

Capability Assessment Process

Each participating jurisdiction was asked to compile a list of the resources they have and what resources they could potentially use to assist them in mitigating hazards. An important component to assessing the capability to mitigating hazards was assessing the quantity and quality of their resources and making suggestions for improvement. The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management asked each jurisdiction to identify resources for the following categories to complete a comprehensive assessment:

- Personnel (e.g. translators, medical staff, hazmat technicians, emergency management);
- Equipment (e.g. vehicles, computers, radios, alarm systems);
- Facilities (e.g. storm shelters, emergency operations centers, police departments);
- Organization (e.g. building codes, evacuation plans, emergency operations plans); and
- Back-Up Systems (e.g. computer servers, generators, communications equipment).

Some of the larger jurisdictions, like municipalities, had more capabilities and more details to provide for the plan. Accordingly, some smaller jurisdictions, like fire protection districts, had limited capabilities. This resulted in a varied, albeit accurate, length of each capability assessment.

In order to update the Springfield-Greene County Capability Assessment from the 2004 Hazard Mitigation Plan, each capability was reviewed, and if applicable, updated. Some sections were deleted, and new resources, including a new facility for the Office of Emergency Management, were included.

This section of the plan is different from the others regarding the separation of the City of Springfield and unincorporated Greene County. Springfield and Greene County have multiple organizations, departments and facilities that combine both jurisdictions. The capabilities that represent both jurisdictions were addressed in a separate document. The capabilities that are specific to the City of Springfield or unincorporated Greene County were addressed in the City of Springfield Capability Assessment and Greene County Capability Assessment, respectively.