

6.0 PLAN MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

6.1 MONITORING, EVALUATING, AND UPDATING THE PLAN

Clinton County has established a procedure for monitoring, evaluating, and updating this hazard mitigation plan. Monitoring of this hazard mitigation plan shall be an ongoing process conducted by the Clinton County Department of Emergency Services (CCDES) and coordinated with the representative members of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team on an annual basis via a report memorandum to be submitted by December 31 of each year. CCDES will track overall plan progress not only at the County-level but also at the municipal level via coordination with local emergency management coordinators at their quarterly training sessions. The County will use Table 5-2 to record the date of completion of the various hazard mitigation recommendations and Table 5-4 to track progress at the individual municipal-level. The end-of-year report memorandum will summarize that year's progress towards meeting the identified hazard mitigation planning goals.

One update already identified as necessary by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is the extension of the planning effort to create an all-hazard plan for Clinton County. Specifically, man-made or non-natural hazards are to be added to this plan following the same approach and format contained herein.

Every three years, the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will convene to review the County's annual monitoring activities, evaluate the current effectiveness of the hazard mitigation plan, and make any needed updates/changes to the hazard mitigation plan. The three-year review will evaluate the hazard mitigation plan in regard to its current accuracy, relevance, and applicability. In addition to a three year review, this plan will be resubmitted every 5 years to PEMA meeting PEMA requirements. In particular, the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will review the hazard mitigation plan in light of the following.

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The ability of the identified hazard mitigation planning goals to address current and anticipated future conditions.

- Any known or perceived changes in the County's vulnerability to the identified hazards.
- The current capabilities (i.e., institutional, legal, fiscal, political, and technical) of the County and its constituent municipalities.
- The successes, failures, and/or lessons learned from implementing the identified hazard mitigation recommendations during the three-year period.
- The need to address additional hazards in the plan and/or the need for other modifications to the plan
- Advances in the County's GIS structure database that allow for an up to date analysis of asset vulnerability and loss estimation.

If the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team determines that updates and/or changes are needed to the hazard mitigation plan, assignments will be made to the representative members and the committee will meet as deemed necessary until all updates and/or changes have been completed and incorporated into the hazard mitigation plan. It will be the responsibility of CCDES to oversee the plan review/update process and to coordinate all plan revisions with the appropriate municipalities.

Additional updates to the hazard mitigation plan will be completed with continued development of the County's GIS program. In particular, as the County updates its GIS structure database with updated building type, use, ownership, address, and assessment; an up to date analysis of asset vulnerability and loss estimation can be conducted. By utilizing our current GIS structure database (as described above) it is possible to enable an exact count daily of the type and value of buildings in known hazard areas to be generated. This level of data greatly enhances the asset vulnerability and loss estimation sections of the plan (see Section 2) and will be included in all future updates to the plan.

6.2 IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH EXISTING PROGRAMS

Implementation of the hazard mitigation recommendations outlined in this plan will be initiated upon plan adoption. Analysis of PM-1 indicates that the municipalities are encouraged to develop a new or amend their existing Comprehensive Plan to include hazard related provisions. As such, it is anticipated that those municipalities with an existing Comprehensive Plan will be adopting this hazard mitigation plan as an amendment to their Comprehensive Plan, thus fulfilling PM-1. By so doing, those municipalities will be initiating their local hazard mitigation program simply by adopting this hazard mitigation plan. Similarly, those municipalities can then proceed to revise other existing local planning documents (i.e., capital improvement plan, zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, building code, floodplain ordinance, etc.) as appropriate to implement the various hazard mitigation recommendations that apply to their jurisdiction. Ultimately, it will be left to the discretion of the individual municipalities to revise their existing policies, plans, and programs to be consistent with and to help implement the hazard mitigation planning recommendations.

For those municipalities that do not have an existing Comprehensive Plan, the critical first step will be to adopt this hazard mitigation plan as a stand-alone document. Once this occurs, those municipalities will then be free to implement the various hazard mitigation recommendations that are applicable to their respective jurisdiction. It is understood, however, that in certain instances, select municipalities may not have any existing programs through which to implement the hazard mitigation recommendations. This concept was clearly defined in the Capability Assessment (see Section 4) and is not to be interpreted as an inability to implement the hazard mitigation recommendations. Rather, implementation of the hazard mitigation recommendations in these select municipalities may be accomplished through cooperative arrangements, more coordinated efforts, and/or resource efficiency.

6.3 CONTINUED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Clinton County is committed to involving the public in the continual reshaping and updating of this hazard mitigation plan. CCDES is responsible for monitoring the plan and for the three-year review/update of the plan in addition to resubmission to PEMA every 5 years. In this capacity, it will also be the responsibility of CCDES to implement long-term public participation activities including public review of the initial plan so that public opinion can be considered in the plan revision process.

In accordance with PI-2 and PI-3, copies of this hazard mitigation plan will be catalogued and kept on file at public libraries and municipal buildings throughout the County. In addition, copies of the plan and any proposed changes will be posted on the County's website. This site will also contain an e-mail address and phone number to which people can direct their comments or concerns. Finally, a public meeting is planned to be held after each three-year review/update of the plan. This meeting will provide the public an opportunity to express concerns, opinions, or ideas about the plan. CCDES will be responsible for organizing and advertising this public meeting.