

**All Hazards Mitigation Plan Steering Committee – Public Hearing
January 10, 2007**

The Public Hearing for the All Hazards Mitigation Plan was held on January 10th, 2007, starting at 1:00 P.M., per advertisement in the Waushara Argus, however, the public hearing agenda stated 1:30 P.M. The Public Hearing was called to order by the All Hazards Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Chairman Norm Weiss, in the Demonstration Room at the Waushara County Courthouse.

In addition to Committee members present for the public hearing were the following: Eric Fowle, Sally Davies, Karen Crawford, Marv Wagner, Jr., William Haag, Deb Behringer, Ronald Thurley, and William Crawford.

Discussion ensued about the Preliminary Waushara County All Hazards Mitigation Plan as follows:

Bill Crawford questioned Page 5-1, paragraph 3, in the handout he had received. His question was, are Townships eligible for funding? Eric Fowle from East Central Regional Plan Commission stated, yes, it is a county plan under which townships will be eligible.

Lynn Boening conducted a power point presentation which included reviewing the hazards along with history and frequency. She identified what was at risk, along with vulnerabilities. She also reviewed the mitigation strategy, mitigation programs, as well as requirements for same.

Deb Behringer questioned if the above mentioned items are what the steering committee has been working on, she was advised it was. Deb also questioned why the flood damage was only listed at \$1,000.00, this seems quite low. Andrew Jennings advised that some of the values listed he will need to check on. Andrew then discussed the flood possibilities and the firm maps currently available, also that quite a bit of aerial photography has been done in Waushara County.

Bill Crawford mentioned that the mapping seems quite outdated, and questioned a school placement in the Town of Richford where there is no school. Andrew agreed, saying there was some inaccuracy in the maps. Unfortunately, it comes down to dollars, and they are doing the best they can with funds available. Andrew advised they do everything they can to correct the maps when errors are pointed out, as well as using map information collected by other sources when appropriate and available.

David Peterson brought up the percentage of flood plain property owned by the DNR, and that there was probably very little development in flood plain areas. When doing flood mapping you have to look at lake/stream/river corridors, and there may be a large number of flood plain structures by the lakes.

Andrew advised that currently 70% of the process has been completed, and this will be the second to the last meeting. Also, thru Part 3, amendments have been made to the data sets.

Later, during the meeting portion, mitigation strategies will be discussed for the natural hazards which include the following: tornadoes/high winds, severe thunderstorms/lightning storms, forest/wild land fires, ice storms, extreme heat/cold, flash/riverine flooding and dam failure. Man-made hazard mitigation strategies will be discussed, with those hazards listed by the committee as follows: structural fires, communicable diseases, transportation roadway, hazmat fixed facility, roadway, pipeline.

Sheriff Peterson questioned how Andrew wanted to handle minor housekeeping corrections if not a significant change to the plan. Andrew advised, please just let Lynn know as they are found and she can relay them to him.

The map data sets were briefly reviewed. The tornado vulnerability map shows mobile home parks and campgrounds, and also percentage of mobile homes by municipality. Andrew also found in review of the maps, that on the utilities map, some things were missing which he needs to correct. Andrew stated they have digital files which include 13 maps each having their own theme. Bill Haag questioned if the explosive bunker in the county is listed on any of the maps and included in the plan. He was advised yes, it will be included in the plan. Questions or notes can be made on the preliminary maps, and given to Lynn for her to pass on to Andrew for updating.

In Part 3, 3-17, Level A & Level B Hazmat Teams are discussed. Question rose, what does Waushara County have. Waushara County has a Level B Team. In that part, it states the County contracts with Onyx Special Services, what does Onyx do? Waushara County does not contract with Onyx, and this will have to be changed.

At this point, Andrew pointed out that Part 3 is not quite complete and there will be changes which need to be made, and he reviewed some of those changes.

Tom Dahlke, on page 2-11, Highway 152 was left out, and the County maintains 334 miles, not 338.

Dave Peterson, page 2-15, Public water supply should only be listed as Redgranite, not Redgranite/Lohrville.

Dave Peterson, page 2-17, Police Department should be listed as Redgranite, not Redgranite/Lohrville. Also, the number of officers for the City of Wautoma, as well as Waushara County officers is inaccurate.

Dave Peterson, does the Community Facility map which includes hospitals also include clinics? The final plan will differentiate the two.

Marv Wagner questioned ambulance service for out of county areas, does this show up any place in the plan or on the maps. This type of service would also include fire departments, ambulance, all emergency responders whose coverage area may be out of Waushara County. Marv was reminded this was Waushara County's plan; however, maybe something could be included in either verb age or some type of map to apply to these specific areas.

Marv also questioned the make up of the Committee. His concern was there were no Village Presidents at the meeting. He questioned who letters were sent to about the committee, and he felt everyone in an authority position should have been invited. He was advised several village, as well as a City representatives were in attendance at the first meeting. Marv Wagner requested to be put on the mailing list for meetings.

It was also noted that Amish schools in the County have been identified; however, the map should be double checked for accuracy.

The public hearing was closed at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Henriksen, Administrative Assistant
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**All Hazards Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Meeting
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The All Hazards Mitigation Plan Steering Committee meeting was called to order on January 10th, 2007, at 2:00 P.M. in the Demonstration Room of the Waushara County Courthouse by Committee Chairman Norm Weiss.

Roll Call- Self Introductions- Norm Weiss, Tom Dahlke, Jeff Nett, Joe Piechowski, Andrew Jennings, Patti Wohlfeil, Ken Williams, Terri Dopp-Paukstat, Patrick Nehring, Lynn Boening, David Peterson, Sally Davies, Marv Wagner, Jr., William Haag, Deb Behringer, Ronald Thurley, William Crawford and Darlene Henriksen.

Approval of Agenda- Motion made by Tom Dahlke and seconded by Joe Piechowski. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of 11/08/06 – Motion made by Tom Dahlke and seconded by Joe Piechowski. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Reports: Andrew Jennings advised that he has been working on Part 4 of the plan, with a good percentage of Parts 1, 2, 3, & 5 done. He still needs to do some data checking for the map layer, as well as noting items and errors brought up today at the Public Hearing. Andrew stated that he has now gone to part-time status with East Central Regional Planning; however, he feels the he is pretty much on schedule with the plan. Dave Peterson questioned if he and the Committee were on schedule to meet the original deadline set for the plan to go to the County Board in July. Andrew stated the plan should be reviewed by the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee, the LEPC Committee, it will need WEMS approval, and then it will need to be submitted to FEMA. The whole process hopefully will not take more than two months. Sheriff Peterson stated that if the plan is not on schedule, now would be appropriate to adjust the time frame. The Committee was advised that LEPC will have a meeting on March 20th, 2007, at 3:00 P.M. Question was raised if the All Hazards Plan Committee had to meet again to approve the plan prior to it going to LEPC. Yes, there should be one more meeting for Part 4. Question was asked if additional public hearings need to be held. It was felt the public hearing held today should be sufficient.

Andrew stated today the committee would be reviewing by priority each of the hazards and what the mitigation strategies should be. He passed out handouts with information pulled from the State Plan which we may be able to incorporate into our plan. The strategies should be formed for the county level; however, it could be broken out at the municipal level. Andrew's recommendation was to have one or two strategies for each hazard, maybe a few more for the high priority hazards.

Tom Dahlke questioned if any of the actions in the state plan apply to our first hazard. For example, the promotion of purchasing by municipalities weather radios or NOAA radios. Norm Weiss noted that in some parts of Waushara County these radios do not work, there is a communication issue in some parts of the County.

Dave Peterson stated part of the action still could be to promote the radios either with dollars or PSA's. Also, to continue to promote the siren program which up until 2007, there have been match funds up to \$5,000.00 in the Emergency Management budget for use by the individual townships.

Hazard: Tornados/High Winds: Actions discussed were as follows:

- Promote the use and purchase of NOAA weather radios
- Promote tower communication/coverage
- Promote the siren program
- Identify shelters (Need to come up with a list of County wide shelters)
- Look at mobile home parks & campgrounds and identify additional shelters. (Promote that mobile home parks & campgrounds develop their own shelter plans)

Hazard: Severe Thunderstorms/Lightning Storms: Actions discussed as follows:

The same five as listed under tornados/high winds would apply.

- Continue to promote the use of, and mobilize when necessary weather spotters.

Also listed for all hazard actions should be public awareness education and personal preparedness. Maybe put something on the County's website in addition to public notices in the paper and on the radio.

Hazard: Forest/Wild land Fires: Actions discussed as follows: Andrew advised there is an on going project by the DNR to improve their response to these incidents; this may allow us to share information to improve our data sets.

- Continue to work with DNR
- Enforcement action
- Inventory of what ordinances are out there

Under the man-made hazards, structural fires would have the same actions as the forest/wild land fires in addition to:

- Promote the concept of Fire Wise Communities USA statewide
- Promote personal education in reference to smoke alarms, candles
- Look at ordinances Zoning may have
- Promote the Uniform dwelling code, as well as building inspections
- Encourage municipalities to enforce fire codes and pursue violations

Hazard: Ice Storms: Actions discussed as follows:

- Public awareness/education
- Use of weather radios (NOAA)
- Coordinate with the power company in reference to public awareness

Hazard: Extreme Heat/Cold: Actions discussed as follows:

- Public awareness and education
- Develop directory of shelters
- Develop phone tree perhaps thru Department of Aging
- Promote awareness by service persons

Hazard: Flash/Riverine Flooding & Dam Failure: Actions discussed as follows: Lynn Boening advised there has already been a plan developed for flooding along the Fox River in Berlin.

- FIRM maps put out by FEMA need to be updated

Hazard: Communicable Diseases: Actions discussed as follows:

- Promote public awareness and education
- Talk with Patti Wohlfeil from public health about additional actions

Hazard: Transportation Roadway: Actions discussed as follows: Hazardous material hauling done by highway transportation is regulated by federal government guideline and the state enforces those rules. Discussed the permits necessary and maybe to get additional help form the state with inspections.

Hazard: Hazmat Fixed Facility, Roadway, Pipeline: Actions discussed as follows: Discussed that the pipeline has their own plan which they have given to Emergency Management. Also, there are fixed EPCRA sites, which are included as a reporting facility and/or a planning facility. Most of these are agriculture related.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7th, 2007, at 1:30P.M., in the Demonstration Room at the Waushara County Courthouse. It was requested that Andrew get out the revised document at least by March 1st, 2007 to committee members.

Motion was made by David Peterson and seconded by Jeff Nett to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Henriksen
Administrative Assistant – WSSO