

BUTLER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Cities
City of Andover - Sasha Stiles
City of Augusta - Erica Jones
City of Benton - Dale Shaffer
City of Cassoday - Donald Rommelfanger
City of Douglass - Bill Akers
City of El Dorado - Scott Rickard
City of Elbing - Marsha Clark
City of Latham - Laura Burner
City of Leon - Gerald Schultz
City of Leon - Jan Willis
City of Potwin - Pat Kasper
City of Rose Hill - Kathy Raney and Randall Hladik
City of Towanda - Lisa Long and Paul Erickson

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City of Whitewater - Kathy Wiebe
Unified School Districts
USD 205 – Bluestem - Randy Rivers and Darren Jackson
USD 206 – Remington – James Regier and Patrick Ryan
USD 375 – Circle – Bob Grassino and Scott Dulyen
USD 385 – Andover – Bruce Sanderson
USD 394 – Randal Chickadonz, Brad Keirns, and David Hull
USD 396 – Douglass – James Smith
USD 402 – Augusta – Lisa Brookover, Bill Rinckenbaugh, Greg Clark, and John Black
USD 490 – El Dorado – David Wager
USD 492 – Flinthills – Bob Diepenbrock
Special Districts
Butler County Community College – Bill Rinckenbaugh and Ed Arnold
South Central Kansas Library District – Tom Taylor
Rural Electric Cooperatives
Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative
Fire Departments
El Dorado Fire Department – Tony Yaghjian, Ken Nakaten, and Rick Whiteside
Fire District #1 – Andover - Jim Shaver
Fire District #2 – Augusta DPS – Erica Jones
Fire District #3 - Rose Hill – Will Johnson
Fire District #4 – Cassoday – Will Johnson
Fire District #5 - Rosalia– Will Johnson
Fire District #6 - Latham– Will Johnson
Fire District #7 - Benton– Will Johnson
Fire District #8 - Douglass– Will Johnson
Fire District #9 - Leon– Will Johnson
Fire District #10 – Will Johnson
Watershed Districts
Watershed District - #18 – Little Walnut – Sandy Koontz and Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - # 21 – Fall Creek – Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - #22 – Whitewater - Sandy Koontz and Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - #27 – Muddy Creek - Sandy Koontz and Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - #28 – Rock Creek- Sandy Koontz and Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - #33 – Upper Walnut River- Sandy Koontz and Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - #38 – Timber Creek- Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - #60 – Middle Walnut River - Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - #76 – South Fork – Brenda Nyberg
Watershed District - #92 – Grouse-Silver Creek – Norman Rochts, Brenda Nyberg

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Will Johnson, Butler County Administrator and Jim Schmidt, Butler County Emergency Management Director also served as representatives for Butler County Emergency Medical Services, Department on Aging, the Health Department, Sheriff's Department, the jail, and Butler County Fire Departments #3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10. The times these jurisdictions could not send a representative, Will Johnson or Jim Schmidt shared the meeting information with them. The jurisdictions were encouraged to use this mitigation plan in conjunction with their local planning efforts.

Other agencies involved in the Butler County Multi-Jurisdiction planning process include:

State and Local Emergency Consultants, LLC

Ida Kirmse, Angela Wilson,

Mike Eddings, GIS Analyst

Executive Overview

The purpose of a hazard mitigation plan is developed in order to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to citizens and property from hazard events. It has been established that hazard mitigation is most successful when it is based on an inclusive, comprehensive, long-term plan that is developed prior to a disastrous event.

This 2009 Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan for Butler County is an update to the 2004 Butler County Mitigation 20/20 Plan. FEMA requires local jurisdictions to review and revise its hazard mitigation plan to reflect changes in development, report progress made in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities; resubmit it for approval within 5 years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding.

The 2004 plan was a multi-jurisdictional document that was adopted by all of the incorporated cities: Andover, Augusta, Benton, Cassoday, Douglass, Elbing, El Dorado, Latham, Leon, Potwin, Rose Hill, Towanda, and Whitewater.

Numerous entities participated in the 2009 planning process that did not participate in 2004. The additional entities that participated in this year's mitigation plan include unified school districts (USD), library districts, rural electric cooperatives, fire districts, and watershed districts. During the 2009 planning process the following entities participated in the plan update:

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City of Andover	Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative
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Butler County Community College	

In order to be considered a plan participant, the jurisdictions had to play an active role in the planning process. The HMPC decided in the first meeting of 2009 that participating jurisdictions must assign a representative, attend at least one HMPC meeting, complete data collection worksheets, assist in the risk assessment process, develop and/or adopt at least one mitigation action item, review and comment on the draft plan, inform the public and others about the planning process, and formally adopt the plan. All of the jurisdictions listed are considered to be official participants, and have met all of these requirements. Please see Appendices 11-14 for documentation of plan representation at the hazard mitigation planning meetings.

Prerequisites

FEMA requires local hazard mitigation plans to include documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body that is requesting approval of the plan. Multi-jurisdictional plans must document that each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan has formally adopted it.

Note: After this plan has been reviewed and approved pending adoption by FEMA Region VII, the adoption resolutions will be signed by participating entities and attached to this section. A sample resolution is shown on page 14.

The following entities have been involved in the development and have formally adopted this multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. Adoption Resolutions have been provided on the following pages.

Jurisdiction Representation

Jurisdictions Represented in the Plan	
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SAMPLE ADOPTION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. _____

The following resolution was adopted by CITY/COUNTY on _____, 2009.

THIS IS AN ADOPTION RESOLUTION FOR THE BUTLER COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, THE CITY/COUNTY OF recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be tornado/severe thunderstorm, flood, severe winter weather, drought, heat wave, earthquake, dam failure or wildfire and recognizes the importance enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY/COUNTY OF may have previously pursued measures such as building codes, fire codes, floodplain management regulations, zoning ordinances, and stormwater management regulations to minimize the impact of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Kansas State Emergency Management Agency have developed a natural hazard mitigation program that assists communities in their efforts to become Disaster-Resistant Communities that focus, not just on disaster relief, but also on recovery and reconstruction that brings the community to at least pre-disaster conditions in an accelerated, orderly and preplanned manner; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the Hazard Mitigation program, THE CITY/COUNTY OF will be eligible to apply for post-disaster mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY/COUNTY OF will implement pertinent precepts of the mitigation plan in cooperation with community partners and by incorporation of relevant information into other community plans and mechanisms where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY/COUNTY OF will participate in the evaluation and review of the Plan after a disaster as well as complete a mandated five-year update submitted to Kansas Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF AS FOLLOWS:

The CITY/COUNTY OF hereby approves the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan attached hereto for the purpose of building a safer community by reducing natural hazard vulnerability.

Passed: _____

Certifying Official

ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS

Note: To be attached after formal adoption.