

*Initial Maintenance Workgroup of the Sangamon County  
Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan  
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**MINUTES OF THE WORKGROUP MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

**Call to Order** - *The Chair, Derrick Pehlman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm, at the Jerome Municipal Building, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome IL 62704.*

*Attending were: Chris Bridges (Auburn), Jerry Olson (Cantrall), Jami Sponsler (Dawson), Robert Winters (Illioopolis), Greg Hashman (Jerome), Terry Nydegger (New Berlin), Kenton Manning (Pawnee), Rich Pottier (Riverton), Derrick Pehlman (Rochester), Hilda Mangiaracina (Southern View), Brian Wood (Thayer), Mike Ashenfelter and David Butt (Sangamon County), Chuck Smith (Springfield Park District) and Steve Sturm (Springfield Area Home Builders Assoc.).*

**Introductions** - *The Chair welcomed all who were in attendance and asked for self-introductions. A sign-in sheet had been utilized by all present and the Chair asked for any changes to his contact information of our members.*

**Jurisdiction Reports** - *The Chair identified that we are now 6 months out from the date when our Plan was first adopted. The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports from the participating jurisdictions on activities relevant to the Plan in this time frame. Beginning at the Chair's right, he asked each jurisdiction for a report.*

*Pawnee – Pawnee is in Phase 1 of a \$150,000 storm sewer project, which has thus far included some sidewalk and storm sewer replacement. There is a \$35,000 legislative grant. Green & Bradford is doing the engineering. This also falls under Safe Schools project guidelines.*

*Dawson – Dawson has been working with Ameren IP regarding tree trimming and electricity reliability. Calls have been completed for further meetings.*

*Riverton – Riverton has committed to bring the eLert Notification System to its community. It has partnership with Clear Lake Township and its fire protection district.*

*Southern View – Southern View has committed to constructing a new Municipal Building. The village presented its project to IEMA for mitigation funding assistance toward a community safe room within the building. IEMA could make no promises which appeared discouraging.*

*Illioopolis – Illioopolis has begun mailing safety tips to residents with their water bills. It has discussed a quarterly safety newsletter.*

*Jerome – Jerome would like to get a backup generator for its Municipal Building, but mitigation funding assistance does not appear to be forthcoming. It is trying to organize a Neighborhood Watch program. Drainage and infrastructure are continual concerns.*

*Auburn – Auburn included a storm shelter project in the Plan with a one-year time frame. It recognizes now that this will be more like 2-3 years out.*

*New Berlin – New Berlin’s new school will have a storm shelter. It continues to seek funds for a backup generator to support this shelter.*

*Cantrall – Cantrall is still looking for a local match to pursue its 2 projects in the Plan.*

*Sangamon County – The Erosion Control Ordinance was adopted on 2-9-09. The Zoning Office has ideas about safety issues and public awareness programs: safe electricity and lightning safety. A grant is being written and a presentation can be given at our next meeting. Several in attendance showed interest in signage for lightning safety.*

*Springfield Park District – There will be safe shelters constructed at South Wind Park. South Wind Park will also have safety displays. There is a great interest in lightning safety signs.*

*Springfield Area Home Builders Assoc. – They have been involved with the grant sought by Sangamon County Zoning Office. The association is interested in having a statewide building code.*

*Thayer – Thayer has identified its special needs populations and shared this information with first responders.*

*Rochester – Rochester listed a safe room in the middle school as one project for the Plan. Construction plans for a new middle school are progressing with the school district and the safe room should be part of its design. Projects for community information, ditch and culvert cleaning and flood protection at the sewage pump house are all being evaluated. The Red Cross has arrangements for a warming/cooling station at a church in town.*

**Open Discussion of Issues -**

- *Dawson has annexed a trailer court into the village and its population is now higher.*
- *A question was raised about what constitutes a “major employer” for data changes in our Plan.*
- *Sangamon County Zoning Office is trying for a FEMA/DHS grant on safe response to utilities accidents*

**Assignment of Tasks** - *The Chair is asking everyone for annual reviews of our exposure to the threats named in the Plan. We should use the same standards as were used in writing the original Plan. If we do this every year, we will be better prepared for the 5-year update.*

**Closing Remarks** - *The Chair thanked everyone for participating. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.*