

**Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2014**

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

Abby Bybee	X	X	X			
Molly Berns			X			
Gail Weiskopf	X	X	X			

**Call to order:**

Greg Michaud, Chair called to order the third meeting of the Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Task Force and requested introductions to be followed.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Michaud, Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 2, 2014. Brian Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. John Brennan seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**Updates:**

Bybee announced that Southern View, Jerome, 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 announced that the Village of Clearlake would not be participating in the plan. They did not have the resources available to partake.

Bybee announced that she will no longer be with the Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission after October 30, 2014. She introduced Molly Berns who will be the new project facilitator. She noted the transition should be smooth and dates of meetings and locations will be the same as planned.

Bybee advised the task force the importance of signing in every meeting in order to document participation. She explained one of the criteria for participation in the plan is to attend 4 of the 6 meetings. She noted the mileage and homework sheets lets the Planning Commission know the miles you traveled and the hours you spent working on your plan which counts toward the local match, as well as the hourly rate sheet.

Bybee summarized what has been completed so far with the mitigation plan: 1) established criteria for participation, 2) finalized the Mission Statement and voted on, 3) reviewed, finalized, and posted the Citizen Survey to community websites, 4) established a risk priority index for Sangamon County which was homework for the individual villages or towns to establish a risk priority index for the community, and 5) continued public participation by announcing at the village board meetings, posting flyers around your community, encouraging citizens to take the survey about the mitigation project.

**Goals and Objectives**

Bybee announced that tonight the focus would be reviewing the goals in the 2008 Plan. She quoted FEMA: “It is not necessary to change goals from the previous plan if they remain valid; however, the plan must document that goals were re-evaluated and that they were determined to remain valid and effective.”

Bybee noted some things to keep in mind about the goals of the plan are the following: 1) Goals represent basic desires of the community, 2)Goals encompass all aspects of the community, public and private, 3)Goals are non-specific, in that they refer to the quality (not quantity) of the outcome, 4)Goals are future-oriented, in that they are achievable in the future; and goals are time-dependent, in that they are not scheduled events, 5)Goals are stated without regard for implementation such as cost, schedule and means, 6)Goals are defined before considering how to accomplish them so that the goals are not dependent on the means of achievement, and 7)Goal statements form the basis for objectives & actions that will be used as a means to achieve the goals.

Bybee had the task force members separate into small groups to review the 2008 Plan goals. Bybee also instructed the task force members to consider the Illinois plan goals and other examples to incorporate into Sangamon County goals by combining, or revising the statements provided or develop new ones, keeping risk assessment in mind.

After a fifteen minute discussion, the task force joined back together as a group. Bybee read each goal and entertained discussion.

Goal #1 - Maintain and improve communication and cooperation between Sangamon County residents, government, and the private sector.

After group discussion it was suggested to Revise and explain: **add** improve communication, **education** and cooperation.

Goal #2 - Protect the lives, health and safety of the people and animals of Sangamon County from the impact and effects of natural hazards.

After group discussion it was suggested to Keep/No Changes.

Goal #3 - Protect existing infrastructure and design new infrastructure to be resilient to the effects of natural hazards (roads, bridges, mass transit, utilities, water supplies, sewers, dams).

After group discussion it was suggested to Revise and explain: **add etc** within the parenthesis. So it would not be inclusive.

Goal #4 - Incorporate natural hazard mitigation into community plans and regulations.

After group discussion it was suggested to Keep/No Changes.

Bybee asked if any new goals were discussed. There was discussion to add a goal for protecting and preserving the rivers in the floodplains in Sangamon County.

The task force members agreed to wait until the November 5, 2014 meeting to finalize and vote on the goals.

Bybee reminded the task force members of the homework from the August meeting – major employers, existing community documents, critical facilities and from the September meeting – land use worksheet, building permit worksheet, RPI (hazard ranking) for your community. As part of the homework everyone is expected to turn these into Bybee. She reiterated that it very

important for each community to update its plan so it is relevant to their needs. She assured all task force members if they have questions to please feel free to call her. For next month she stated to think about the goals and to begin to review action items (page 77) specific for your community and details on those.

**Next Meetings:**

Bybee announced that the next meeting would be the first Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 5:30pm in the County Board Chambers.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment:**

Michaud, Chair thanked everyone for the work put into this group project. Michaud, Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Brian Wright made the motion and Tracy Garrison seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf