

Mitigation Workshops and Community Forums

The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management hosted four Mitigation Planning Workshops, each focusing on a different aspect of Mitigation planning. The Community Profile Workshop was held on March 10, 2009 at 10:00, the Vulnerabilities Workshop was held on April 1, 2009, the Capabilities Workshop was held on May 18, 2009, and the Mitigation Projects and Goals and Community Forum Workshop were held on June 12, 2009. All of the workshops were open to the public and all members of the Mitigation Planning Committee were encouraged to attend all of them. If members were not able to attend a workshop, they were encouraged to request a one-on-one meeting so they could still gather the information. The workshops also allowed members of the Mitigation Planning Committee and private citizens to ask questions specific to their jurisdiction. The workshops were very well attended and lists of each meetings attendees can be found below in Table 1C.2. A list of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management staff members who participated in the planning process is also included in Table 1C.3.

The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management also hosted two Community Forums. These Community Forums were designed to explain the mitigation process and also to specifically address the projects and goals of each Jurisdiction. If a jurisdiction was unable to attend a Community Forum, due to scheduling conflicts, they were asked to provide the OEM with a list of their projects and goals, so the OEM could adequately speak on their behalf. Attendees of the forums were able to ask questions of OEM staff and also the representatives of their jurisdiction. One of the forums was held on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pleasant View Elementary School. The second was held on Friday, July 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Room located at Fire Station #6. Locations were strategically identified to encourage participation from differing geographical areas across the county.

In addition to the four public Mitigation Planning Workshops and the two public Community Forums, the Mitigation Planning Process was also announced at a two City Council meetings and at a County Commission Meeting, both of which are also public meetings. All eight meetings were open to the public and advertised according to the Sunshine Law (RSMO §610.010 to RSMO §610.200).

As part of the advertising process, the Greene County Public Information Officer drafted and distributed a press release to local media outlets. This press release was picked up and discussed on a local radio station. Further, the CBS affiliate, KOLR 10, came to the Thursday evening community forum, interviewed the Springfield - Greene County Emergency Management Director, Ryan Nicholls, for a brief story on the evening news. Please see Table 1C.1 for a distribution list for all Greene County Press Releases.

Many jurisdictions used information from the press release to post information regarding the forums on their websites including but not limited to the City of Fair Grove, Fair Grove Fire, Springfield Public Schools, Logan-Rogersville Schools and the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. Other jurisdictions (without website capability) posted the press release in public areas to encourage attendance. In total, 36 people attended the community forums. Please see Table 1C.2 for a list of all meeting attendees.

The image below is a copy of the press release distributed by the Greene County Public Information Officer.

Image IC.1 Copy of the Press Release Distributed by the Greene County PIO.

NEWS RELEASE: July 21, 2009

Emergency Management seeks public input on disaster planning

The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management is seeking public input on strengthening Greene County against tornados, chemical spills and other community disasters.

The office is holding two community forums this week to discuss potential hazards and to gather input on possible disaster mitigation projects, such as storm shelters or floodplain improvements, which may qualify for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding. The forums are:

- Thursday, July 23, 6 p.m., Pleasant View School, 2210 E. State Highway AA, north of Springfield.
- Friday, July 24, 10 a.m., Springfield Fire Station #6, 2620 W. Battlefield Road, Springfield.

Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, said the community forums are part of the county's disaster mitigation plan, updated every five years.

Representatives from municipalities, school districts and fire protection districts will participate in the forums to help identify and prioritize possible projects. Nicholls encourages members of the public to attend as well, to share their concerns and to learn about how to protect their homes and property from disasters.

"If we can help prioritize projects while educating property owners on hazards they may face, it's a win-win," said Nicholls.

Each meeting will include a short presentation and an opportunity for discussion.

For more information, call Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, at 417-869-6040.

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Greene County Public Information Office Contacts

All news releases, City Council Meetings, Commission calendars, Commission session agendas and media advisories are released via e-mail to the following contacts.

Table 1C.1 PIO Contacts

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Clear Channel Communications
Community Free Press
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Journal Broadcast Group
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KOLR TV
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KSFX TV
KSGF FM
KSMU FM
KSPR TV
KTTS AM/FM
KWFC FM
KYTV TV
95.5 FM Alice
NixaXPress
Republic Monitor
Springfield Business Journal
Springfield News-Leader
South County Mail
Various Freelance Journalists
Willard Cross-Country Times
City of Ash Grove
City of Battlefield
City of Springfield
City of Willard
City Utilities of Springfield
Congressman Roy Blunt
Drury University
Greater Ozarks Chapter American Red Cross
Greene County Officeholders
Greene County Department Heads
Various Greene County Staff
Missouri Department of Transportation
Missouri State University
MU Extension Office
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Springfield Convention Visitors Bureau
Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association

Table 1C.2 Participation Records

Community Profile Workshop, March 10, 2009		
Name	Agency / Jurisdiction	City / County / State
Adams, Candy	SEMA	Missouri
Allen, Michael	GIS	Greene County
Babcock, Frank	City	Ash Grove
Barnes, Kevin	Flood Plain Management	Greene County
Belote, Bob	Parks Department	Springfield
Bishop, David	School District	Springfield
Buckner, Carl	City / Fire District	Fair Grove
Burnett, Lisa	School District	Fair Grove
Clinton, Dennis	Fire District	Logan-Rogersville
Coiner, Jeff	Information Services	Springfield
Cornman, Aaron	School District	Walnut Grove
Coulter, Chris	Resource Management	Greene County
Cox, Debbie	City	Ash Grove
Deck, David	Fire District	Willard
Dorrell, Scott	City	Rogersville
Edson, Nancy	City	Rogersville
Fonner, Mike	GIS	Springfield
Gano, Jonathan	Public Works	Springfield
Gordon, Donna	Fire District	Bois D'Arc
Hartman, Ron	Police	Springfield
Heatherly, Nick	Building Development	Springfield
Helvey, Barb	City	Strafford
Hess, Rick	City	Battlefield
Hogue, Gary	School District	Logan-Rogersville
Holland, Vance	Police	Springfield
Hollandworth, Lynn	Emergency Management	Republic
Johnson, Dave	Missouri State University	Other
Lannan, James	Fire District	Battlefield
Laughlin, Paul	City	Rogersville
Locke, Eldon	City	Walnut Grove
Lowery, Steven	Missouri State University	Other
McConnell, Larry	Fire District	Brookline
Monning, Anthony	Fire District	Ash Grove
Morris, Kent	Planning	Greene County
Osborn, Fred	Fire District	Strafford
Park, Miles	Parks Department	Springfield
Pennington, David	Fire District	Springfield
Porter, Greg	School District	Fair Grove
Reasoner, Ken	Springfield City Utilities	Other
Rognstad, Ralph	Planning	Springfield
Rothrock, Pete	OTC	Other
Royal, Janelle	School District	Willard
Runnels, Steve	National Weather Service	Other
Schiman, Jerry	Fire District	Strafford
Schroeder, Shawn	Springfield-Branson Airport	Other
Smith, Dan	Highway Department	Greene County
Smith, Gary	GIS	Springfield
Snaveley, J. Gary	Missouri State University	Other

Community Profile Workshop, March 10, 2009 (Continued)		
Name	Agency / Jurisdiction	City / County / State
Spaulding, Kevin	Sheriff's Department	Greene County
Weaver, Michael	School District	Strafford
Willmon, Jeremy	Fire District	Ash Grove
Winters, Stacy	City / Fire District	Willard
Vulnerabilities Workshop, April 1, 2009		
Name	Agency / Jurisdiction	City / County / State
Helvey, Barb	City	Strafford
Reasoner, Ken	Springfield City Utilities	Other
Allen, Michael	GIS	Greene County
Babcock, Frank	City	Ash Grove
Bishop, David	School District	Springfield
Clinton, Dennis	Fire District	Logan-Rogersville
Cox, Debbie	City	Ash Grove
Dave Manary	Planning & Zoning	Greene County
Hess, Rick	City	Battlefield
Hogue, Gary	School District	Logan-Rogersville
Hollandworth, Lynn	Emergency Management	Republic
Jim Norgren	Housing Development	Greene County
Johnson, Dave	Missouri State University	Other
Lowery, Steven	Missouri State University	Other
Michael Kepley	City Utilities	Springfield
Morris, Kent	Planning	Greene County
Porter, Greg	School District	Fair Grove
Rothrock, Pete	OTC	Other
Royal, Janelle	School District	Willard
Snavely, J. Gary	Missouri State University	Other
Weaver, Michael	School District	Strafford
Winters, Stacy	City / Fire District	Willard
Capabilities Workshop, April 1, 2009		
Name	Agency / Jurisdiction	City / County / State
Babcock, Frank	City	Ash Grove
Bishop, David	School District	Springfield
Buckner, Carl	City / Fire District	Fair Grove
Helvey, Barb	City	Strafford
Hess, Rick	City	Battlefield
Mark Hall	School District	Logan-Rogersville
Lowery, Steven	Missouri State University	Other
Osbourn, Fred	Fire District	Strafford
Porter, Greg	School District	Fair Grove
Reasoner, Ken	Springfield City Utilities	Other
Rothrock, Pete	OTC	Other
Royal, Janelle	School District	Willard
Schiman, Jerry	Fire District	Strafford
Schroeder, Shawn	Springfield-Branson Airport	Other
Talbert, Rob	Fire District	Logan-Rogersville
Weaver, Michael	School District	Strafford
Mitigation Projects and Goals Community Forum Workshop, June 12, 2009		
Name	Agency / Jurisdiction	City / County / State
Bishop, David	School District	Springfield

Mitigation Projects and Goals Community Forum Workshop, June 12, 2009 (Continued)		
Buckner, Carl	City / Fire District	Fair Grove
Combs, Larry	MSU	Springfield
Cox, Debbie	City	Ash Grove
Helvey, Barb	City	Strafford
Hess, Rick	City	Battlefield
Hollandworth, Lynn	Emergency Management	Republic
Kepley, Michael	City Utilities	Springfield
Morris, Kent	Planning	Greene County
Osbourn, Fred	Fire District	Strafford
Porter, Greg	School District	Fair Grove
Rothrock, Pete	OTC	Other
Royal, Janelle	School District	Willard
Schiman, Jerry	Fire District	Strafford
Smith, Gary	GIS	Springfield
Talbur, Rob	Fire District	Logan-Rogersville
Winters, Stacy	City / Fire District	Willard
Community Forum, July 23, 2009		
Name	Organization	
Bucker, Carl	Fair Grove Fire	
Covey, Chip	Pleasant View Fire	
Crocker, Carly	Springfield-Greene County OEM	
Daigle, Alicia	Strafford Fire	
Doran, Cheryl	Strafford Fire	
Gilbert, Mike	Fair Grove School District	
Gillespie, Sarah	Springfield-Greene County OEM	
Goodman, Mike	Pleasant View Fire	
Gordon, Donna	Bois D'Arc Fire	
Harmon, Ken	Fair Grove Park Board/School Board	
Helvey, Barb	City of Strafford	
Mack, Robert	Pleasant View Fire	
Nicholls, Ryan	Springfield-Greene County OEM	
Porter, Greg	Fair Grove School Police	
Randles, Shawn	Logan-Rogersville Schools	
Rothrock, Pete	OTC	
Schiman, Jerome D.	Strafford Fire	
Shelburn, Bill	SPS R-12	
Community Forum, July 24, 2009		
Name	Organization	
Crocker, Carly	Springfield-Greene County OEM	
Deetz, Dave	JMark	
Gillespie, Sarah	Springfield-Greene County OEM	
Hess, Rick	City of Battlefield	
Hollandworth, Lynn	OEM City of Republic	
Lowery, Steven	MSU Public Safety	
Manary, Dave	Greene County Planning and Zoning	
Meeds, Debi	American Red Cross	
Musrion, Casey	JMark	
Nicholls, Ryan	Springfield-Greene County OEM	
Paschall, Brian	Greene County C.E.R.T. District #4	
Rothrock, Pete	OTC	

Community Forum, July 24, 2009 (Continued)	
Royal, Janell	Willard R-II Schools
Shellburn, Bill	SPS R-12
Snavely, J. Gary	MSU
Talbert, Rob	Logan-Rogersville Fire Department
Vicat, Tom	City of Strafford
Winters, Stacy	Willard EMD

Table 1C.3 OEM Staff Participation

Mitigation Participation, Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management	
Name	Title
Ryan Nicholls	Director
Larry Woods	Assistant Director
Shea Lane	Homeland Security and Weapons of Mass Destruction Specialist
Ty Davisson	Exercise and Training Specialist
Sarah Gillespie	Emergency Planning Specialist
Carol Kidwell	Administrative Services Coordinator
Carly Crocker	Main Mitigation Planning Contractor
Warren Robinson	Assistant Mitigation Planning Contractor

All members of the OEM staff assisted in the Mitigation planning process. All research and preliminary data was gathered by the OEM Planning Specialist and the Main Mitigation Planning Contractor. Various members of the OEM staff assisted in the analyzing of said data and the decision making within the mitigation planning process including: The OEM Director, the OEM Assistant Director, The OEM Planning Specialist, and the Main Mitigation Planning Contractor. In addition, the OEM Homeland Security and Weapons of Mass Destruction Specialist assisted with the Man-Made Hazard Portions of the Plan. The Mitigation Planning Committee consisted of representatives from each jurisdiction. Each of the jurisdictions was responsible for providing specific information about their jurisdiction to OEM. This information was then incorporated into the County wide plan by the Main Mitigation Planning Contractor, the Assistant Mitigation Planning Contractor and the OEM Planning Specialist. All of the Mitigation Planning Workshops and the Community Forums were planned and organized by the Mitigation Planning Contractor and the OEM Planning Specialist. The OEM Director, OEM Assistant Director, OEM Planning Specialist and the Main Mitigation Contractor each facilitated the public meetings. The OEM Administrative Services Coordinator and the OEM Director handled all of the Mitigation Grant issues, and the rest of the office staff assisted with other administrative and planning duties as needed.