

# APPENDIX II

## APPENDIX II: OUTREACH AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Following Table summarizes the public engagement activities undertaken as a part of the planning process. Selected outreach materials and meeting summaries from throughout the process follow.

<b>Public/Community Involvement Activities for the Fillmore County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Public Involvement Activity</b>
November 19, 2007	Emergency Management Advisory Group Meeting (EMAG): Discussion of All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, who is to be involved, and supporting resolutions were handed out.
December 11, 2007	Various City Government employees Attended All-Hazard Mitigation Workshop.
February 7, 2008	Emergency Management Advisory Group Meeting: All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Kick-off Meeting to introduce the various agencies to the planning process.
February 28, 2008	1st Hazard Mitigation Planning Team (HMPT) - Filled out Hazard Identification worksheet, started Hazard Profiles, identified hazards and on maps.
February 28, 2008	Public Survey posted on website; notice advertised in local newspapers.
March 26, 2008	1st Public Meeting - Presented Process, requirements, and requested public input and provided public survey.
March 27, 2008	Public Survey sent out to various individuals and sent to be distributed at City Council Meetings, and other various meetings.
April 2 - April 8, 2008	Interviews with all cities that included: City, Emergency management, and Law enforcement officials concerning plans and programs, City ordinances, Land use, Zoning, Police, Fire and Emergency Response, Critical facilities, and hazard vulnerability.
April 17, 2008	2nd Steering Committee Meeting - Discussed and evaluated gaps and deficiencies in existing plans and programs, and needed actions or strategies.
May 22, 2008	Emergency Management Advisory Group Meeting (EMAG): Mitigation Goals, Objectives & Strategies Meeting – Draft Goals, Objectives and Strategies were presented and members provided additional input.
June 10, 2008	2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting – Presented Mitigation Goals, Objectives and Strategies and solicited input into the plan.
June 24, 2008	Emergency Management Advisory Group Meeting (EMAG): Discussion on changes to the draft Plan.
June 29, 2008	3 <sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting: Fillmore County Board Approval; Public discussion on changes to the plan.

**A. OUTREACH MATERIALS**

The following pages contain the selected outreach materials, meeting summaries, and sign-in sheets from throughout the process.

Jurisdictions and agencies who participated in the planning process were represented by the following individuals:

County Emergency Management – Deb Teske  
County Commissioner – Randy Dahl  
County Sheriff – Daryl Jensen , John O'Donnell  
County Public Health Preparedness – Brenda Pohlman  
County GIS – Danae Swenson

City Staff:

Rushford - Windy Block, Sam Stensgard  
Rushford Village – Judy Graham  
Canton, Peterson, Whalan - Lolly Melander  
Lanesboro – Bobbie Vickerman  
Spring Valley – Deb Zimmer  
Chatfield – Vicki Sample

City Fire/EMS Departments:

Harmony Fire – Bill Hanlon  
Preston Fire – Jerry Olson  
Preston Ambulance -Dave Keene  
Rushford Ambulance – Julie Ziebell  
Rushford Fire – Brad Erikson  
Chatfield – Sue Kester

Townships in Fillmore County:

Holt – Robert Knutson  
Newburg – Leann Howard  
Chatfield – Lowell Meeker  
Norway – Mike Oian, Michael Gjere  
Pilot Mound – Vern Crowson  
Carimona – Linda Marzolf  
Preble – Brad Kelly

Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District – Donna Rasmussen

Fillmore County School District Representative – Myrna Luehmann

MN HSEM – Jennifer Nelson, Craig Strand

FSA – Tammy Martin

Federal Emergency Management Agency-Jennifer Nelson

The cities of Ostrander and Wykoff were also contacted by phone for input regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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September 8, 2006

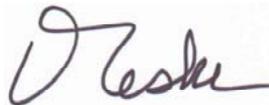
**How would a pandemic flu affect your area? What resources would be available to help during a tornado or a flood? How would information about a hazard be circulated to the community?**

If you would like to have an input into the preparation for or the response during a crisis in Fillmore County, please consider becoming a member of the newly formed Fillmore County's Emergency Management Advisory Group.

I am looking for representatives from the various businesses and organizations in Fillmore County to participate in our Emergency Management Advisory Group. This group will provide a forum for exchanging ideas and information about all aspects of emergency management as well as molding and refining the county's emergency operations plan. I am seeking representatives from a variety of disciplines to get a broad spectrum of views. A more detailed purpose statement for the group can be found in the charter. The EM Advisory Group charter and the meeting agenda are attached.

We will be having our first Emergency Management Advisory Group meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Preston Servicemen's Club. This meeting will be longer than our normal meetings because I plan to include a pandemic flu tabletop exercise. If you interested in being part of this group, please contact me at the above number or email. If you can not come for the entire meeting, please come for whatever portion you can. I will have hand outs and your input will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



Deborah Teske

## **Emergency Management Advisory Group Charter**

### **Mission**

The mission of the Fillmore County Emergency Management Advisory Group is to promote the inter-jurisdictional and inter-agency coordination on emergency management issues and foster emergency preparedness within Fillmore County. It provides a working group for the exchange of information, experience and technology among entities with responsibilities in emergency management.

The Emergency Management Advisory Group will:

- Advise the Fillmore County Commissioners on the development and implementation of policies related to emergency management;
- Review and provide recommendation for changes to the Fillmore County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP);
- Conduct a county-wide hazard vulnerability analysis at least every four years;
- Evaluate the need for resources necessary to develop, implement, and exercise the emergency plan, and make recommendations with respect to additional resources and how to get them;
- Develop and implement training exercises to promote integrated disaster response efforts;
- Coordinate and assist in the development of community emergency management plans within the County and the integration of such plans with the County plan.
- Coordinate and assist in the development of mutual aid agreements among county, township and city emergency services; and
- Coordinate education efforts for Fillmore County community on emergency preparations and response.

### **Emergency Management Advisory Group Membership**

The Emergency Management Advisory Group will be chaired by the Fillmore County Emergency Management Director. The Emergency Management Advisory Group will meet at least semi-annually. The Chair may call a meeting as needed.

The Emergency Management Director will seek volunteers to serve on the Advisory Group. At least one representative from each of the following will serve on the Advisory Group:

- Fire Departments
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance)
- Medical Clinics
- Schools
- City/township governments
- Businesses, and
- Volunteer organizations

### **EXPENDITURES.**

Expenditures of the Committee shall be first authorized by the Emergency Management Committee of the County Board, subject to the budgetary control of the County Board.

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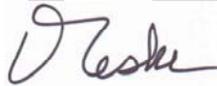
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September 1, 2006

To all City and Township Emergency Management Coordinators,

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2. I am also looking for representatives from the various businesses and organizations in Fillmore County. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Respectfully,



Deborah Teske

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November 5, 2007

To all EM POCs and EMAG members

We will be having an Emergency Management Advisory on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m in room 108 of the Fillmore County Office Building (down the hall from our office). It is very important that someone come to this meeting.

At this meeting, we will be discussing the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program planning and application process as well as our County's Emergency Operations Plan.

Deborah Teske  
Fillmore County EMD

FILLMORE COUNTY  
Emergency Management Advisory Group Minutes  
Fillmore County Office Building  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Deb Teske welcomed everyone and introduced Kristen Sailor and Jennifer Nelson from MN Homeland Security and Emergency Management. They discussed the need for a county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan and gave a quick overview of the process. With the recent presidential disaster declaration, the area affected will be given \$8-10 million dollars in targeted mitigation funds. These funds are in addition to the other mitigation grant funds available from the federal government. In order to access these funds though, the municipalities must have a federally-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. Fillmore County does not have such a plan but is in the process of starting to develop one. Participation from all municipalities is imperative for a successful product. Winona County is an excellent example of why everyone needs to sign onto the plan. Winona County has a plan but not all municipalities signed on to this plan. They are now scrambling to amend the plan to include them so they can access these grants. Several municipalities thought they would never need to apply for funds but now know otherwise. There will be a one-day workshop with further details.

Deb Teske told the group that the County Emergency Management Plan is in the final stages. She distributed a listing of all the annexes and told the group if anyone wanted to have a draft copy of any part of the plan or provide input to the plan to contact her as soon as possible.

A draft copy of a Fillmore County Mutual Aid Agreement was passed out for comment.

Deb Teske also informed everyone of the upcoming Tri-State Anthrax exercise on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and an agriculture tabletop exercise that will be sometime in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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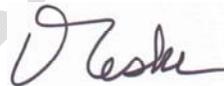
November 26, 2007

Representative  
Location  
Address,  
City, State

Since no one from your township/city was able to attend the Emergency Management Advisory Group meeting held on November 19<sup>th</sup> I am attaching some of the handouts from the meeting as well as the minutes. At the meeting we discussed some critical issues that will impact you over the next year. The most important of those issues was the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Since it is imperative that each municipality participate in this plan, there will be a one day workshop. Someone from your township or city should attend this training. This workshop will explain the hazard mitigation planning process and what role you will play. We will be having additional meetings over the next few months that will be soliciting input for the plan. This plan is requirement for all jurisdictions to have prior to receiving any hazard mitigation grant money from the federal government. I am highly recommending that all cities and townships participate in this process and then sign on to the completed plan.

Respectfully,



Deborah Teske

RESOLUTION

\_\_\_\_\_ (municipality)  
Fillmore County, Minnesota

WHEREAS, the Fillmore County is developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan that will satisfy the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and 44CFR 201.6. The plan will identify, analyze and prioritize significant hazards in the county. The plan will also outline strategies to effectively lessen the impacts of hazards.

WHEREAS, local units of government that wish to receive funding for hazard mitigation projects from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program are required (by the Federal Emergency Management Agency) to create or participate in the creation of an approved local hazard mitigation plan satisfying the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

WHEREAS, the Fillmore County will develop a plan that reflects the needs and concerns of the community and the local units of government within the county. In addition, mitigation strategies may need to be implemented at the local level or with cooperation from the local units. To achieve these objectives, local input is an essential element of the planning process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ (municipality) Council will support the County’s efforts in developing the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ (municipality) will participate in the hazard mitigation planning process by doing the following:

- select a representative that will serve as a liaison between the county and the local unit by attending meetings throughout the planning process to develop and prioritize hazards and mitigation strategies (if no one from the local unit can attend a scheduled meeting, a meeting summary will be sent to the local unit);
- complete and return the hazard identification and community profile worksheets and accompanying map;
- allow County staff to present the draft plan at a board/council meeting;
- provide comments and suggestions on the draft plan to ensure that the plan reflects the needs of the local unit;
- and consider adopting a resolution of support for the final Hazard Mitigation Plan before it is adopted by the County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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January 23, 2008

To all Emergency Management Advisory Group (EMAG) Members:

There will be a very important EMAG meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Preston Servicemen's Club. We will be addressing several important issues including the FEMA-required Hazard Mitigation Plan that the County is in the process of creating. Your attendance and input at this meeting is **crucial** to completing this comprehensive plan in a short time. If you can not come, please send another representative from your organization.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Deborah Teske  
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January 30, 2008

To all Emergency Management Advisory Group (EMAG) Members:

The EMAG meeting that was to be postpone from January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 due to weather is rescheduled to Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Preston Servicemen's Club. This meeting is very important as we will be addressing several important issues including the FEMA-required Hazard Mitigation Plan that the County is in the process of creating. Your attendance and input at this meeting is **crucial** to completing this all-inclusive plan in a short time. If you can not come, please send another representative from your organization.

I am including several read ahead handouts. Please call me if you have any questions.

Deborah Teske  
Fillmore County EMD

FILLMORE COUNTY  
Emergency Management Advisory Group

Preston Serviceman's Club  
Thursday Feb 7th, 2008

- 7:00 p.m. Call to order – Teske
- 7:00 p.m. Approve Agenda
- 7:05 p.m. Old business:
1. Update on EOP
    - a. Opportunity to provide input on Annexes completed
    - b. Need for Siren coverage maps
- 7:15 p.m. New Business:
1. Hazard Mitigation Plan
    - a. Overview
    - b. Timeline
    - c. Team members
    - d. Next steps
  2. Address need for Citizens Corps/Community Emergency Response Teams
  3. Upcoming workshops
    - a. Ag
    - b. Schools
  4. Assess need for NIMS training
  5. Opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback on federal flood declaration
  6. Consider next meeting date and tentative agenda
- 8:00 p.m.
- 8:20 p.m.
- 8:30 p.m.
- 9:00 p.m.

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EMAG Feb 9th 2008

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EMAG Feb 14th 2008

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**Fillmore County**  
**Emergency Management Advisory Group**  
**Preston Serviceman's Club**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Deb Teske at 7 pm. First topic discussed was the Fillmore County Emergency Operations Plan (FC EOP). Deb Teske informed the group that the FC EOP was almost ready for approval by the County Board of Commissioners. If anyone wants to have input to any of the annexes, they should contact her within the next week. She also passed around a sheet to sign up to get a copy of the EOP. She also reminded all the cities that she needed a map that displayed the coverage for their emergency sirens.

Deb Teske also reminded everyone that she still needs a listing of the resources each community has that could help in an emergency response. A user name and password was sent to each township and city for the county's shared online resource directory ICE. It can be accessed at <http://www.resourcemapper.com/>. Municipalities can send their information to the county's EMD if they do not have internet access or are unable to enter this information online.

Bonestroo, the contractor hired to develop the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan gave a presentation on the process. Bonestroo explained the information they need to gather from the municipalities. (See attached.)

Jennifer Nelson from HSEM stated that the state has completed its plan. Although a mitigation project could not be submitted to FEMA until the plan was approved, she recommended that all jurisdictions to start filling out mitigation project applications if they have a project that they want to submit to FEMA for grant money. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Deb Teske reminded all municipalities to forward to her resolutions in support of the hazard mitigation planning process.

The group then chose Hazard mitigation planning team members. (See attached.) This team would direct the planning process. It would meet about once a month. Travel may be reimbursed.

Deb Teske then address need for Citizens Corp/Community Emergency Response Teams. The Group voted to start a Citizen Corps Council. Members will be chosen at the next meeting. There was a discussion of questioning age limit, liability, limitations and parents/children teams. These will be decided upon by the Council once formed.

Deb Teske reminded everyone about the upcoming spotter training in Lanesboro on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Deb Teske asked everyone to assess their need for NIMS training and let her know.

There was a general discussion of the flood. Deb passed out a list of resources and stated that this list was available on the Fillmore County web site. It is updated often. Deb also asked that everyone encourage their residents to obtain a weather radio so they can receive emergency alerts. She also mentioned that individuals could sign up to receive text messages on their cell phones through WKBT Channel 8 Lacrosse.

The next meeting date will be set once the Hazard Mitigation Plan is nearing completion.

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Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008

To the members of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team:

I look forward to working with you to create a useful Hazard Mitigation Plan for Fillmore County.

The first meeting of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in room 108 of the Fillmore County Office Building.

At this meeting we will:

1. discuss the planning timeline,
2. set up tentative dates for the public meetings,
3. review the community profile, and
4. develop on the County's hazard profiles (worksheets were handed out at the last meeting).

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the number listed above.

Deb Teske

**AGENDA**

All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Steering Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
Thursday, February 28, 2008: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Progress report
3. Review Planning timeline
4. Discuss tentative dates and type of public meetings
5. Review Community profile
6. Description of hazards and how to identify hazards
7. Review historical data
8. Fill out *Hazard Identification Worksheets*
9. Information needs
10. Discuss tentative date for next meeting
11. Adjourn



## WORKSHEET 1

### Hazard Identification Worksheet

HAZARD	Likelihood of Event/Frequency	Spacial Extent	Impact/Damage	Hazard Rank/Index
Wildfire				
Flood				
Tornado				
Lightning				
Windstorm				
Hailstorm				
Extreme Temperatures (Summer and Winter)				
Blizzard				
Drought				
Ice and Sleet				
Earthquakes				
Infectious Disease (Environmental Outbreak)—Add discussion of Hoof and Mouth and Mad Cow...				
Solar Storm				
Karst / Subsidence				
Fire				
Hazardous Material (Fixed facilities and Transport)				
Dam and Levee Failure				
Radiological				
Water Supply Contamination				
Domestic Preparedness/Terrorism				
Landslides				

\*Rankings are subjective, and should be determined by working with your hazard mitigation task force and the public.

**APPENDIX II**

February 28, 2008

Re: Fillmore County All Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Advisory Committee Meeting No. 1 – Meeting Minutes  
File No. 000636-08001-0

Attendance: Corey Raymond and Mike Lynch of Bonestroo  
Members of the Advisory Committee included: Terry Olson, Lolly Melander, Robert Knutson, Bobbie Vickerman, Deb Zimmer, LeAnn Howard, Lowell Meeker, John O'Donnell, Daryl Jensen, Windy Block, Donna Rasmussen, Randy Dahl, Myrna Luehmann, Brenda Pohlman, Deb Teske

Time: 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

- A general report on the progress of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented.
- The Planning timeline was reviewed and it was decided that three public meetings would be scheduled. The public meetings are to be held in Spring Valley, Rushford, and Preston. A fourth public hearing could be held if there was sufficient call for one after completion of the first three.
- Means of advertising the public meetings was discussed. Fillmore County is to place advertisements in the Fillmore County Journal and the Bluff County Reader, have notices placed on their web sites, post hearing notices at the County and City Halls. Deb will contact City Administrators to coordinate times and locations for meetings.
- The public meeting format was discussed i.e. open house or power point presentation. It was decided to have illustrations of pertinent data on boards for the public to browse, followed by a 20 minute power point presentation, and closed with informal discussion as we congregate around displays. Possibly provide stickers for determination of concerns and priorities. The meetings would be one hour long.
- The first public meeting is to be held in Spring Valley with a tentative date of Wednesday, March 26 with a 6:00 P.M. start. The second public hearing for Rushford is to be held before or after the MN Design Team Initiative which is scheduled for April 24, 25, and 26. We are to try to establish a meeting for mid April if possible.
- Corey handed out background information on the historical occurrences of several hazards including flood, severe winter and summer storms, and tornadoes. The group worked together to discuss and complete Minnesota Planning *Worksheet 1 – Hazard Identification Worksheet*. The likeliest hazard events (i.e. nearly every year) was determined to be Severe Weather Hazards including: Lightning, hailstorm, windstorm, Ice and Sleet, and also included Karst/Subsidence, Fire, and Water Supply Contamination. Flood, drought, Infectious Disease, and Hazardous Material were also considered to be a high probability (every 2 -5 years). The Spatial Extent (Area of Impact) was determined to be "The entire county" or at least "50% or more of the County" for all the items listed above. It was decided that the greatest Impact/Damage (Potential Damage) was the flood hazard (5) followed by Tornado (4). One unique hazard concern was regarding the potential for infectious disease as the County has a high Amish Population that does not always get immunization shots. Another concern that was raised was with water supply contamination. There are many instances every year of Giardia or

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- E. Coli along with flu like symptoms that Public Health feels are the result of contaminated shallow wells.
- The final exercise for the evening was to map hazards and to verify the location of relevant facilities for the Cities within Fillmore County. The maps illustrated the location of the 100 year floodplain, Karst features, along with hazardous materials sites, schools, emergency centers, bridges, and wastewater treatment facilities, overlaid on a shaded relief orthophoto. Areas where flooding has occurred were identified, as well as flooding concerns. Locations for bridges, schools, dams, hazardous material sites, etc., that were not included on the maps, or were incorrectly identified were also identified.

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## Public invited to give input at county meeting on All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Fillmore County is working hard to prepare itself for hazardous events, according to Deb Teske, Fillmore County Emergency Management director (EMD).

Toward that end, a Fillmore County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team (HMPT) has been working with the county's Emergency Management Office to develop what Teske called a multi-jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan that covers the county and all municipalities.

Since an important part of hazard mitigation planning is obtaining direct input from the people who live and work in the covered area, the Fillmore County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is hosting its first public meeting Wednesday, March 26, from 6 until 7:30 p.m., at the Spring Valley Community Center.

### Initial planning

The contractor helping put the plan together, Bonestroo, has been working with the team to develop an all-hazard mitigation plan that looks to reduce or eliminate the loss of life and property damage resulting from natural and human-caused hazards.

Teske explained that hazard mitigation planning is a collaborative process in which hazards affecting the community are identified, vulnerability to the hazards is assessed, and consensus is reached on how to minimize or eliminate the effects of these hazards.

Part of the goal of this planning process is to seek public input and to increase public awareness of risks associated with disasters. It identifies critical facilities and structures; helps to mitigate future prob-

lems and increase safety; and establishes a countywide understanding of the issues and encourages cooperation to tackle problems. Finally, it helps to access funding, because in recognition of the importance of planning, all states, counties and municipalities with an approved All-Hazard Mitigation Plan may receive additional HMGP funding.

"One of the most important aspects of the hazard mitigation planning process is the involvement of the public in the development of the county plan," stressed Teske. "Input from all municipalities and all interested citizens is vital in order to make this plan work."

### The meeting

This first meeting in Spring Valley will provide an opportunity for public input on the draft hazard assessment, the first part

of the mitigation plan. Teske again stressed that getting feedback on the hazard assessment is welcome.

She encouraged attendance by county residents, businesses, non-profit groups, and municipalities with knowledge of:

- Past disaster events
- Repetitive areas of repair after storms and floods
- Locations of critical facilities and utilities and special needs populations that could be impacted by a disaster.

She also said information could be provided by contacting the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team or herself.

If a person is unable to attend this meeting, there will be additional meetings held later this spring in Rushford and Preston. For more details or to share information, contact Teske at (507) 765-4937.

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Fillmore County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Public Meeting

Wednesday - March 26, 2008: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Location:  
Spring Valley Community Center  
200 South Broadway

**AGENDA**

- 6:00**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Deb Teske, Fillmore County VSO/EMD*
- Welcome/Brief introduction  
Introduction of Steering Committee
- 6:05**      **PowerPoint Presentation**  
*Bonestroo*
- Introduction to the Planning Process
  - Reasons for the Plan
  - Background information on hazards that have occurred in Fillmore County
  - Importance of citizen's role in identifying measures they can take to help reduce the impact of hazard events
  - Role of "Public Input" in protecting economic assets and lives
  - Plan schedule
- 6:30**      **Public Q&A**
- Bonestroo & Steering Committee members will answer questions from the public.
- 6:40**      **Public Survey Introduction**
- Hand out Public Survey
- 6:45**      **Hazard Location Maps**
- Description of maps
- 6:50**      **Public Hazard Identification**
- The public will have the opportunity to identify hazard events and concerns on Hazard Identification Maps.
- 7:30**      **Adjourn**

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March 26, 2008

Re: Fillmore County All Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Public Meeting No. 1 – Meeting Minutes  
File No. 000636-08001-0

Attendance: Corey Raymond and Mike Lynch of Bonestroo; Deb Teske – Fillmore County VSO/EMD; Members of the Advisory Committee including: Bobbie Vickerman, Deb Zimmer, Randy Dahl, Brenda Pohlman and Lolly Melander.

Time: 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

- A power point presentation was made by Bonestroo on the purpose of All Hazard Mitigation Planning. Included within the presentation were summaries of disaster occurrences relative to wind, tornado, and flood that had occurred within Fillmore County since 2000 and associated state relief funding.
- Concern was raised over the lack of attendance by the General Public and a discussion was held on how to get people involved. Some ideas presented included:
  - Go door to door with questionnaire requesting input.
  - Submit survey questionnaire with required resolution in mailing to cities and townships.
  - Advertise for input to the existing on-line survey.
  - Contact organization and civic leaders and request that representatives be provided for attendance at meetings.
  - Ask that City clerks have council members and those attending council meetings, complete questionnaires.
  - Have questionnaires be distributed to firemen and emergency staff.
- Discussion was held on hazards within Fillmore County:
  - Early warning for campers along the Root River including weather radios and sirens.
  - Flash flooding of tributaries occurs on a regular basis and is more likely than flooding of the Root River.
  - Lanesboro has pre-determined 'safe havens' for use in the event of a disaster.
  - Need to re-visit the 100 year flood elevation for Rushford due to the breach of the Levee.
  - Restrictions exist on the stream through Spring Valley. City needs to buy out properties to remove them from the floodplain.
  - Wellhead protection is needed to prevent pollution of the aquifer.
  - It is important to get information documented and passed on to the EMD instead of relying on the memory of City staff.
- Public Surveys were handed out and completed by those in attendance.
- Maps of communities were provided with the intent that the public identify hazard events and concerns on Hazard Identification maps. Some specific hazards were listed for Spring Valley.
- Deborah Teske and Brenda Pohlman discussed including Radon as a hazard that should be included in the Plan. Brenda said that she would provide background information on instances of high levels of Radon in homes throughout the county, and a description of the hazard. Approximately 13% of the homes have been tested, and nearly 50% have high levels of Radon.
- It was suggested that all the campgrounds in Fillmore County be mapped as part of the Plan.

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Fillmore County All-Hazards Mitigation Planning Team Meeting

Thursday - April 17, 2008: 3:30- 5:30 p.m.

Location:  
Fillmore County Office Building Rm#108  
Preston, MN

**AGENDA**

- 3:30**      **Review**  
*Bonestroo*
- Agenda items  
Meeting goals
- 3:45**      **Plan Discussion**  
*Bonestroo, Planning Team*
- Section I & Section II – what has been done
  - Gaps in current data – needed data
  - FEMA Crosswalk
  - Section II - *Existing Plans and Programs*
  - Section II - *Gaps and Deficiencies* in current plans and programs
- 4:15**      **Goals & Strategies**  
*Bonestroo, Planning Team*
- State *Goals & Strategy* hand out
  - Goals and Strategies discussion
- 5:00**      **All-Hazards Mitigation Planning Team Actions**  
*Bonestroo, Planning Team*
- Discuss "*Plan of Action*" to get City's input into existing *Plans and Programs* and the *Gaps and Deficiencies* of these programs
  - Role of EMAG
- 5:30**      **Adjourn**

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April 17, 2008

Re: Fillmore County All Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Steering Committee Meeting No. 2 – Meeting Minutes  
File No. 000636-08001-0

Attendance: Corey Raymond and Mike Lynch of Bonestroo  
Members of the Advisory Committee included: Daryl Jensen, Windy Block, Randy Dahl, Brenda Pohlman, Deb Teske, Donna Rassmussen, Myrna Luehmann, Robert Knutson, Lowell Meeker, Michael Oian, LeeAnn Howard, Sue Kester, Vicky Sample

Time: 3:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

1. A general report on the progress of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented along with a description of the FEMA crosswalk in identifying missing parts in the plan. A spreadsheet was also presented identifying data that should be included in the plan and the party responsible for the information.
2. Changes and omissions in the plan were discussed. Requested plan changes or additions included:
  - Preston Nursing home no longer exists.
  - Discussion of Rushford's wells needs to be included in the Plans and Programs Section of the Water Supply Contamination portion of the plan.
  - Other Plans to Reference – Public health plans and programs.
  - Hazard Cascading effects: Include Communication failures to flood, tornado, and Summer and Winter Storm Events... For tornados mention hazardous materials as a cascading effect, also debris.
3. Bonestroo provided a handout of items that are still missing in Parts 2 and 3 of the plan:
  - Outreach/Participation by EMAG
  - Public Participation
  - City's and Township's participation
  - Public Facilities Mapping
  - Temporary and Severe Weather Shelters
  - Repetitive loss structure locations
  - Infectious Disease history
  - Siren locations
  - Top Concerns Identification.
  - Documentation as how public was involved; EMAG as means of input into the plan.
  - Identified Cities that haven't returned Hazard Profile Worksheets.
4. The State goals and strategy was reviewed as a guide to identifying Gaps and Deficiencies in current plans and programs.
5. County Gaps and Deficiencies were discussed and a list of problem statements was generated by the group. Bonestroo will conduct interviews of City staff to gather information on the top concerns of each City.

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1. The Planning timeline was reviewed and it was decided that:
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the cut-off deadline for input into parts 2, 3, & 4.
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the tentative date for the EMAG meeting for formulating the Goals, Objectives and Mitigation Strategy depending on Jennifer Nelson's schedule.
  - May 28<sup>th</sup> the draft plan will be distributed to County Commissioners, City Staff, and other parties for review and begin deliberation of the Mitigation actions.
  - June 10<sup>th</sup> or June 12<sup>th</sup> a public meeting will be held depending on Windy Block's schedule. Deb Teske will coordinate the meeting.

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, the County Commissioners, Steering Committee and other attendees will do a capability assessment, decide upon and prioritize the Mitigation actions that are viable, assign target dates and schedules, assign responsible agencies or individuals, and discuss possible funding availability. They will also decide upon methods of plan implementation. Deb Teske will coordinate the meeting.

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22 April 2008

To EM POCs:

We are on a tight schedule to get the Hazard Mitigation Plan completed and need your input in the next couple of weeks. Any data you have that you have that for inclusion into the Plan should be sent to me before May 2<sup>nd</sup> including local documentation (see attached list), the worksheets entitled "Worksheet 2" sent previously, and Public Participation Surveys.

If we do not get this information soon, Corey Raymond, who works for our All-Hazard Mitigation Plan contractor – Bonestroo, will be calling each EM point-of-contact to gather this information. It would be helpful to write down your answers so the phone call can be as brief as possible.

Corey will be asking the following questions:

1. What is the hazard that you feel has the largest potential to affect your community?
  - Flood
  - Extreme Weather (thunderstorms, winds, ice and sleet, etc...)
  - Tornado
  - Infectious Disease
  - Karst / Subsidence
  - Water Supply Contamination
  - Extreme Temperatures (Summer and Winter)
  - Drought
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Fire
  - Dam and Levee Failure
  - Landslides
  - Wildfire
2. Are there any specific concerns that you have for your City? (i.e. trucks carrying hazardous materials, levee/dam failure, WWTP failure or flooding, riverine flooding, communications failures, etc...) These concerns will be used to decide upon mitigation strategies for your City and the County as a whole. Concerns can be addressed by identifying problems and creating problem statements. Example statements:
  - a. Flooding occurs every spring after heavy rains upstream.
  - b. There are several repetitive loss structures that remain in the floodplain.
  - c. FEMA FIRM Maps are not up to date.
  - d. Bridge number ##### restricts the flow of water causing flooding during heavy rains.
  - e. There is no tornado shelter in the city.
  - f. The shelter building doesn't have a generator.
  - g. The public is not prepared for a major disaster.

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- a. The public is not prepared for a major disaster.

Also, please gather the following information if you have not already supplied Bonestroo or Deb Teske with the following items:

1. Do you currently have any mitigation projects planned or being discussed?
2. Location and function of all publicly owned buildings. (a table including the type/function, address and replacement value will suffice)
3. Location of any shelters (not under Red Cross contract). (a table including the facility and address)
4. Location of all repetitive loss structures. (a location map, address and the estimated values)
5. Location and range of sirens.
6. A list of any perceived deficiencies with Emergency Services (Fire, EMS, Police)

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April 29, 2008

Dear Emergency Management Advisory Group Member:

The All Hazard Mitigation Plan is over half completed. The plan is divided into the sections below. Each section is annotated with its completion status:

- Community Profile – completed draft
- Hazards Facing the Community – completed draft
- Risks and Vulnerabilities – mostly completed draft
- Goals, Objectives, and Mitigation Strategies – under construction
- The Planning Process (documents the procedures used to put the plan together)

**Your emergency management staff, fire/police, planners and public works officials are invited to attend a workshop on Thursday, May 22, 2008 starting at 5 p.m. in the conference room 108 of the Fillmore County Office building to discuss the Goals, Objectives, and Mitigation Strategies for the Fillmore County All-hazards Mitigation Plan.**

Attached is a draft of the Goals, Objectives and Mitigation Strategies portion of the plan. We ask that your staff review these and be prepared to offer comments and suggestions at the May 22nd workshop. If possible, we ask that comments be in written form to ensure accuracy.

Also, we have been asking all cities and townships in Fillmore County to adopt a resolution of support for the County's All Hazard Mitigation Plans. **If your municipality has not provided a copy of your resolutions to the county, you will find a draft attached for your use.** If possible, please add this resolution to your May agendas for approval if you have not already approved the resolution.

As the draft plan is completed in the coming months, we will provide review copies of the document to you. Once the draft is finalized, a second resolution will be required from each municipality formally adopting the county's All Hazards Mitigation Plan, prior to final approval at the state and federal level. An example draft resolution of adoption will be provided to you with the draft plan. We are trying to get the final submittal of the completed plan to HSEM no later than mid July 2008.

There will be several additional opportunities for cities to review and comment on the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Notice of these opportunities will be forwarded to you in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please call me at 507-765-4937. I want to thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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The following Groups were invited to participate:

Norway Township  
Canton Township  
Good Samaritan Center  
City Commissioner  
Sumner Township  
Fillmore Public Health  
Harmony FD/EM  
EMT/Coroner  
Rushford Village  
FC Highway  
Mabel EMS  
Green Lea Manor  
Pro Corn

Sheriff's Office  
Pilot Mound Township  
Good Shepherd, Rushford  
Fillmore Central Schools  
MN HSEM  
Minnesota Public Health  
MN DNR  
Mabel Nursing Home  
Tri County Electric  
Red Cross  
FC Commissioners  
York Township  
Olmsted Medical Center

Rushford EMS  
Canton & Whalan Cities  
Rushford City  
Carimona Township  
SEMN Red Cross  
Preble Township  
Chatfield EMS  
Gunderen Lutheran Clinic  
Rushford Fire  
Holt Township  
Spring Valley  
Fountain Police  
Forestville/ Mystery Cave  
State Park

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May 22, 2008

Re: Fillmore County All Hazard Mitigation Plan  
EMAG Workshop on Goals, Objectives and Strategies – Meeting Minutes  
File No. 000636-08001-0

Attendance: Corey Raymond and Mike Lynch of Bonestroo  
Members of the EMAG Group included: Deb Teske, Craig Strand, Sam Stensgard, Sue Kester, Brad Kelley, Linda Marzolf, Joyce Borgen, Lolly Melander, Tammy Martin, Michael Gjere, Julie Ziebell, Brad Erikson, Judy Graham, Vern Crowson, Jen Nelson, Jeff Copley

Time: 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

1. A general report on the progress of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented.
2. A presentation on how to define Goals, Objectives and Strategies was presented. Handouts of the draft Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, as well as a copy of "Section III" of the plan were supplied.
3. The group was split up into smaller groups based on the hazards outlined in the Plan. These small groups were asked to "brainstorm" to define strategies for Fillmore County and document their discussions. The small groups were defined by:
  - Extreme Weather (i.e. thunderstorms, hail, high winds, high & low temperatures)
  - Flood, Landslides & Dam Failure
  - Water Supply Contamination, Karst/Sinkholes & Drought
  - Infectious Disease, Wildfire, Fire & HAZMAT
4. The results from the small group discussion were as follows:

**Extreme Weather:**

- Maintain communications with voluntary agencies regarding shelters
- Special populations – Amish
  - Assess storm shelter readiness
- Animal populations safety ( pigs, horses, cattle etc...) work with farmers and volunteer agencies (Animal Humane)
- Protect private property from lightning strikes – state building code requires grounding?
- Emergency managers in each city to stockpile canned food and water for long lived storm events
- Include townships and unincorporated areas – rural areas
- Burying power lines
- Campsite warning systems
  - Focus on summer visitors – education
- Generators
- Sirens
- Require tie-downs for trailers (in ordinance already?)
- Add CERT to list
- Add 800 Megahertz project to list

**Flood, Landslides & Dam Failure:**

*Flood:*

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- Create a watershed district
- Educate farmers and citizens about buffer plantings along corridors to slow flows
- Create buffer plans and ordinances
- Require LP tanks to be anchored
- Increase coordination with HAM radio operators
- Encourage all cities to apply to participate in the NFIP
- Encourage Insurance companies to educate residents on flood insurance coverages

### *Dam & Levee Failure:*

- Emergency Information to Campgrounds, cities and townships
- Automated Warning System that includes rain gauges to monitor stream levels, and Dam level gauges
- Create plans for evacuations including Cities, Townships and campgrounds and create shelter plan
- Increase coordination of emergency communication both within the County, and with bordering counties
- Override warning system for local TV
- Increase weather radio ownership
- Coordinate with bordering counties and DNR or other agencies to have hydrology studies completed for the watershed

### *Landslides*

- Update Zoning ordinances where needed
- Educate people about the role vegetation plays in preventing landslides
- Encourage all cities to apply to participate in the NFIP to cover debris flows caused by flooding

## **Water Supply Contamination, Karst/Sinkholes, Drought, and Infectious Disease:**

### *Water Supply Contamination*

- Enforce Disclosures of wells that are on properties that are foreclosed especially within city limits

### *Karst/Sinkholes*

- Encourage the building of berms around sinkholes to protect livestock and prevent contamination due to runoff
- Encourage the clean-up of sinkhole dumps and research funding sources to clean up these sites
- Increase awareness and education on sinkholes in schools and in the public at large
- Have more "Free Recycle" days in Fillmore County

### *Drought*

- Coordinate efforts of monitoring the public water supply with the DNR, MNDOH
- Investigate increasing Public education campaigns on water conservation
- Research funding for water conservation campaigns

### *Infectious Disease*

- Free recycling or reduce fees for recycling tires
- Increase education campaigns on getting vaccinations
- Increase funding for socio/economically challenged populations for vaccinations

## **Wildfire, Fire & HAZMAT:**

### *Wildfire*

Increase fire risk awareness in campgrounds with updated signs that display the potential risk of wildfires (high, medium, low)

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- Enforce the use of fire rings at all campgrounds
- Increase the use of mutual aid agreements between all bordering counties
- Require burning permits for large fires
- Include the requirement of providing buffers around all structures that are built within woodlands into the County Zoning Ordinance

*Fire*

- Increase the public education through more school visits, and a county-wide program to increase education in schools
- Increase education on fire safety through the local cable channel and through radio
- Provide information on fire safety on a seasonal basis
- Supply all cities and townships with contact information for maintenance personnel

*HAZMAT*

- Coordination with State Duty Officer for Highway Spills
  - Create a mutual aid agreement countywide between all police departments
  - Provide a list of all equipment available from all cities to all police, fire, and emergency responders
  - Create a detailed road closure plan in the case of hazardous materials spills
1. After the small group discussions, the group reconvened into the larger group to discuss the conclusions from the small group discussions.
  2. The next steps for completing the plan were explained and the meeting was concluded.

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### Public Input Meeting on Objectives for Hazard Mitigation Plan

A public meeting will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Rushford-Peterson High School from 6-8 p.m. to gather public input on Fillmore County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Fillmore County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team has been working with Fillmore County's Emergency Management Office to develop a Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan that covers the county and all municipalities to reduce or eliminate the loss of life and property damage resulting from natural and human-caused hazards.

Part of the goal of this planning process is to seek public input and to increase public awareness of risks associated with disasters. The process seeks to identify critical facilities, establish a county-wide understanding of the issues, develop goals and objective to address critical issues , encourage cooperation to tackle these issues and seek out funding to address the solutions identified.

"We need everyone's input to make this plan a useful product," stressed Deb Teske, Fillmore County Emergency Management Director (EMD),"I encourage everyone to come and provide input into how we should prepare for the next disaster.

This is the second public meeting on this plan. This meeting will provide an opportunity for public input on the draft hazard mitigation goals, strategies and objectives. These goals and objectives will potentially lead to mitigation projects in the future.

County residents, businesses, non-profit groups, and municipalities are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. The meeting will be open to all ideas to reduce the impact of disasters..

If you are unable to attend this meeting, you can provide input to the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team or the County EMD. There will be one additional meeting that will be held in July in Preston to present the final document. For more information contact: Fillmore County's Emergency Management Director, Deb Teske at 507-765-4937.

## Fillmore County All-Hazard Mitigation 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting – Sign-In Sheet

6:00 -8:00 pm – June 10, 2008  
Rushford-Peterson High School Building, Rushford MN

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June 10, 2008

Re: Fillmore County All Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Public Workshop on Goals, Objectives and Strategies – Meeting Minutes  
File No. 000636-08001-0

Attendance: Corey Raymond and Mike Lynch of Bonestroo  
Participants included: Heather Larson, Windy Block, Dave Lombard, Susan Hart, Roger Colbenson, Les Ladewig, Julie Ziebell, Andrew Wolter, Sam Stensgard, Chuck Amunrud, Jim Narum, Goger Ekern, Judy Graham, Robert Knutson, Randy Dahl, Deb Teske, Brenda Pohlman

Time: 6:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M.

1. An "Open House" was held with displays of the hazard maps, goals and the baseline strategy.
2. A general outline and description of the contents of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented.
3. The Goals, and the overall Strategies was also presented. A handout of the draft Goals, Objectives, and Strategies of the plan were supplied.
4. The group was split up into smaller groups based on the hazards outlined in the Plan. These small groups were asked to "brainstorm" to define strategies for Fillmore County and document their discussions. The small groups were defined by:
  - Extreme Weather (i.e. thunderstorms, hail, high winds, high & low temperatures)
  - Flood, Landslides & Dam Failure
  - Water Supply Contamination, Karst/Sinkholes & Drought
  - Infectious Disease, Wildfire, Fire & HAZMAT
5. The results from the small group discussion were as follows:

**Extreme Weather:**

- Update sirens that will sound for different types of emergencies (including floods) and educate the citizens on what each sound means.
- Implement an automated calling system that calls all residents in Fillmore County when severe weather hits.
- Create a warning system for campgrounds and designated evacuation routes with posted maps at each of the campgrounds.
- Designate or create shelters for all trailer parks.
- All designated shelters should have a person on call 24/7.
- Update ordinances and building codes to include safe rooms.
- Educate citizens about alternate power, and heat sources such as back up generators and fireplaces.
- Designate extreme temperature shelters with air conditioning for the summer and heat during the winter and has back up power in cases of power outages.
- Designate and stock food storage areas away from flood prone areas and where they will not be cut off during a flood event.
- Create mutual aid agreements between counties.

**Flood, Landslides & Dam Failure:**

*Flood, Dam & Levee Failure:*

*Goal – Analyze and assess obstructions to flow*

- Assess the bike trail bridge in Rushford or other obstructions slowing down water flow.
- The County should lead the charge for development in rural areas outside of City Limits.
- Agricultural practices that contribute to runoff should be examined.
- Preserve prime agricultural land
- Consider putting dam structure in Boyton Valley to lessen water flow.
- DNR should monitor and remove debris from stream channels after flood events
- Create an evacuation plan in cases of flooding.
- Increase payments to farmers to create buffer strips along stream corridors
- All fire departments in areas that may flood should purchase rescue boats (air boats)
- Require all buildings that are within an area that may be flooded to be built of brick.

*Landslides*

- Analyze building codes or zoning ordinances for requirements/restrictions in areas where there is a high possibility of landslides.
- Investigate the creation of a “soil loss ordinance” to prevent erosion and runoff.

**Water Supply Contamination, Karst/Sinkholes, Drought, and Infectious Disease:**

*Water Supply Contamination*

- Identify and document where and who has supplies of water (bottled, etc...)
- Encourage people to have at least a 3 day supply of water on hand
- Check well systems and sanitary systems in Amish community

*Infectious Disease*

- More mutual aid with partners, red cross, salvation army, etc. (Expand the existing Health Alert Network to Veterinarians, dentists, EMS, etc.)
- Prepare more residents – consider “Code Red”
- Conduct more training, exercises, etc. to build teamwork
- Include automated text messaging to issue alerts
- Increase education to the Amish population

**Wildfire, Fire & HAZMAT:**

*Wildfire*

- Increase the use of mutual aid agreements between all bordering counties
- Add more radio towers and band width

*HAZMAT*

- Increase training for fuel related fires
  - Fire fighters should get training from gas companies on pipeline breakages and fires.
  - LP tanks should be chained down
  - Create a mutual aid agreement countywide between all police departments
1. After the small group discussions, the group reconvened into the larger group to discuss the conclusions from the small group discussions.
  2. The next steps for completing the plan were explained and the meeting was concluded.

# FILLMORE COUNTY Emergency Management Advisory Group

## Meeting Agenda Thursday, July 24, 2008

902 Houston St. NW (FCOB), Room 108, Preston

- 6:30 p.m. Call to order
- 6:30 p.m. Approve Agenda
- 6:40 p.m. Old business
1. Review Hazard Mitigation Plan draft and provide comments (copy of the draft plan is available on [www.fillmore.mn.us](http://www.fillmore.mn.us) or a paper copy can be requested by calling 765-4937)
- 7:30 p.m.
2. Update on Citizens Corps/Community Emergency Response Teams
- 7:40 p.m.
3. Assess need for NIMS training
- 7:50 p.m.
4. Opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback on federal flood declaration
- 8:00 p.m. New Business None
- 8:00 p.m. Consider next meeting date and tentative agenda

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Re: Public Meeting Regarding All-Hazard Mitigation Planning in Fillmore County**

The Fillmore County All Hazard Mitigation Plan is near completion. The final public meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Fillmore County Courthouse at the County Commissioner's meeting on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. The plan is posted on the Fillmore County web site: [www.co.fillmore.mn.us](http://www.co.fillmore.mn.us).

Hazard mitigation planning is a collaborative process whereby hazards affecting the community are identified, vulnerability to the hazards is assessed, and consensus is reached on how to minimize or eliminate the effects of these hazards.

"The Hazard Mitigation Plan is the only as good as the amount of public involvement in the creation of the Plan," stressed Deb Teske, Fillmore County Emergency Management Director (EMD). "Everyone's input and support is critical to making this plan work."

If anyone has input but is unable to attend this meeting, suggestions or comments can be provided before July 29<sup>th</sup> to your county/city/township officials or by calling Deb Teske, Fillmore County Emergency Management Director at 507-765-4937.

Public Participation Survey:

**Fillmore County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY**

We need your help!

Our community is currently engaged in a planning process to become less vulnerable to disasters, and your participation is important to us!

The County of Fillmore and its respective municipalities are working together to prepare a *Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan*. The purpose of this plan is to identify and assess our community's disaster risks and determine how to best minimize or manage those risks. Upon completion, the plan will be presented to each local governing body for adoption and then submitted to the Minnesota Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval.

This survey questionnaire provides an opportunity for you to share your opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process. The information you provide will help us better understand your hazard concerns and identify area policies and projects that can help lessen the impact of future hazard events.

Please help us by completing this survey and returning it to:

**Deborah Teske**  
**Emergency Management Director**  
902 Houston St. NW Suite #4  
Preston, MN 55965

Surveys can also be faxed to: (507) 765-4405

If you have any questions regarding this survey, or would like to learn more about how you can participate in the development of the Fillmore County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, please call (507) 765-4937 or e-mail us at [dteske@co.fillmore.mn.us](mailto:dteske@co.fillmore.mn.us).

1. What city/town do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster?  
 Yes (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
 No
  
3. How concerned are you about the possibility of our community being impacted by a disaster?  
 Extremely concerned  
 Somewhat concerned  
 Not concerned

4. Please select the hazard you think is the *highest threat* to your neighborhood:

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Erosion
- Extreme Heat
- Flood
- Hail
- Hazardous Materials
- Hurricane
- Land Subsidence
- Landslide
- Lightning
- Major Urban Fire
- Pipeline Failure
- Severe Winter Storm
- Terrorism
- Tornado / Wind Storm
- Wildland Fire
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please select the hazard you think is the *second highest threat* to your neighborhood:

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Erosion
- Extreme Heat
- Flood
- Hail
- Hazardous Materials
- Hurricane
- Land Subsidence
- Landslide
- Lightning
- Major Urban Fire
- Pipeline Failure
- Severe Winter Storm
- Terrorism
- Tornado / Wind Storm
- Wildland Fire
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is there another hazard not listed in this survey that you think is a wide-scale threat to your neighborhood?

- Yes (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- No

7. Is your home located in a floodplain?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

8. Do you have flood insurance?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

a. If "No", why not?

- Not located in floodplain
- Too expensive
- Not necessary because it never floods
- Not necessary because I'm elevated or otherwise protected
- Never really considered it
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you taken any actions to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

- Yes
- No

a. If "Yes", please explain:

10. Are you interested in making your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

- Yes
- No

11. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home and neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

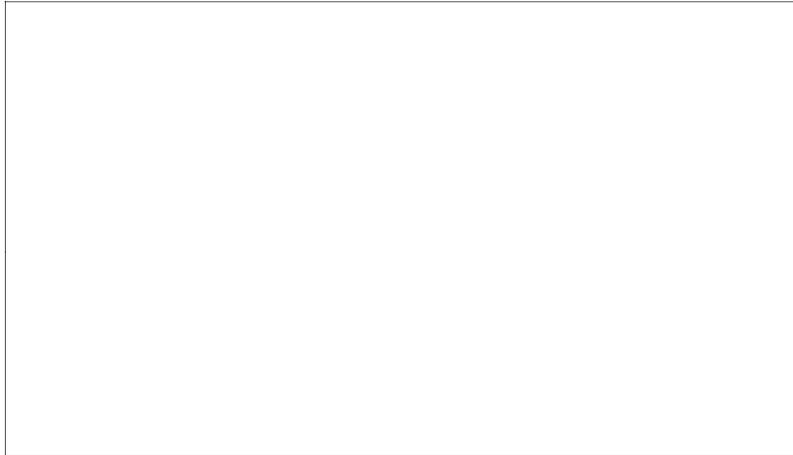
- Newspaper
- Television
- Radio
- Internet
- Mail
- Public workshops/meetings
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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**12. In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce or eliminate the risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood?**

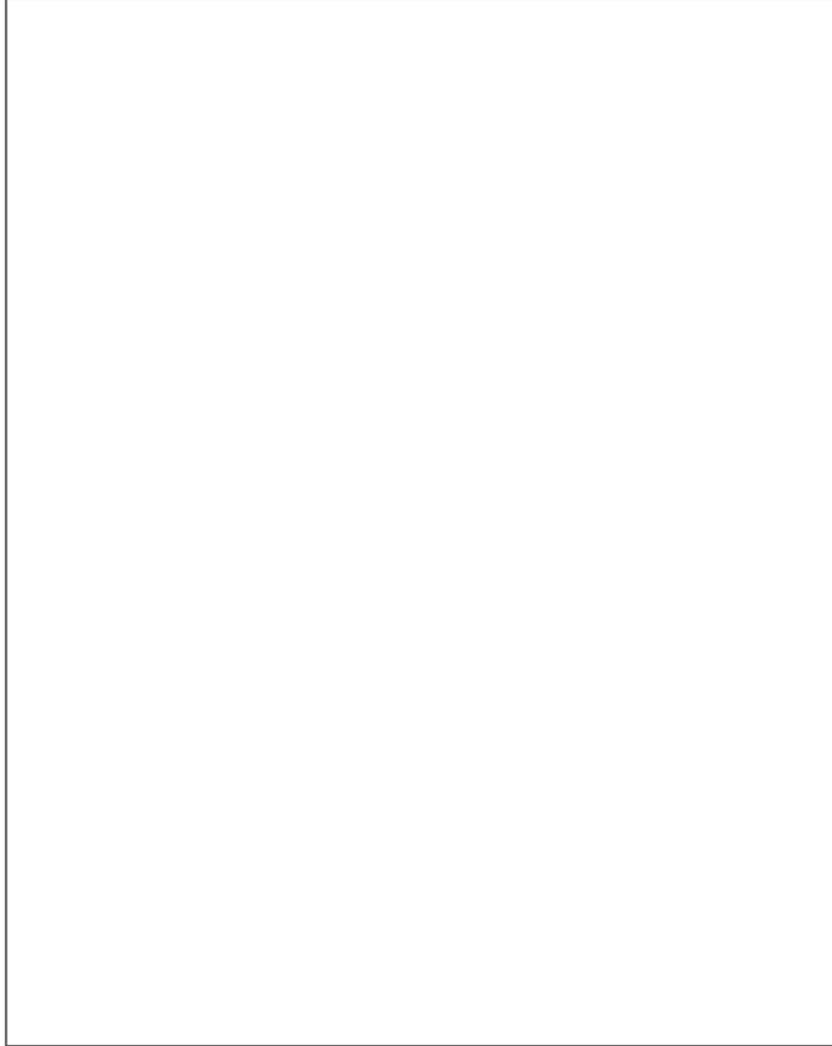


**13. Are there any other issues regarding the reduction of risk and loss associated with hazards or disasters in the community that you think are important?**



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**14. Is there any general questions or comments that you would like to have addressed that were not included in the previous questions?**



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**15. A number of community-wide activities can reduce our risk from hazards. In general, these activities fall into one of the following six broad categories. Please tell us how important you think each one is for your community to consider pursuing.**

Category	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
<p><b><u>1. Prevention</u></b>                      Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. Examples include planning and zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>2. Property Protection</u></b>                      Actions that involve the modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, relocation, elevation, structural retrofits, and storm shutters.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>3. Natural Resource Protection</u></b>                      Actions that, in addition to minimizing hazard losses, also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. Examples include: floodplain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization, riparian buffers, and forest management.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>4. Structural Projects</u></b>                      Actions intended to lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. Examples include dams, levees, seawalls, detention/retention basins, channel modification, retaining walls and storm sewers.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>5. Emergency Services</u></b>                      Actions that protect people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Examples include warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training, and protection of critical emergency facilities or systems.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>6. Public Education and Awareness</u></b>                      Actions to inform citizens about hazards and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include outreach projects, school education programs, library materials and demonstration events.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

**B. ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN SURVEY RESULTS**

59 Respondents

1. What City/Town do you live in?

Jurisdiction	Respondents
Canton City	1
Chatfield City	7
Fountain City	1
Harmony City	7
Lanesboro City	11
Norway Township	6
Peterson City	1
Preston City	6
Rushford City	1
Spring Valley City	11
Whalan City	1
Wykoff City	3
York Township	1

2. Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster?

Experience	Respondents
Yes	32
No	27

3. How concerned are you about the possibility of our community being impacted by a disaster?

Concern	Respondents
No Answer	1
Extremely Concerned	16
Somewhat Concerned	36
Not Concerned	6

4. Please select the hazard that you think is the highest threat to your community:

Highest Threat	Total
Tornado/Wind Storm	26
Flood	21
Dam Failure	3
Severe Winter Storms	2
Lightning	2
Hazardous Materials	2
Pipeline Failure	1

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Hail	1
Drought	1

5. Please select the hazard that you feel is the second highest threat to your neighborhood:

HighestThreat2	Count Of Answers
Drought	1
Erosion	4
Flood	4
Hail	3
Hazardous Materials	1
Landslides	2
Lightning	4
Severe Winter Storms	19
Terrorism	2
Tornado/Wind Storm	19

6. Is there another hazard not listed in this survey that you think is a wide-scale threat to your neighborhood?

7. Is your home located in a floodplain?

None – all 59 respondents

8. Do you have flood insurance?

Insurance	Respondents
Yes	2
No	57

9. Have you taken any actions to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

Actions	Respondents
Yes	13
No	46

10. Are you interested in making your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

Make Resistant	Respondents
Yes	42
No	17

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11. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home and neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

Receive Information	Respondents
Internet	8
Mail	7
Newspaper	18
Public Meetings	11
Radio	5
Television	7

12. In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce or eliminate the risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood?

1. Community preparation.
2. Buy out homes affected by flooding.
3. Remove structures that are repeatedly damaged and in floodplain; set zoning ordinances; emergency mgmt.
4. DNR work with city to mitigate the bridge.
5. Continuation of block wells; municipal sewage treatment plant.
6. Back up generators.
7. repairs and maintenance; emergency training
8. proper storm water conveyance and storage
9. Remove risk, plan for emergencies.
10. All citizens provided with information regarding emergency procedures.
11. Remove risk.
12. Remove Risk
13. Eliminate risk-remove smaller bridges/replace with larger bridges to accommodate flow.
14. Re-activate storm spotters.
15. Working and communicating with the public, use technology to inform people quickly and accurately.
16. Lightening is still the only real problem and can't really do anything about that.
17. Have joint meetings with governmental agencies.
18. Prepare a disaster plan and communicate to community and practice this plan.
19. Communication is key. If the Municipality would speak to the homeowners they may learn a lot about past or common occurrences.
20. A better Dike plan.
21. Be prepared for all hazard events; natural, technological and man-made in order to lessen risk. Post emergency response planning.
22. Participate in NFIP and complete NIMS.
23. Public meetings
24. Keep staff trained.
25. Never say Never. Awareness. All EMS staff involved and trained w/equipment. Meetings. Counties and Cities need funding from Government to put plans together.
26. Lightning is a problem, but nothing can be done about that.
27. Not much control over Mother Nature-just have a good disaster preparedness program in place.

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28. Early warnings and take them seriously. Equip storm shelter-designate areas like City Hall with a generator.
  29. Storm water is a problem and something needs to get done on the runoff from the hills. Dams, ponds to slow water down.
  30. Signals for flooding.
  31. Using telephones and text messages.
  32. Educate the public.
  33. Signage on road flooding potential; rural sirens for severe weather; text message about severe weather.
  34. Water supply when hazard condition occurs so you can get drinking water and water for fire protection when electricity fails or when source get polluted.
  35. Early warning systems for severe weather; river monitoring early flood potential detection.
  36. Have an organized plan in place in the event of a disaster.
  37. 4 phases of emergency management should be common practice; mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. This should also be the time to engage in activities that reduce vulnerability and mitigate future disasters-strengthening bldg codes, eminent domain or modifying risky land-use practices.
  38. "Educate people about the potential hazards...everyone is in the frame of mind that ""it won't happen to me""."
  39. Education.
  40. Warning systems, natural resource protection.
  41. Update of all waterways and drainage areas to reduce damage to roads, bridges and nearby homes. Require all homes have a safe shelter from wind storms or tornados. No allowance for slab type foundations for homes.
  42. Train and prepare emergency personnel in the event of a catastrophe.
13. Are there any other issues regarding the reduction of risk and loss associated with hazards or disasters in the community that you think are important?
1. proper early warning systems for flood
  2. Sewage plant next to river that is being rebuilt.
  3. working together; communications
  4. See if large LP tank at the mill is up to safety code and protected from outside influences.
  5. Another major concern is a hazardous material spill.
  6. more sirens or faster notification.
  7. Working with governmental agencies to make sure there is coordination and understanding about who is responsible for what.
  8. Post hazard safety and clean up procedures.
  9. Develop a post emergency response plan and educate the community.
  10. Clear communication system-communication.
  11. Residents should know where to go in case of emergency and how this is signaled; siren or signals. Broadcast on Channel 11 w/updates if necessary. How about rural residents?
  12. More sirens or more immediate notification.
  13. Flow Control Dams on the rivers and streams.
  14. Awareness.
  15. Purchase and maintain generators that are capable of providing basic services such as water and wastewater to the community and lights/heat to shelters.

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16. Better constructed buildings to withstand wind storms.
  17. Blizzards- shelters and ways to transport people to shelters.
  18. Replace culverts with a small culvert on the bottom and a larger one up higher, so it would slow up the runoff when it rains a lot or if the snow melts fast. The larger culvert up higher would help so the road wouldn't wash out and the smaller, lower culver would slow the valley runoff.
  19. Levees in river towns.
  20. People should understand the limitations of dykes in a flood plain, there is a false sense of security and encourage unwise development (Rushford/Stockton/New Orleans). In our area major fuel lines run underground and could have a major environmental impact to underground and surface water if not monitored. Use of Geological info to regulate and determine land use safety and appropriateness.
14. Is there any general questions or comments that you would like to have addressed that were not included in the previous questions?
1. Lack of public involvement toward getting this mitigation plan done.
  2. Specifically, what the county, city and school district do- and what is the responsibility between Olmsted and Fillmore county's since we straddle both districts.
  3. What responsibility lies with the Municipality that issues permits (building) that negatively affect other residents; i.e. culvert additions, surface water runoff alterations.
  4. I don't believe that we are fully prepared and then all of the sudden we have a big problem. Rushford was a big problem and once it is said and done and time passes we forget and we are back at square one.
  5. Prohibit building of campgrounds located within floodways. If built in floodplains then 1' above the 100 yr flood elevation by making owners submit an elevation certificate.
  6. Government enforced but not driven. Nor driven by economic development or special interest groups. There needs to be balance - for every action there is a reaction. Issues; decisions made without thought of long term effects; home built on bluff lines; ethanol plants to reduce oil dependency; subdivisions in the country with no sewer treatment aside from septic tanks; new sewer treatment next to rivers and streams; bituminous to eliminate dust, allowing quicker runoff to rains and melts; chemicals and fertilizers over natural practices.
  7. Without undue alarm to the community, are there hazards in our area that we are unaware of at this time?

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<b>Category</b>	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Very Important</b>
Prevention	3	38	38
Property Protection	3	42	63
Natural Resource Protection	2	30	53
Structural Projects	3	36	55
Emergency Services	1	22	42
Public Education	1	31	50

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