



# Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan

SANGAMON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL  
NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

SIXTH MEETING,

JANUARY 26, 2023

# Participation Requirements

- Attended a minimum of 4 meetings (2/3 of 6 total meetings)
- Submitted all hourly participation documents.
- Submitted a list of relevant community documents
- Confirmed hazards that affect community
- Submitted a description of critical facilities at risk
- Submitted a description of land use patterns
- Developed goals for the community
- Developed mitigation actions for the community
- Prioritized mitigation actions
- **Hosted opportunities for public involvement**
- **Reviewed and commented on draft plan**

# HOW IS THE PLANNING PROCESS ORGANIZED?

- Task 1: Organization
- Task 2: Public Involvement
- Task 3: Risk Assessment
- Task 4: Goal Setting
- Task 5: Mitigation Actions and Strategy
- Task 6: Draft Plan
- Task 7: Final Plan and Adoption of Plan

# Task 1: Organization

- February and March 2022: Letters of Invitation and Participation Resolutions sent to Communities and Technical Partners
- March/April 2022: Communities adopt participation resolution and appoint Task Force members, Technical Partners appoint Task Force members
- March 24, 2022, Task Force Organization and Kick-off meeting: overview of planning process, participation requirements, mission statement

# Task 2: Public Involvement

- Seven meetings open to the public: March through July 2022, January 2023, February 2023
- Citizen Survey – May and June 2022
- Website postings
- Press Releases and opportunities for News Coverage
- Public Notice

# Task 3: Risk Assessment

- Discussed at April 28, May 26, and June 30, 2022, Task Force meetings
- Adopted two new hazards: pandemic and wildfire
- Hazards: dam failure, drought, earthquake, extreme heat, flood, mine subsidence, pandemic, severe storm, tornado, wildfire, and winter storm (Section III)
- Community Risk Priority Index (RPI) scores provided, included in plan
- County RPI score calculated
- Revised critical facilities definitions at May 26, 2022, meeting

# Task 3: Risk Assessment

- Critical facilities are structures, institutions, and systems that are critical for life safety and economic viability and necessary for a community's response to and recovery from emergencies. The loss of function of any of these assets can intensify the severity of impacts and speed of recovery associated with a hazard event. Critical facilities may include but are not limited to the following:
  - Essential Facilities: Facilities essential to the health and welfare of the whole population, including hospitals and other medical facilities, police and fire stations, emergency operations centers, evacuation shelters, and schools.
  - Gathering Places: Facilities such as parks, libraries, community centers, and churches.
  - Government Facilities: Facilities associated with the continued operations of government services such as courthouses, city/village halls, township buildings, and highway/maintenance centers.
  - High Potential Loss Facilities: Facilities that would have an impact or high loss associated with them if their functionality is compromised, such as nuclear power plants, dams, levees, military installations, and facilities housing industrial or hazardous chemicals.
  - Housing Facilities: Facilities that serve populations that have access and function needs, such as nursing homes, skilled and memory care facilities, residential group homes, and daycare centers.
  - Infrastructure Systems: Infrastructure associated with drinking water, wastewater, transportation (roads, railways, waterways), communication systems, electric power, natural gas, and oil.

# Task 4 Goal Setting

- Discussed at the May 26 and June 30, 2022, meetings
- Changes called out in **red** in Section IV of the plan
- Made changes to goal # 1 concerning wording of public, private, not-for-profits
- Made changes to goals # 2 and 3 concerning climate change
  - Updated Risk Assessment based on this discussion
- Minor wording change to goal # 5
- Wording changes to four of the objectives

# Task 5: Mitigation Actions and Strategy

- Discussed at June 30 and July 28, 2022, meetings
- Participants provided updated mitigation action items from 2015 plan update and new action items
- Each active project is tied to a goal and objective and has benefit-cost and prioritization evaluations
- Staff worked with participants on wording and making items meet FEMA requirements for review – August 2022 through January 2023

# Task 6: Draft Plan

- Plan Implementation - Section V of the plan
- Highlights – What’s new over the 2015 plan?
  - Added climate change effects to the Risk Assessment for the following hazards: dam failure/flood, drought, earthquake, extreme heat, mine subsidence, pandemic, severe storms, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter storms
  - Updated earthquake assessment based on newer Hazus software
  - Complete update of critical facilities values using different methodology

# Task 7: Final Plan and Adoption of Plan

- Final two meetings on 1/26/23 and 2/27/23 are to present the plan and review changes made
- Public hearing at last meeting 2/27/23 – take comments from the public and Task Force final recommendation on the plan
- After review and Approvable Pending Adoption letter from FEMA, participating communities and organizations adopt the draft plan. Plan is not effective until adopted by the community.

# What's the rush?

- New rubric to evaluate Hazard Mitigation Plans will be effective on April 19, 2023
  - Approvable Pending Adoption letter needed by then to avoid more meetings

# Issue for Task Force Decision – Work Group

- The Workgroup will meet at least twice a year to review the progress of the communities in implementing the Plan and to prepare a progress report to be submitted to the governing bodies of all communities. The report will include an evaluation of the Plan and identify any areas that may need to be revisited.
- In the process to create this annual report, participating communities may make modifications to existing projects and add other projects. Additional mitigation action items will result in notification to IEMA and FEMA as applicable provided it is through the process to create the annual report.
- The report year will start on the date the first community adopts the final Plan. Each meeting will provide time for the Workgroup members to network and explore opportunities for working together in mitigation efforts.
- Non-participating communities and organizations shall wait until the five-year plan update to provide status report updates or to modify existing projects.

# Non-participating communities joining plan

- Any non-participating community may choose to join the Multi-jurisdictional Plan during the 5-year update and will be responsible for providing all information needed to be integrated into the Plan.
- Non-participating communities may join the plan after passage using procedures outlined by FEMA.
- However, local funds and an intergovernmental agreement will be required from the non-participating community for SSCRPC assistance in this process.

# FEMA allows options for communities to join

- Option 1 - Participating jurisdiction that did not adopt the plan within one year of the Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) date (within 1 year of plan approval)
  - Participating jurisdictions adopting the plan more than a year after the APA date must either:
    - Validate that the information in the plan remains current with respect to both the risk assessment (no recent hazard events, no changes in development) and mitigation strategy (no changes necessary); or
    - Make the necessary updates before submitting the adoption resolution to state and FEMA.
- Option 2 – Adding a jurisdiction that did not participate in the original planning process (Most of 5 year approval period remains)
  - Jurisdictions that participated in the multi-jurisdictional planning process are not required to take any action. Plan content specific to any new jurisdiction is included in a new annex or appendix to the existing mitigation plan, and no other changes are made to the previously approved mitigation plan.
- Option 3 - Revise and Update Full Plan (> 1 year after adoption)

# Timeframe Moving Forward

- February 27, next Task Force meeting, Public Hearing
- February 27: Comment period closes, send plan ASAP to IEMA/FEMA
- Staff revises based on FEMA comments and resubmits
- Receive approvable pending adoption letter (APA) from FEMA
  - At least one of the participating jurisdictions must adopt the plan within one year of FEMA's APA notice
- Final copies of plan with resolution of approval distributed to participating communities by SSCRPC, then communities adopt the plan
- Final approval of plan from FEMA after communities have adopted

# Timeframe Moving Forward (Cont'd)

- Working Group for plan meets within one year of approval of adoption by the first community – potentially meet summer and fall 2023
- Plan expires five years after FEMA letter of approval

# Suggested Motion

Allow the draft plan to be released to the public for comment

# Homework - By Friday, February 10, 2023

- Email me, **Steve.Keenan@sangamonil.gov**, your plan comments, any final changes to your critical facilities lists/maps, and changes to your mitigation action items. No changes means you accept what is in the plan.
- Everyone **must** send me at least one email concerning the draft plan, even if you have no comments. **This is a participation requirement.**
- Also, post the link to the draft plan on your website and send me a screenshot or a photo of the draft plan sitting at your Village Hall if you cannot maintain your website. We are asking everyone to do this.

# Next Meeting, Monday February 27, 2023

- Public Hearing – please publicize in your communities!
- Listen to any testimony
- Final Questions and Recommendation

Questions?

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