



Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan Information Bulletin #9 Implementing the Mitigation Plan

Mission Statement

Identify risks and sustainable cost-effective actions to mitigate the impact of natural hazards in order to protect the life, health, safety, welfare, and economy of the communities of Cook County.

What Happens Now?

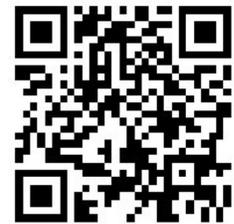
The draft Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is now completed and ready for public review and comment. The draft HMP will then be forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) for approval. Upon approval by FEMA and IEMA, all planning partners must adopt the HMP by passing a resolution of the city or village council or board.

Over the following five years, each of the planning partners will work to implement some of the mitigation actions they have identified in their jurisdictional annex. The HMP must be implemented and maintained by all of the planning partners. Effective hazard mitigation plans are dynamic documents—they do not sit on a shelf collecting dust.

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Mitigation Plan Maintenance Strategy

Federal regulations require that hazard mitigation plans include a plan maintenance strategy that will help ensure implementation of the action items included in the plan. (44 CFR Section 201.6.c.4) Mitigation plans that lack a plan maintenance strategy will not be approved by FEMA. In Cook County, there will be a dedicated steering committee to oversee implementation and maintenance of the Cook County HMP.

The plan maintenance strategy must include the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle. To meet this requirement, the planning partners in Cook County will submit annual progress reports, identifying those action items that they have completed over the past year. The planning partners can also revise their mitigation action plans, if necessary.

Federal regulations state that the plan maintenance strategy should include a process by which local governments can incorporate elements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms. For example, local governments should incorporate the mitigation actions included in their jurisdictional annex mitigation strategy into their comprehensive land use plans or capital improvement plans, as appropriate.

Public involvement will remain an important part of the hazard mitigation plan implementation and plan maintenance. The Cook County HMP plan maintenance strategy includes a discussion of how the County and planning partners will continue public participation, including press releases and distribution of annual progress reports.

Countywide Mitigation Actions

The Cook County HMP is divided into two volumes—the first volume contains the natural hazard risk assessment and mitigation actions that apply to all of Cook County (the planning area). These mitigation action items can be implemented by county agencies and/or any of the planning partners.

The project steering committee identified numerous countywide mitigation actions. Some countywide mitigation actions included in the draft HMP are:

- Complete the countywide mass notification system project.
- Enhance the current Cook County evacuation plan.
- Expand the Cook County Mobile Response Team capabilities for emergency and disaster response.
- Create a template to promote uniformity in Emergency Operations Plans within the planning area.
- Develop a Cook County Community Emergency Response Team Program that works with local Community Emergency Response Team programs.
- Continue to promote the StormReady Program for increased countywide severe weather preparedness.
- Identify and promote local, state, and federal funding sources for local flood mitigation projects.
- Maintain the Cook County HMP website.

This list is a starting point for the county's jurisdictional annex. Additional countywide mitigation action items will be added to the HMP prior to adoption.

REVIEW OF DRAFT HMP PUBLIC MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

All Meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Brief Presentation at 6:45 p.m.

May 27, 2014

Village of Berwyn

Berwyn Police Department

6401 West 31st Street, Berwyn

May 28, 2014

Village of Orland Park

Orland Fire Protection District

9790 West 151st Street, Orland Park

May 29, 2014

Village of Glenview

Glenview Fire Department

2500 East Lake Avenue, Glenview

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