

Chapter 10 - Adoption and Implementation

Adoption Process

Public Review and Comment

Several avenues were used to disseminate the draft plan for public review and comment. First of all, CD copies of the plan were distributed to each local municipality. A printed version was placed at each library in the County and in the County Clerk's office. The draft plan was posted on NEMCOG's web site. A newspaper article and notice informed county residents of the completed draft plan, where it could be reviewed and when the County Board of Commissioners would be considering approval.

Adoption

The Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the Alcona County Board of Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting on October 20, 2004. A notice of the presentation and proposed actions was published in the paper of county record, The Alcona Review. The purpose of the presentation was to describe the planning process, conclusions and recommended actions. The Alcona County Board of Commissioners adopted the Hazard Mitigation plan on October 20, 2004. A copy of the resolution is reproduced at the end of this chapter.

A presentation will be made to the Alcona County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association. The purpose of the presentation is to describe the hazard mitigation planning process, conclusions and recommended actions. Townships will be asked to formally adopt the plan at their next township board meeting.

Plan Implementation

Roles and Responsibilities

The primary entities responsible for implementing the Hazard Mitigation Plan are the Alcona County Board of Commissioners and the Alcona County Emergency Management Coordinator. The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEPC) is organized under Michigan SARA Title III Program and meets on a regular basis to carryout its duties. This plan recommends the committee expand its role to function as the County Hazard Mitigation Committee to oversee implementation of the plan. Roles will need to be defined by the committee but may include establishing an annual work plan, supporting grant writing to seek funding to complete projects, monitoring mitigations activities, evaluating the need for new projects, amending the plan to add new projects and functioning as a clearing house for mitigation grant applications.

It is understood that current resources, both staff and financial, will not accommodate the expanded role of the Alcona LEPC and Alcona Emergency Management Office. The County Board of Commissioners will need to evaluate funding and staffing required to implement the Alcona Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Working partnerships with the following agencies and organizations will strengthen the County's hazard mitigation program.

County Emergency Management Coordinator
County Board of Commissioners
County Sheriff Department
Alcona County Departments
City of Harrisville, Village of Lincoln and the townships in Alcona County

Township, City and Village Fire Departments
Alcona County Conservation District
Alcona County Road Commission
Northeast Michigan Council of Governments
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
U.S. Forest Service
Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service
Michigan Department of Agricultural
Natural Resource Conservation Service
District Health Department #2
Huron Pines RC&D
American Red Cross
Insurance Companies
Real Estate Companies
Local Businesses
Civic Groups and Churches
Federal Emergency Management Administration
Michigan State Police

Process for Monitoring, Evaluating and Updating

Monitor – The Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Committee and the Alcona County Emergency Management Coordinator will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Mitigation Plan. This may include reviewing reports from agencies involved in implementing projects or activities; having a staff person, who is responsible for overseeing the plan, conduct site visits and meetings concerning mitigation project activities; preparing an annual mitigation activity report for the County Board of Commissioners. This will be done during the five year update or more often if deemed necessary.

Evaluate – The Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Committee and the Alcona County Emergency Management Office will be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the plan. This will be done during the five year update or more often if deemed necessary.

The evaluation should assess whether:

- The goals and objectives address current and expected conditions;
- The nature, magnitude and/or type of risks have changed.
- The current resources are appropriate for implementing the plan.
- There are any problems with implementation.
- There have been favorable outcomes
- Agencies and other partners participated as originally expected.

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 requires the Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Plan be updated every five years. This may include updating community profiles, examining goals, redoing the hazard analysis and revisiting the project list. *In order to properly update the plan, Alcona County will need to seek funding from appropriate state and federal agencies.* It may be necessary to examine the project each year and as projects are completed and new mitigation projects are identified, the list would be updated. Local units of government, county departments, and local, state and federal agencies will have the ability to propose and sponsor projects from the hazard mitigation plan. Coordinating with the HMC will support plan implementation and allow the committee to monitor progress and determine timing and scope of plan revisions. Any update would require public comment, county approval, local jurisdictional approval if projects are located or proposed in a particular township, and approval by the State of Michigan and FEMA.

Process to Incorporate into Local Planning Activities

Alcona County, city, village and townships, as well as, local and state agencies will consider integrating information from the Hazard Mitigation as their perspective comprehensive and operations plans. Land use planning and zoning is administered at the city, village and township level. As a part of the education and outreach aspect of the hazard mitigation effort, communities will be encouraged to incorporate hazard mitigation planning into their respective comprehensive planning and capital improvements planning and adopt zoning regulations that will minimize effects of hazards.

Ongoing Public Participation

Alcona County is committed to involving the public in the implementing and updating of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Copies of the plan will be available at county libraries, county clerk's office and all township offices. The plan contains the address and phone number of the Emergency Management Office, which will be responsible for keeping a record of public comments on the plan.

Copies of the plan will be posted on a community web site or regional planning agency web site. The web page will contain the mailing address, phone number and email address of the appropriate contact person.

During the update process of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the committee will advertise and facilitate a public meeting to obtain input and guidance from the general public, businesses, townships and agencies. A notice will be posted to advertise any meeting of the Hazard Mitigation Committee where the committee is reviewing and/or updating the mitigation plan.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution

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Passed this _____ day of _____.

Signed by:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Region V
536 South Clark Street, Floor 6
Chicago, IL 60605



FEMA

February 21, 2006

Mr. Matt Schnepf
Michigan Emergency Management Division
Department of State Police
4000 Collins Road—P.O. Box 8136
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8136

Dear Mr. Schnepf:

Thank you for submitting adoption resolutions for the Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Resolutions from Alcona County and the following communities have been received: Alcona Township, Caledonia Township, Curtis Township, Gustin Township, Harrisville Township, *Millen Township*, Hawes Township, Haynes Township, Mikado Township, and the City of Harrisville. The above listed communities and Alcona County met the required criteria for a local hazard mitigation plan and are **approved**. Please submit the plan in electronic format.

The approval of this plan ensures the continued availability of Stafford Act funding, including the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Hazard Mitigation Program, and Fire Management Assistance Grants. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted.

Over the next five years, we encourage these communities to follow the plan's schedule for monitoring and updating the plan, and continue their efforts to implement the mitigation measures. The plan must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted for approval within five years in order to continue project grant eligibility.

Please pass on our congratulations to the communities on completing this significant action. If you or the community has any questions, please contact Jonathan (J.P.) Marsch at (312) 408-5226.

Sincerely,

Norbert Schwartz, Director
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division

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MICHIGAN STATE POLICE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The regular meeting of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building, in the City of Harrisville, on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at 10:00 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

On roll call the Commissioners answered as follows: District #1 – Kenneth Timm; District #2– Richard Simmons; District #3 – Carolyn Brummund; District #4 – Sheila Phillips and District #5 – Kevin Boyat.

Moved by Brummund/Phillips to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2005 Regular Meeting and the October 11, 2005 and October 14, 2005 Special Meetings.

Motion Carried

Diane Rekowski, from NEMCOG appeared before the Board to request final approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She reported that this is the first plan in northeast Michigan approved by FEMA. The plan will be going to the township for approval also.

Moved by Brummund/Timm to approve the Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the Chair to sign.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ADOPTION RESOLUTION #2005-10-01

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Dated: October 19, 2005

/s/ Kevin Boyat
Chairman

On roll call the Commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Timm, Simmons, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat 5
Nays: None 0

Motion Carried

Tim London, Emergency Management Coordinator, joined the meeting to present and review his Annual Report. He also reported that the Alcona County Building Site Plan has been completed and requested approval of the Board.

Moved by Brummund/Simmons to adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign the Alcona County Building Site Plan.

On roll call the Commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Timm, Simmons, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat 5
Nays: None 0

Motion Carried

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Passed this 12th day of December, 2005.

Community Name: City of Harrisville

Signed by: Edward Hall, Mayor

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Passed this 8th day of November 2005

Community Name: Alcona Township

Signed by: Dawn Ladonda

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Passed this 11th day of January 2006

Community Name: Caledonia Township - Alcona County

Signed by: Helen Linn, Clerk

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Passed this 8th day of DEC.

Community Name: Curtis Twp

Signed by: Maureen Reardon

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Passed this 16th day of January, 2006

Signed by:


Twp Supervisor
GUSTIN TOWNSHIP

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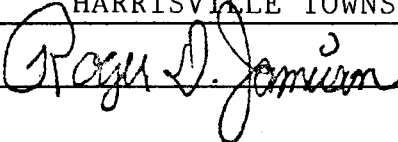
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Passed this 13th day of December, 2005.

Community Name: HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP

Signed by: 

Roger D. Jamieson
Township Clerk
1054 S. Poor Farm Rd.
Harrisville, MI 48740-9551

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Community Name: MILLER TWP.

Signed by: James Smith (Miller Twp Supervisor)