

## 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 Oscoda County Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting on October 12, 2004. A notice of the presentation and proposed actions was published in the local newspaper. The purpose of the presentation was to describe the planning process, conclusions and recommended actions. The Oscoda County Board of Commissioners adopted the Hazard Mitigation plan on October 26, 2004. A copy of the resolution is reproduced at the end of this chapter.

A presentation was made to the Oscoda County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association. Local officials from all of the townships were present at the meeting. The purpose of the presentation was to describe the hazard mitigation planning process, conclusions and recommended actions. After the plan has been reviewed by the State of Michigan and FEMA, an updated copy will be sent to the county board and each township requesting them 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 Oscoda County Board of Commissioners and the Oscoda 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. This may require the LEPC to amend its bylaws. 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 Oscoda LEPC and Oscoda Emergency Management Office. The County Board of Commissioners will need to evaluate funding and staffing required to implement the Oscoda 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  
Oscoda County Departments  
County Sheriff Department  
Townships in Oscoda County

Township Fire Departments  
Oscoda County Conservation District  
Oscoda 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 Oscoda County Hazard Mitigation Committee and the Oscoda 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 Oscoda County Hazard Mitigation Committee and the Oscoda 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 Oscoda 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, Oscoda 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

Oscoda County, townships, as well as, local and state agencies will consider integrating information from the Hazard Mitigation as their perspective comprehensive and operations plans. The county is in the process of updating their master plan and will consider incorporating appropriate hazard mitigation information into the master plan. Three of the six townships administer zoning. As a part of the education and outreach aspect of the hazard mitigation effort, communities will be encouraged to adopt zoning regulations that will minimize effects of hazards.

### Ongoing Public Participation

Oscoda 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**

WHEREAS, Oscoda County, Michigan has experienced disasters that have damaged commercial, residential, and public properties, displaced citizens and businesses, closed streets and bridges, and presented general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Oscoda County has prepared a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* that outlines the County's options to reduce overall damage and impact from natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been reviewed by County residents, business owners, and federal state, and local agencies, and has been revised to reflect their concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1. The *Oscoda County Hazard Mitigation Plan* is hereby adopted as an official plan of Oscoda County, Michigan.
- 2. A hazard mitigation planning Committee is hereby established as a permanent county advisory body. The County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) shall function as the Hazard Mitigation Committee. The Committee's duties shall be designated in the *Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
- 3. The Hazard Mitigation Committee is charged with supervising the implementation of the Plan's recommendations within the funding limitations as provided by the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners or other sources.
- 4. The Hazard Mitigation Committee shall give priority attention to action items recommended by the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* as high priority. :
- 5. The Hazard Mitigation Committee's facilitator shall convene the Hazard Mitigation Committee at least once per year. The Committee shall monitor implementation of the plan and shall submit a written progress report to the County Board of Commissioners in accordance with the following format:
  - a. A review of the original plan.
  - b. A review of any disasters or emergencies that occurred during the previous calendar year.
  - c. A review of the actions taken, including what was accomplished during the previous year.
  - d. A discussion of any implementation problems.
  - e. Recommendations for new projects or revised action items. Such recommendations shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed by: