

**Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Task Force
Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2014**

TASK FORCE MEMBERS	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Feb.
Citizen Member – Greg Michaud, Chair	X					
Auburn – Rick Marx		X				
Cantrall – Phil Holler	X					
Chatham – Patrick McCarthy	X					
Curran – Tim Luckey	X					
Dawson – Robin Ashton-Hale	X					
Divernon – Jim Copelin	X					
Illioopolis – Jonathan Horsley						
Jerome – Dale Lael	X					
Leland Grove – Paul LaMantia		X				
Mechanicsburg – Kenneth Metcalf, Sr.	X					
New Berlin – Terry Nydegger		X				
Pawnee – Dave Skinner	X	X				
Riverton – Louie Rogers	X					
Rochester – Gael Kent	X	X				
Sangamon County – Brian McFadden		X				
Sherman – Mike Moos		X				
Southern View – Judy Gordon	X					
Spaulding – Mike Foster	X					
Springfield – Ken Fustin		X				
Williamsville – John Brennan		X				
Abraham Lincoln Cap. Airport – Tim Franke		X				
Ameren – Gretchen Jarrett	X	X				
American Red Cross – Glen Fisher	X	X				
CWLP – Rick Meadows	X					
Central Management Services – Diane Hoots	X					
Rural Electric Convenience Coop. – Lou Delaby	X					
Sang. Co. Dept. of Public Health – Diana Wade	X					
Sang. Co. Dept. of Zoning. – Trustin Harrison, Vice-chair		X				
Sang. Co. GIS. – Tracy Garrison		X				
Sang. Co. Farm Bureau – Paul Rice		X				
Sang. Co. Highway Dept. – Brian Wright	X	X				
Sang. Co. Office of Emergency Mgmt. – Bill Russell	X	X				
Springfield Homebuilders Assoc. – Steve Sturm	X					
Springfield Park District – Marcus Miller	X	X				
Springfield School District #186 – Darrell Schaver	X					
Springfield Mass Transit District – Frank Squires						
Springfield Metro Sanitary Dist. – Mike Ashenfelter	X	X				
Springfield Metro Sanitary Dist. – Gregg Humphrey	X					
University of Illinois at Springfield – Dave Barrows						
Greg Michaud – Citizen Member	X					
STAFF:						

Abby Bybee	X	X				
Gail Weiskopf	X	X				

Call to order:

Trustin Harrison, Vice-chair called to order the second meeting of the Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Task Force and requested introductions to be followed.

Approval of Minutes:

Abby Bybee acknowledged the changes submitted by Tracey Garrison and asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting. Tracey Garrison made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Brian Wright seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Updates:

Bybee welcomed the Village of Buffalo, who had experienced change in administration, but will be joining the plan.

Bybee announced that the Rochester, Williamsville, New Berlin, and Divernon have provided links to the Hazard Mitigation Plan website (<http://www.co.sangamon.il.us/NHMP>) on their website. She pointed out that any community that has done this should let her know because this counts as public participation. She thanked those communities that have done so already.

Bybee reminded everyone the importance of the paperwork that FEMA is requesting. The following communities are still missing contact forms from Chatham and Clearlake and resolutions forms from Auburn, Chatham, Jerome and Springfield.

Bybee stressed the value of signing in every meeting in order to document participation. This is very important, as attending meetings is a requirement for being considered a participating community. She noted the mileage and homework sheet will need to be submitted every meeting. She explained the hourly rate sheet is a one time submission so your hourly rate can be figured.

Bybee recapped the fundamental points of Hazard Mitigation for those who were new to the plan. The Regional Planning Commission is facilitating the project. Sangamon County is participating along with 19 of its jurisdictions. We are doing Hazard Mitigation efforts, those are projects taken before a disaster happens to lessen the impact of future disasters. This process takes approximately 9-12 months with a plan update required every 5 years. We are doing this because funding is available for plans that are updated every 5 years. If they are not updated FEMA will not give money for it. The first plan was done in 2008 and the plan expired in August 2014. This is being done through a collaborative planning process in which we will review and update the existing plan. The risks are being re-assessed at this meeting. In future meetings, we will update the goals & objectives, update mitigation actions and update plan maintenance.

Bybee went on to explain that under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant money becomes available after a presidential disaster declaration in a state. The amount is a percentage of the total estimated federal assistance provided for a major disaster. For approved grants FEMA provides 75% funding with a 25% In-kind Cost Share needed.

Mission Statement:

Bybee read the mission statement and asked the task force if there were any recommendations for change to the 2008 mission statement that is the packet. She entertained questions. Harrison entertained a motion to approve the mission statement as it originally read. Gael Kent made a motion to approve the mission statement. Paul LaMantia seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Discussion – Mike Moos asked if the mission statement could be amended to change. Bybee said it could be amended to change.

Citizen Survey:

Bybee noted that it would be best to go through the citizen survey question by question to add, change or delete recommendations.

The first five questions are general and the group agreed they were okay.

Question #6: Have you been impacted by a natural hazard in the last 5 years while living or working in Sangamon County? For example: Flooding of your home, severe winter storm damage or utility disruption? If you answer is “yes”, please describe your experience. If your answer in “no”, please leave the answer blank.

Mike Moos suggested moving Question #9 before question #6, so they would have the hazards to go through as example.

Moos wanted to know if there was some significance in the 5 years and the 10 years between question #5 and question #10. He wanted clarification; he thought it was redundant.

Question #6 wants the participant to elaborate on their experience, which would be a more detailed answer.

Question # 7: Please rank how prepared you feel you and your household are for the probable impacts of natural hazard events. Rank on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 representing the most prepared.

There was no comment.

Question #8: Why do you think you are prepared for the probable impacts from natural hazard events? Please check all that apply.

- Emergency preparedness information from a government source.
- Locally provided news or other media outlet (Facebook, Twitter or other social media)
- School and other academic institutions.
- Attended meetings that have dealt with disaster preparedness.

Gael Kent suggested to break government sources out for Question #8 like (FEMA, IEMA, and Village Information Center). Also include (Public Service Announcements, Ads or TV spots) in the breakdown of news and media outlet.

Question #9: In the past 10 years, which of the following types of natural hazard events have you or someone in your household experienced within Sangamon County and how concerned are you about the following natural hazards impacting the County?

	Have Experienced	Not Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Very Concerned	Extremely Concerned
Dam Failure	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Drought	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Extreme Heat	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Flood	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Mine Subsidence	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Sever Storm (thunderstorm, lightning, hail)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Winter Storm	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Change Question#9 to 5 years.

Question #10 – Information on the impacts of and how to prepare for a natural disaster can be disseminated to the public in various ways. Of the methods described below, please identify the top 3 ways which would be most effective in helping you make your home safer and better able to withstand the impacts of natural hazard events.

- Newspaper**
- Television**
- Radio**
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)**
- Weather Radio**
- City / Village**
- Utility Company**
- Sangamon County**
- Non-profit organizations**

Moos explained add Electronic Alerting Systems to Question10.

Question #11: Do you currently have any of the following disaster and emergency plans and procedure in place?

- My home has an emergency plan prepared.**
- My workplace has an emergency plan prepared.**
- My home has a disaster supply kit.**
- My workplace has a disaster supply kit.**
- My family knows how to shelter-in-place in our home if needed.**
- My colleagues and I know how to shelter-in-place in our workplace if needed.**
- My family knows our evacuation routes to safety.**
- My colleagues and I know our workplace evacuation routes to safety.**

Moos asked if it could be broke down by category, Question 11 seems redundant.

Emergency Plan Prepared	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	School	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disaster Supply Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	School	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
How to shelter-in-place	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	School	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evacuation routes to safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	School	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question #12: To the best of your knowledge, is your property located in the designated floodplain?

- Yes**

- No
- Not sure

Moos asked possibly include a website for information about flood plain or insurance and/or include a comment box for Question #12.

Question #13: Do you have flood insurance?

- Yes
- No

There was no comment.

Question #14: If you do not have flood insurance, what is the primary reason?

- I don't need it / my property has never flooded.
- Don't need it/ my house in not in the floodplain.
- Insurance Company will not provide.
- My homeowners insurance will cover me.
- It is too expensive.
- It is not worth it.
- Not familiar with it/don't know about it.

There was no comment.

Question #15: Did you consider the impact a natural disaster could have on your home before you purchased/moved into your home?

- Yes
- No

There was no comment.

Question #16: Would the disclosure of this type of information influence your decision to purchase/move into a home?

- Yes
- No

There was no comment.

Question #17: If your property were located in a designated "high hazard" area, or had received repeated damage from a natural hazard event, would you consider a "buy out", elevation of the structure, or relocation offered by a public agency?

- Yes
- No
- not sure

There was no comment.

Question #18: If you would like to be kept inform of the process or receive additional information concerning natural hazard mitigation n Sangamon County, please provide you contact information below. Providing this information is optional and all contact information will be kept confidential.

Question #19: Additional comments are welcome.

Bybee noted that she would finalize the survey with the changes and email it to everyone. Harrison entertained a motion to approve the survey subject to the changes. Brian Wright made a motion to approve the survey subject to the changes. Dave Skinner seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Risk Assessment:

Bybee started out by describing the meaning of a risk assessment. She explained it is merely the likelihood of a natural hazard to cause damage to human health and property within Sangamon County.

After identifying the hazard, the Risk Priority Index (RPI) is calculated for each hazard. Take the probability by determining which hazards are more likely than others to occur in Sangamon County and multiply by a magnitude/severity associated with past events of the hazard.

The Task Force discussed each hazard in the Sangamon County and ranked them as shown in the following table.

Hazard	Future Occurrence Ranking		Hazard Magnitude	Total Assessed	Rank
Dam Failure	1 - Unlikely	Multiply	2- Limited	2	
Drought	3 - Likely		2- Limited	6	Tie for 2 nd
Earthquake	1 - Unlikely		1- Negligible	1	
Extreme Heat	4 - Highly Likely		1- Negligible	4	Tie for 3 rd
Flood	3 - Likely		2- Limited	6	Tie for 2 nd
Mine Subsidence	2 – Possible		2- Limited	4	Tie for 3 rd
Severe Storms	4 – Highly Likely		2- Limited	8	Tie for 1 st
Tornado	4 – Highly Likely		2- Limited	8	Tie for 1 st
Winter Storm	4 – Highly Likely		2- Limited	8	Tie for 1 st

Next Meetings:

Bybee noted the homework sheets that were handed out: 1) Bybee announced that the next meeting would be the first Tuesday October 7, 2014 at 5:30pm in the County Board Chambers.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjournment:

Harrison entertained a motion to adjourn. Gael Kent made the motion and John Brennan seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf