

Osceola County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Part 4 – Plan Development and Maintenance

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Overview

A key element in the mitigation planning process is the discussion it promotes among community members about creating a safer, more disaster-resilient community. A plan that accurately reflects the community's values and priorities is likely to have greater acceptance and success in implementing mitigation actions and projects to reduce risk.

Involvement and outreach are based on a three-tier framework in which the timing, method, and level of engagement are different for each tier, allowing for the most effective and wide-spread dissemination and retrieval of relevant information and feedback.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team, coordinated by the Planning Lead, is responsible for making decisions, guiding the planning process, and reviewing the final plan.

Stakeholders, including local jurisdiction representatives, are individuals or entities that affect or may be affected by any component of the Mitigation Plan. Planning Team members each represent a number of stakeholders with whom they coordinate involvement in the planning process as necessary.

Planning Team members and stakeholders reach out to the general public, local businesses, academia,

special interest groups and others, to provide information regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan and to gather input.



Figure 4.1 Outreach Strategy Framework

Figure 4.1 illustrates the outreach strategy framework and levels of involvement.

Planning Process

Planning Process Development

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team was established by recommendation of the Osceola County Local Emergency Planning Team and approval of the Osceola County Board of Commissioners. The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team identified the planning area as Osceola County, including all participating communities within. Stakeholders include all entities associated with the Osceola County Local Emergency Planning Team as well as any other entity in, neighboring, or with an interest in the planning area. The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team developed the Community Profile and an outreach strategy.

Community Capability Assessment

Identification of capabilities and resources currently available to the community to develop and implement the mitigation strategies was ongoing throughout the planning process.

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team identified hazards with the potential to affect the jurisdiction and then conducted an analysis of hazard history, consequences, risk or likelihood of occurrence, and potential impacts. Each community assisted in identifying jurisdiction-specific information and concerns related to each hazard as well as ranking the relative risk that each hazard posed to their community.

Mitigation Strategy Development and Implementation

Development of mitigation initiative identification, prioritization criteria, review and scoring was led by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team with participation from community representatives. Community representatives identified and prioritized mitigation action implementation plans and accepted mitigation initiatives.

Plan Maintenance

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team developed a policy for annual plan reviews to update newly proposed and ongoing mitigation initiatives and consider community input and development.

Plan Review and Adoption

Annual plan reviews and five-year updates will follow local plan adoption.

Incorporated Plans & Sources

Plans such as the Osceola County Emergency Plan were reviewed, as were studies and technical information from local jurisdictions and other interested parties. Applicable information was considered and included in this plan. Hazard-Specific Annexes were considered and included in their respective hazard categories within this plan. Existing extremely hazardous site (EHS) plans were examined via the local emergency planning committee and considered during development of the hazardous materials sections of this plan. The local American Red Cross has a plan to shelter a large number of people in Osceola County. The local health department has flexible plans to immunize the entire population.

A number of hazards such as flooding are associated with specific geographical areas of impact. In assessing the risks associated with these hazards the Planning Team evaluated current building types, potential property damage and potential loss of life within these areas.

Documentation

Appendix 1 contains supplemental documentation from meetings and public involvement efforts. Presentation materials are not included due to length and extensive use of graphics.

Jurisdictions

Each jurisdiction was asked to provide a point of contact (POC) to act as the jurisdiction's representative in the planning process and provide input, as appropriate, for each of the identified hazards. For each hazard, the POC was asked to describe current hazard prevention efforts, planned mitigation projects, and any other information pertaining to the hazard.

| Community | Point of Contact | Phone/Email Address |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Osceola County | Larry Emig Chief Elected Official | larryeemig@yahoo.com |
| City of Reed City | Chuck Davis Police Chief | ChuckDavis@reedcityhall.org |
| City of Evert | Zack Szakacs City Manager | Zackary.Szakacs@evart.org |
| Village of Hersey | John Calabrese Village President | (231) 832-3067 |
| Village of LeRoy | | |
| Village of Tustin | | |
| Village of Marion | | |
| Burdell Township | Virgil Asplund Township Trustee | (231) 829-9012 |
| Highland Township | | |
| LeRoy Township | | |
| Hartwick Township | | |
| Lincoln Township | | |
| Osceola Township | | |
| Richmond Township | | |
| Evert Township | | |
| Sherman Township | Tasha Lapinski Planning Commission Member | tashski@yahoo.com |
| Marion Township | Martin Blackledge Township Supervisor | (231)743-6920 |
| Rose Lake Township | Roy Kissinger Township Supervisor | (231) 768-4276 |
| Middle Branch Township | Peggy Hoard Township Deputy Clerk | mbt@netone.com |
| Cedar Township | | |
| Sylvan Township | Angela Moore Township Supervisor | angiemryh@yahoo.com |
| Hersey Township | Jack Boden Fire Chief | hersey201@gmail.com |
| Orient Township | | |

Planning Team

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is a core group within the Local Emergency Planning Team/Committee (LEPT/C) responsible for making decisions, guiding the planning process, and reviewing the final plan.

| Function/Agency | Point of Contact | Email Address |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Osceola County Board of Commissioners | Larry Emig Chief Elected Official | larryeemig@yahoo.com |
| Osceola County Coordinator's Office | Susan VanderPol County Coordinator | oscadmin@osceolacountymi.com |
| Osceola County Emergency Management | Mark Watkins EM Director | osceolaemd@gmail.com |
| Meceola Central Dispatch | Laurie Smalla Dispatch Director | lsmalla@mcd911.org |
| Osceola County Planning Commission | Dan Massy Community Development Coordinator | dmassy@osceolacountymi.com |
| Osceola County Building Department | Don Labrenz II Building Inspector | building@osceolacountymi.com |
| Osceola County Road Commission | Luke Houlton Road Commission Manager | mgr.osceolacrc@gmail.com |
| Osceola County's Sheriff's Office | Justin Halladay Undersheriff | jhalladay@osceola-county.org |
| Osceola County Fire Association | Steve Young Fire Association President | medicsey@sbcglobal.net |
| Osceola County Emergency Medical Services | Jeremy Beebe EMS Director | jbeebe@oc-ems.com |
| Central Michigan District Health Department | Melissa Deroche | mderoche@cmdhd.org |
| American Red Cross | Margo Taylor Disaster Program Manager | margo.taylor@redcross.org |

Neighboring Communities

Neighboring jurisdictions were encouraged to review drafts of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and provide feedback.

| Community | Point of Contact | Email Address |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mecosta County | Scott Schroeder Emergency Management | sschroeder@co.mecosta.mi.us |
| Clare County | Jerry Becker Emergency Management | beckerj@clareco.net |
| Lake County | Michael Applewhite Emergency Management | mapple69@msn.com |
| Wexford County | Sarah Benson Emergency Management | sbenson@wexfordcounty.org |

Public Involvement

A draft version of this plan was made available for public review and posted online to provide opportunities for feedback to be submitted by citizens, area businesses, other stakeholders, non-profit organizations, regional and academic institutions, and neighboring communities.

Numerous public meetings were held to present the project and collect input. All of the meetings were open to the public, and attracted the participation of nonprofit groups, academia, businesses, and government. The plan was posted on the Osceola County Emergency Management Department website at www.osceolacountyemd.org where public input was invited and contact information was provided, for the sending of such input. Public involvement was solicited through social media and local publications.

All of these efforts to solicit, collect, and consider public input will continue. Participating jurisdictions will accept suggested mitigation actions and input as public comment at all meetings open to the public, and pass such information on to the planning team.

Plan Implementation

Upon approval, copies of this plan will be made available to each involved local jurisdiction. Since each jurisdiction has agreed to participate in the use of this HMP through local resolution, each jurisdiction will consider the applicability of hazard mitigation principles within their periodic community plan updates and ongoing related activities, so as to promote the incorporation of this HMP into existing planning mechanisms.

Local jurisdictions, by agreeing to participate in this hazard mitigation plan, will consider the action plan presented herein when contemplating land use decisions and policies. For example, those local flood-prone properties that have been identified should have local land use and development/building regulations updated with regard to future construction on these sites.

Plan Maintenance

The plan will be monitored by quarterly updates to the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team as part of regular Local Emergency Planning Team/Committee meetings.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will conduct a comprehensive review of the plan at least annually as part of a regular Local Emergency Planning Team/Committee meeting with direction from the planning lead, the Osceola County Emergency Management Department.

Reviews will include, at a minimum, consideration of changes to the priority and status of mitigation actions, evaluation of new mitigation actions, and ongoing public participation efforts.

The plan will be fully updated by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team with direction from the planning lead every five years for approval by FEMA.

Plan Adoption and Updates

The following jurisdictions have adopted the Osceola County Hazard Mitigation Plan via resolution and its updates by board or council motion:

| Jurisdiction | Date of Adoption | Date of Update | Date of Update | Date of Update | Date of Update |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Osceola County | | | | | |
| Burdell Township | | | | | |
| Highland Township | | | | | |
| LeRoy Township | | | | | |
| Hartwick Township | | | | | |
| Lincoln Township | | | | | |
| Osceola Township | | | | | |
| Richmond Township | | | | | |
| Ewart Township | | | | | |
| Sherman Township | | | | | |
| Marion Township | | | | | |
| Rose Lake Township | | | | | |
| Middle Branch Township | | | | | |
| Cedar Township | | | | | |
| Sylvan Township | | | | | |
| Hersey Township | | | | | |
| Orient Township | | | | | |
| City of Ewart | | | | | |
| Reed City | | | | | |
| Village of Tustin | | | | | |
| Village of LeRoy | | | | | |
| Village of Marion | | | | | |
| Village of Hersey | | | | | |