

## McHenry County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Kickoff Meeting

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Date/Time: September 3, 2015 / 2:00 PM  
Place: McHenry County Mental Health Building  
620 Dakota St., Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet (Attachment A)

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### Items:

#### Current HMP Successes

- Grants awarded under the current HMP
  - Village of Cary property acquisition grant through Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). \$1.3 million, 4 structures.
  - McHenry County (unincorporated) property acquisition grant through HMGP. Still pending. \$1.2 million, 10 structures.

#### Areas of Focus for HMP Update

- High winds/Derecho storms – previously caused 70% of population to lose power for 3-5 days. Also caused water service to go out for those on well water (requires electricity to pump), which is most of the county.
- Drifting snow – consider putting in snow fences. County mentioned IEMA is on board with a snow fence program. (POTENTIAL MITIGATION ACTION)
- Flooding – better understand where flooding will occur. Three-fourths of the county is mapped in Zone A. Map modernization only traced the existing floodplains, and did not match the special flood hazard area (SFHA) on new topo. The county is unaware of depressional flooding. (POTENTIAL MITIGATION ACTION)
- Land Use/Comprehensive Plans – understand what can be done to plan or build more sustainable communities.
- Climate change – what are the trends, etc. Can include information from the recent analysis done by Jim Angel for the Illinois Flood Awareness Act. Stantec will include potential impacts due to climate change for each hazard.

#### Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Logistics

- Disaster Mitigation Act, 2000 Planning Process and Community Rating System 10-step Process will be followed. (See Attachment B)
- Attendees for Planning Meetings:
  - All communities will be invited for the update, whether or not they adopted the existing plan. ("Communities" is a term used to represent both municipalities and townships.)
  - Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Office of Water Resources (IDNR) should be

- invited. This will help them identify projects they can fund in the future.
- Leverage old attendee list and coordinate with agencies such as Soil and Water.
- Contacts and e-mails of attendees must be recorded for CRS credit.
- Communication Tools:
  - Survey monkey is a tool that can be used.
  - Communication can be posted to the county website (including survey link and meeting notices)
  - McHenry Aware website can be used to disseminate material/information as well. The homepage on this site can also be structured and updated in a way to provide additional CRS credit. County to be provided with sample websites used elsewhere.
  - Social media for the county/communities can also be used to distribute meeting invites, survey links and other information.
  - Some resources can be found on FloodSmart.org.
  - Additional communications distribution can be discussed at the September 24, 2015 Public Information Office (PIO) meeting.
- County Match Activities:
  - Invites, press releases, and other communication will come from the county.
  - Meeting attendance and participation can be used as part of the match.
  - Providing updates on county hazard priorities (ex: groundwater)
- Date, Time and Venue for Planning Meetings:
  - Mental Health Facility venue will be used wherever possible.
  - Fourth Thursday of every month.
  - 2 or 2:30pm start time would be best, with a finish by 4:30 at the latest.
  - Meetings typically last 1.5-2 hours.
  - 3 Community Meetings to be held in October, January and February. (See Attachment C – project schedule which includes meeting topics breakdown).
  - All meetings will be open to the public
- Other logistics:
  - Plan to deliver draft for communities to review in March 2016, and IEMA/FEMA to review in April 2016.
  - Communication between consultants, county and communities can be paperless.
  - County has a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment that can be leveraged.
  - County board should be engaged along the way. A powerpoint presentation can be provided to the county for use as these presentation if needed.
  - Contract allows Stantec and Molly O'Toole and Associates to do work through May 9, 2016 (Ideally, the compliance review will be complete by then but the actual review time is unknown, and it may take additional time)
  - The exact expiration date of the grant is unknown. It is likely well beyond when the plan will be complete (typically 2 year time frame)

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Attachment A

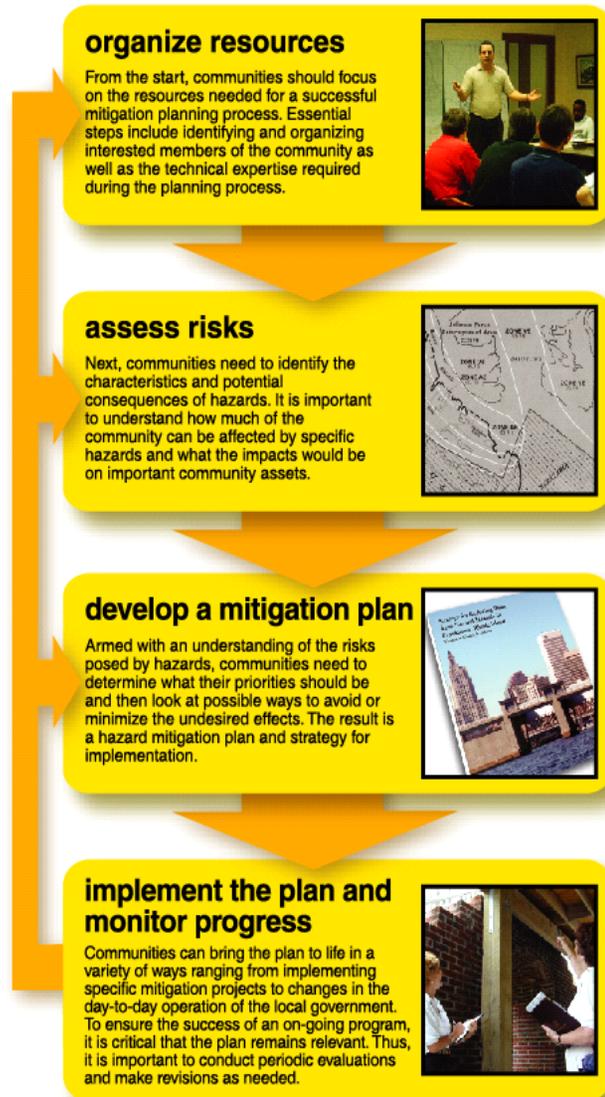
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# Disaster Mitigation Act, 2000 Planning Process



# Community Rating System Ten Step Process

1. Organize
2. Involve the Public
3. Coordinate
4. Assess the hazard
5. Evaluate the problem
6. Set goals
7. Mitigation strategies
8. Draft action plan
9. Adopt the plan
10. Implement, evaluate

# Attachment C

## McHenry County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan -- 2015 Update Schedule

Contract Task	Meeting and Meeting Objectives	Proposed Schedule:									
		September	October	November	December	March - communities			April	May	
Task 1: Conduct Project Management	"Kickoff" Meeting with County:	County Mtg									
	County, MO&A, Stantec. Propose dates for Mitigation Committee meetings.	9/3/2015									
	Discuss public involvement approach.										
	Discuss Mitigation Committee and agencies to involve.										
Task 2: Organize Resources	First Committee Meeting:		Mitg. Comm.								
	Discuss needed Committee work, public involvement and agency coordination		10/15/2015								
	Review 2010 hazard prioritization, discuss any new hazards or reprioritization.										
	Discuss any new data (past events or new data to update the risk assessment).										
	Review 2010 Plan goals										
	For next meeting: Refresh everyone's memory on mitigation strategies and any new data needs.										
	Second Committee Meeting:					Mitg. Comm.					
Review updated risk assessment.					1/21/2015						
Update all mitigation strategies											
For next meeting: Refresh everyone's memory on action items possible committee assignment.											
Task 4: Develop Mitigation Strategy	Third Committee Meeting:						Mitg. Comm.				
	Update action plan and identify any new action items.						Public Mtg.				
	Discuss draft report (to be made available to written comments)						3/3/2015				
	Discuss next steps - FEMA review, community adoption.							Community Review			
Task 5: Complete Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan									FEMA Review		
	(Submit updated Plan to FEMA, wait for approval, provide adoption information to County and communities.)										
Task 6: Grant Options	Update 2010 memo.										

County Mtg.
Mitg. Comm.
FEMA Review

Project Team, County staff and/or Chair meeting  
 McHenry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee meetings  
 IEMA and FEMA review period