participate – including those that are only partially within Scott County
- ⦿ Special districts and authorities
- ⦿ Utilities
- ⦿ American Red Cross
- ⦿ Colleges and University Extension Office
- ⦿ Soil & Water Conservation District
- ⦿ Farm Bureau
- ⦿ Other stakeholders identified by the County or others on the Planning Committee

Role of Advisory Committee

- ① Provide technical information related to field of experience
- ① Review planning document
- ① Stay appraised of the planning process

Online Resources

2018 Scott County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

<https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/planning/hazard-mitigation-plan>

FEMA - Mitigation Planning

<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning>

Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management

<https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/disasters/hazard-mitigation/>

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