

Cass County Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting

August 7, 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
Absent		X			X		X					X	

Guests: Makkah Asindua, Fargo Cass Public Health; Dave Kirkpatrick, Houston Engineering; Wayne Lorshbough, City of Fargo GIS

Meeting called to order.

Community & Hazard Profile Update

Schaan said the county profile is ready to be reviewed for editing. She will e-mail the group the draft copy, but does not want to receive multiple copies back with different edits.

Rogness said he will coordinate one edited copy for the County and small cities, and another copy can be edited for Fargo.

Risk & Vulnerability Assessment

Dave Kirkpatrick from Houston Engineering was present to give an update on the HAZUS. He explained what data was used, where it was taken from, and the parameters used to define it. After discussion, the group gave direction on several components:

- The LAG method should be used to find building elevations.
- The area designated as “Downtown Corridor Boundary” should be renamed so as not to be confused with a similarly named area already defined by the City.
- Impacted buildings will include additional properties that touch the edge of the 100 year floodplain. Schaan will include language discussing the impact on additional properties within 15 feet, but is not permitted to quantify the data in the plan.
- Q3 data will have a stock assumption of six inch depth outside of zones with defined data.

Actions to be taken by the committee to further look into issues or data points are as follows:

- The City of Fargo has insurance amounts for City parks that will be more accurate than default numbers. Walker will provide these numbers to Kirkpatrick.
- Kirkpatrick will create a list of very low default valued structures and if more accurate numbers are readily available the group will provide them.
- Anderson will check into whether or not lift station GIS data is available for West Fargo.
- Walker will look for confirmation from FEMA on what flood plain mapping data will be allowable.

- Anderson will check with Benson on the stock assumption of six inch depth for the Q3 data west of the diversion.
- Walker will look into article content she has saved on default values used for hospitals and long term care facilities. Default value changes have to be justified, and supporting documentation will be helpful.
- The group will go over the critical infrastructure spreadsheet sent out by Schaan and notify her of any structures that should be removed.

Kirkpatrick said once data is in the HAZUS any number of scenarios can be quickly and easily created.

Data Updates Due to Amber by August 23

All data updates should be sent to Schaan as soon as possible as the HAZUS needs to be complete before the plan is sent to the communities for approval in the September/October timeframe.

Mitigation Planning

Schaan said she updated the goals and objectives section based on input given at the last meeting. She asked the group to review the changes and give feedback on wording and new entries. Walker asked that the bullet point under Goal 3, "Require new roads and structures be built above BFE" be re-worded as the City has found requiring the curb be built at the BFE to be much more cost effective.

Rogness asked the group to notify Schaan of any additional changes or edits.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will return to the original meeting schedule on Wednesday, September 4, at 1:15 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED