

Planning Process

Identifying Hazards

The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management completed the Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessment in September 2009. Seventeen hazards were identified that could potentially harm various jurisdictions in Greene County. These hazards were identified based on historical records, national data sources, existing plans, reports and discussions with local, regional, state and federal sources. The 2009 Greene County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a man-made hazard assessment that increases the total number of identified hazards from nine in the previous plan, which were all natural, to 17, which include all natural and man-made hazards.

The hazards have been profiled based on their severity of impact, frequency of occurrence, seasonal patterns, warning time, cascading potential and existing warning systems. An inventory of population, critical building and essential facilities, infrastructure, hazardous materials facilities and commercial facilities at potential risk was conducted for each of the mapped sectors with an identifiable hazard.

Assess Risks

The characteristics and potential consequences of each hazard were assessed to determine the effects of each hazard on each jurisdiction's assets. The risk assessment identifies the potential loss associated with a hazard as opposed to a vulnerability assessment which identifies what is capable of being affected by the consequences of a hazard. For more information regarding how the hazards and vulnerabilities were assessed, please see Section 3 and Section 4.

Develop Mitigation Strategies

Mitigation goals and objectives have been formulated to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property. An action has been developed identifying proposed actions, estimated costs and benefits, the responsible organizations/agencies, implementation schedule, related objectives to which the actions relate, priority and potential funding sources.

Members of the Local Mitigation Planning Taskforce provided individual goals that represented the needs of their jurisdictions to be implemented before the next cycle of updates for Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Community Participation

All aspects of the Hazard Mitigation planning process were open to the public. Press Releases were sent out for the meetings (see distribution list below). The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management advertised and hosted workshops explaining each step of the planning process. These workshops were very informative; explaining mitigation, the planning process, information needed from the participating jurisdictions, and allowed citizens and committee members to ask questions and make comments. The Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management also did a presentation on the Mitigation planning process to the Springfield City Council and the Greene County Commissioners, both meetings were also open to the public and advertised on the city and county websites. All eight

of the public meetings were open to the public and advertised according to the Sunshine Law (RSMO §610.010 to RSMO §610.200)

Members of the Local Mitigation Task Force also invited community members to participate in the planning process through community forums. After each jurisdiction completed a community profile, vulnerability assessment, capability assessment and identified mitigation projects and goals, the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management set-up two community forums in which members of the public could learn more about mitigation and ask their jurisdiction representatives specific questions regarding their hazards and ways to make their specific areas more disaster resistant. Documents regarding the Mitigation Workshops and Community Forums, including advertisements and lists of attendees are in the following section of the Introduction.

Resolution Approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan

Each jurisdiction will be required to take the Hazard Mitigation Plan to their appropriate governing body. All jurisdictions are aware of this requirement, and participated in a review of the drafted plan in September of 2009 prior to submitting the plan for SEMA review in October of 2009. All jurisdictions plan to formally adopt the plan after the plan has been approved by the appropriate state and federal agencies. Once that occurs, the resolutions and proof of plan adoption will be included in the 2009 Greene County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan under the Appendices.