

# Cass County Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting

June 5, 2013, 1:15 PM

Public Safety Building, 4630 15 Avenue N, Fargo, ND

	Anderson, Kay	Benson, Jason	Boerboom, Nathan	Lysne, Kurt	Masten, Daryl	Murphy, Doug	Reitan, Mike	Rogness, Dave	Schaan, Amber	Schlafmann, Leon	Scribner, Brady	Solberg, Tim	Walker, April
Present	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Absent					X						X		X

Meeting called to order.

### County Profile Update

Schaan said the county profile is coming along very well. Schaan continues to make updates as she finds new information.

### Hazard Identification Update

Schaan outlined changes in hazard identifications used in the plan. The group agreed to leave manmade hazards off the list, and “Wildland Fire” will replace “Rural Fire” as a category heading.

- Disaster costs discussion:  
Schaan said disaster costs are also a part of this section of the plan. She would like to get the costs for any disasters since the last plan update (January 2009). She is looking for total cost figures but the breakdown of damage costs would be welcome as well. Rogness, Schlafmann, and Reitan will contact their respective Auditors’ offices for the information. Any data the County has for small cities should be sufficient.

### Risk & Vulnerability Assessment

Schaan said Houston Engineering has been working on the HAZUS model. They are working with a representative from FEMA Region VIII, who has requested the use of the data for use in case studies.

The group agreed the data can be used for case studies.

### Mitigation Planning

Schaan provided copies of the State’s current mitigation plan goals and Cass County’s previous mitigation plan goals. The State has outlined seven overarching goals that encompass all of the County’s previous mitigation goals. Schaan can re-write the goals to be more pertinent to Cass County. The group gave consensus that the goals are acceptable.

Schaan asked the group to discuss potential objectives for each goal:

Goal 1: Encourage sound state and local planning related to hazard understanding and mitigation.

- Include mitigation data in community planning
- Include mitigation data in local grant opportunities/activities

- Integrate mitigation planning in small cities
- Integrate mitigation planning in business, school district, transportation, and park district planning

Goal 2: Enhance the public's awareness of hazards.

- Continue to support/enhance current tools used
- Provide community training
- Include rural cities in trainings and exercises
- Increase social media usage
- Continue public meetings during events

Goal 3: Reduce the impact future development has on potential losses and vulnerabilities.

- Require new developments to build at or above Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
- Require new roads and structures be built above BFE
- Continue to improve floodplain maps and building ordinances
- Enforce protective ordinances
- Encourage public awareness of building codes for small cities

Goal 4: Reduce impacts of flooding to people and property in North Dakota.

- Continue identifying forms of permanent flood protection for areas continually affected by flooding
- Continue creating and enforcing ordinances, zoning requirements, and planning
- Continue acquiring properties in flood prone areas
- Identify basin-wide areas available for water storing and retention

Goal 5: Mitigate the effects severe summer and winter weather has on people and property.

- Continue public education and awareness for severe weather
- Continue enhancing and promoting warning systems
- Bury power lines and trim trees to avoid downed power lines
- Create more public awareness of safety actions during severe weather

Goal 6: Reduce impacts of drought and wildland fires on North Dakota communities.

Rogness will work on identifying objectives for Goal 6. He recently received correspondence from FEMA on this issue.

### **Next Meeting**

As the original meeting schedule was disrupted due to spring flooding, the next regularly scheduled meeting for July 3, will be moved to Wednesday, August 7, at 1:15 PM.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**