

## **Introduction**

### **Purpose and Process of Development**

The 2009 Greene County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by the Local Mitigation Planning Taskforce. This task force included representatives from eight fire protection districts, eight public school districts, two higher education institutions, seven municipalities, and various representatives from the departments in both City of Springfield and Greene County government. The Local Mitigation Planning Task Force met under the terms set forth under a grant received from the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA).

The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is the result of a collaborative effort between citizens, businesses, industry, institutions, and voluntary agencies throughout Greene County.

The Plan is a five-year blueprint for the future, aimed at making Greene County, and all the jurisdictions within, disaster resistant by reducing or eliminating long-term risk of loss of life and property from the full-range of natural disasters. This cycle of updates also identifies man-made hazards that currently, or could potentially, affect Greene County.

### **Assurance Statements of Compliance with FEMA**

This plan meets the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-390); Part 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 206; and State of Missouri Emergency Management Agency standards. An open public process was established to provide multiple opportunities for all sectors of the community to become involved and provide input during the drafting stage of the planning process.

### **Basis for Planning Authority**

The basis for authority to create a hazard mitigation plan lies in Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act, 42 U.S.C. 5165. This act was enacted under Section 104 and is the legal basis for FEMA's Interim Final Rule for 44 CFR Parts 201 and 206, published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002.

### **Adoption by Local Governing Bodies**

Participation of local jurisdictions is critical to successful mitigation implementation. The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management has collaborated with local school districts, fire protection districts and municipalities to assure adoption and implementation of the 2009 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will occur after the plan has been approved by the appropriate state and federal agencies.

### **Purpose and Organization of the Plan**

In the past, emergency management has focused primarily on responding after a disaster occurs. This was financially inefficient and put communities at risk by ignoring a proactive approach to mitigate the effects of disasters. This proactive approach is found in the mitigation phase, and the hazard mitigation plan is a blueprint for mitigation actions in the community.

The 2009 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan encouraged involvement and participation from more organizations and entities than the 2004 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Now, any

jurisdiction wanting to take steps to implement projects to make their own communities more disaster resistant were obligated to participate in the planning process or risk losing access to mitigation funding. The table below identifies the jurisdictions that participated and are included in the 2009 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

*Table 1A.1 Fire Protection Districts in the 2009 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

<b>Greene County Fire Protection Districts</b>			
Ash Grove Fire Protection District	Bois D’Arc Fire Protection District	Ebenezer Fire Protection District	Fair Grove Fire Protection District
Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District	Pleasant View Fire Protection District	Strafford Fire Protection District	Willard Fire Protection District

*Table 1A.2 Public School Districts in the 2009 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

<b>Greene County Public School Districts</b>			
Ash Grove School District	Fair Grove School District	Logan-Rogersville School District	Republic School District
Springfield School District	Strafford School District	Walnut Grove School District	Willard School District

*Table 1A.3 Incorporated Communities in the 2009 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

<b>Municipalities</b>			
City of Ash Grove	City of Battlefield	City of Fair Grove	City of Republic
City of Springfield	City of Strafford	City of Willard	Greene County

*Table 1A.4 Higher Education Institutions in the 2009 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

<b>Higher Education Institutions</b>	
Ozarks Technical Community College	Missouri State University

While the plan covers unincorporated areas of Greene County, it does not cover the jurisdictions that did not participate in the planning process. Those jurisdictions are:

- Battlefield Fire Protection District;
- Brookline Fire Protection District;
- Walnut Grove Fire Protection District;
- West Republic Fire Protection District; and
- City of Walnut Grove.

Additionally, the City of Rogersville is part of three counties: Christian, Greene and Webster. Due to their unique geographical situation, the City elected to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Plan with Webster County while the Logan-Rogersville School District and the Logan-Rogersville Fire District, as mentioned above, elected to participate in the Greene County Plan.

The jurisdictions listed in the tables above participated in all steps of the planning process. Each Jurisdiction was required to: send a representative to multiple mitigation workshops and planning meetings, provide needed mitigation planning information to the Office of Emergency Management and to attend the community forums. If, due to scheduling reasons, a representative was not able to attend a planning meeting, they were encouraged to schedule a

one-on-one meeting with OEM staff, telephone, or e-mail to obtain the information missed at the meeting. If a representative was not able to attend the Community Forum in their area, they were required to provide the OEM with their list of projects and goals so the OEM could speak on their behalf. All of the Jurisdictions listed in the Mitigation Plan participated in the planning process to the standards set by the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. Jurisdictions that did not participate in the planning process were not included in the plan. The following spreadsheet was used to track the participation of the Jurisdictions throughout the planning process.

Table 1A.5 Jurisdiction Participation in the Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

Jurisdiction	Mitigation Planning	Community Profile	Vulnerability Assessment	Capability Assessment	Projects and Goals	Community Forums	Advertised	Adequate Participation
Greene County	Continuing	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Fire Districts</b>	<b>Mitigation Planning</b>	<b>Community Profile</b>	<b>Vulnerability Assessment</b>	<b>Capability Assessment</b>	<b>Projects and Goals</b>	<b>Community Forums</b>	<b>Advertised</b>	<b>Adequate Participation</b>
Ash Grove	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	No	Yes
Battlefield	No Participation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bois D'Arc	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	No	Yes
Brookline	No Participation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Ebenezer	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	No	No	Yes
Fair Grove	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	Yes	Yes
Logan-Rogersville	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	No	Yes
Pleasant View	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strafford	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walnut Grove	No Participation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
West Republic	No Participation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Willard	Continuing	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	No	No	
<b>School Districts</b>	<b>Mitigation Planning</b>	<b>Community Profile</b>	<b>Vulnerability Assessment</b>	<b>Capability Assessment</b>	<b>Projects and Goals</b>	<b>Community Forums</b>	<b>Advertised</b>	<b>Adequate Participation</b>
Ash Grove	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	No	No	Yes
Fair Grove	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	No	No	Yes
Logan-Rogersville	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	Yes	Yes
Republic	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	Yes	Yes
Springfield	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strafford	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	No	No	Yes
Walnut Grove	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	No	Yes
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Missouri State	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	No	Yes
OTC	New	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Yes	Yes	Yes
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