

1.0 Introduction, Assurances and Adoption

1.1 – Introduction

Mitigation is commonly defined as sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from hazards and their effects. Hazard mitigation planning provides communities with a roadmap to aid in the creation and revision of policies and procedures, and the use of available resources, to provide long-term, tangible benefits to the community. A well-designed hazard mitigation plan provides communities with realistic actions that can be taken to reduce potential vulnerability and exposure to identified hazards.

This Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was prepared to provide sustained actions to eliminate or reduce risk to people and property from the effects of natural and man-made hazards. This plan documents the State of Kansas Homeland Security Region I (hereafter referred to as Kansas Region I) and its participating jurisdictions planning process and identifies applicable hazards, vulnerabilities, and hazard mitigation strategies. This plan will serve to direct available community and regional resources towards creating policies and actions that provide long-term benefits to the community. Local and regional officials can refer to the plan when making decisions regarding regulations and ordinances, granting permits, and in funding capital improvements and other community initiatives.

Specifically, this hazard mitigation plan was developed to:

- Update the Kansas Region I 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Build for a safer future for all citizens
- Foster cooperation for planning and resiliency
- Identify, prioritize and mitigate against hazards
- Assist with sensible and effective planning and budgeting
- Educate citizens about hazards, mitigation and preparedness
- Comply with federal requirements

As stipulated in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) Section 322, federally approved mitigation plans are a prerequisite for mitigation project grants. Development and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval of this plan will ensure future eligibility for federal disaster mitigation funds through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM), Repetitive Flood Claims, and a variety of other state and federal programs. This Plan was prepared to meet the requirements of the DMA 2000, as defined in regulations set forth by the Interim Final Rule (44 CFR Part 201.6).

This plan has been designed to be a living document, a document that will evolve to reflect changes, correct any omissions, and constantly strive to ensure the safety of Kansas Region I.





1.2 – Participating Jurisdictions

44 CFR 201.6(a)(4): Multi-jurisdictional plans may be accepted, as appropriate, as long as each jurisdiction has participated in the process and has officially adopted the plan.

All eligible jurisdictions were invited to participate in the organization, drafting, completion and adoption of this plan. Invited jurisdictions included, but were not limited to, elected officials, relevant State of Kansas agencies, counties, cities, school districts, non-profit agencies, and businesses.

In order to have an approved hazard mitigation plan, DMA 2000 requires that each jurisdiction participate in the planning process. Each jurisdiction choosing to participate in the development of the plan were required to meet detailed participation requirements, which included the following:

- When practical and affordable, participation in planning meetings
- Provision of information to support the plan development
- Identification of relevant mitigation actions
- Review and comment on plan drafts
- Formal adoption of the plan

Based on the above criteria, the following jurisdictions participated in the planning process, and will individually as a jurisdiction adopt the approved hazard mitigation plan:

Table 1.1: Chase County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
Chase County	x	x
Cedar Point	x	x
Cottonwood Falls	x	x
Elmdale	x	x
Matfield Green	x	x
Strong City	x	x
USD #284 – Chase County	x	x
All Rural Water Districts (RWDs)	x	x
Public Wholesale Water Supply District #26	x	x
Flint Hills REC	x	x
Lyon-Coffey Electric COOP	x	x

Table 1.2: Geary County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
Geary County	x	x
Grandview Plaza	x	x
Junction City	x	x
Milford	x	x
Cloud County Community College	x	x
USD #475 – Geary County	x	x





Table 1.2: Geary County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
All RWDs	X	X
Bluestem COOP	X	X
DS&O REC	X	X
Flint Hills REC	X	X

Table 1.3: Lyon County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
Lyon County	X	X
Admire	X	X
Allen	X	X
Americus	X	X
Bushong	X	X
Emporia	X	X
Hartford	X	X
Neosho Rapids	X	X
Olpe	X	X
Reading	X	X
Emporia State University	X	X
Flint Hills Technical College	X	X
USD #251 – North Lyon County	X	X
USD #252 – Southern Lyon County	X	X
USD #253 - Emporia	X	X
All Rural Water Districts	X	X
Allen Creek Watershed District #89	X	X
Salt Creek Watershed Joint District #104	X	X
Upper Marais Des Cygnes Watershed Joint District #101	X	X
Flint Hills REC	X	X

Table 1.4: Morris County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
Morris County	X	X
Council Grove	X	X
Dunlap	X	X
Dwight	X	X
Latimer	X	X
Parkerville	X	X
White City	X	X
Wilsey	X	X
USD #417 – Morris County	X	X
USD #481 – Rural Vista	X	X
All Rural Water Districts	X	X
Diamond Creek Watershed Joint District #61	X	X
Lyon Creek Watershed	X	X





Table 1.4: Morris County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
Rock Creek Watershed Joint District #84	x	x
Flint Hills REC	x	x

Table 1.5: Pottawatomie County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
Pottawatomie County	x	x
Belvue	x	x
Emmett	x	x
Havensville	x	x
Louisville	x	x
Olsburg	x	x
Onaga	x	x
St. George	x	x
St Mary's	x	x
Wamego	x	x
Westmoreland	x	x
Wheaton	x	x
USD #320 – Wamego	x	x
USD #321 – Kaw Valley	x	x
USD #322 – Onaga / Havensville / Wheaton	x	x
USD #323 – Rock Creek	x	x
USD #384 – Blue Valley	x	x
All Rural Water Districts	x	x
Belvue Drainage District	x	x
Cross Creek Watershed Joint District #42	x	x
Bluestem Electric COOP	x	x
Nemaha-Marshall Electric COOP	x	x

Table 1.6: Riley County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
Riley County	x	x
Leonardville	x	x
Manhattan	x	x
Ogden	x	x
Randolph	x	x
Riley	x	x
Kansas State University	x	x
USD #378 – Riley County	x	x
USD #383 – Manhattan / Ogden	x	x
USD #384 – Blue Valley	x	x
Bluestem Electric COOP	x	x
Flint Hills REC	x	x





Table 1.7: Wabaunsee County Participating Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2015 HMP Participant	2020 HMP Participant
Wabaunsee County	x	x
Alma	x	x
Alta Vista	x	x
Eskridge	x	x
Harveyville	x	x
Maple Hill	x	x
McFarland	x	x
Paxico	x	x
USD #329 – Mill Creek Valley	x	x
USD #330 – Mission Valley	x	x
All Rural Water Districts	x	x
Bluestem Electric COOP	x	x
Flint Hills REC	x	x
Kaw Valley REC	x	x
Lyon-Coffey Electric COOP	x	x

Any Kansas Region I jurisdiction not covered in this HMP is either covered under another plan or declined to participate.

1.3 – Assurances

Kansas Region I and all participating jurisdictions certify that they will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations during the periods for which it receives grant funding, in compliance with 44 CFR 13.11(c), and will amend its plan whenever necessary to reflect changes in State or Federal laws and statutes as required in 44 CFR 13.11(d).

This hazard mitigation plan was prepared to comply with all relevant the requirements of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, as amended by the DMA 2000. This plan complies with all the relevant requirements of:

- Code of Federal Regulation (44 CFR) pertaining to hazard mitigation planning
- FEMA planning directives and guidelines
- Interim final, and final rules pertaining to hazard mitigation planning and grant funding
- Relevant presidential directives
- Office of Management and Budget circulars
- Any additional and relevant federal government documents, guidelines, and rules.

1.4 – Authorities

For all jurisdictions within Kansas Region I all authority is subject to prescribed constraints, as all of Kansas political subdivisions must not act without proper delegation from the State. However, cities and counties in Kansas have broad home rule powers. Local governments in Kansas have a wide range of





tools available to them for implementing mitigation programs, policies, and actions. A local jurisdiction may utilize any or all of the following broad authorities granted by the State of Kansas:

- Regulation
- Acquisition
- Taxation
- Spending

In addition, Kansas local governments have been granted broad regulatory authority in their jurisdictions. Kansas Administrative Regulations bestow the general police power on local governments, allowing them to enact and enforce ordinances which define, prohibit, regulate or abate acts, omissions, or conditions detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the people, and to define and abate nuisances. Since hazard mitigation can be included under the police power (as protection of public health, safety, and welfare), towns, cities, and counties may include requirements for hazard mitigation in local ordinances. Local governments may also use their ordinance-making power to abate “nuisances”, which could include, by local definition, any activity or condition making people or property more vulnerable to any hazard.

The Kansas Region IHMP relies on the authorities given to it by the State of Kansas and its citizens as encoded in state law. This plan is intended to be consistent with all policies and procedures that govern activities related to the mitigation programming and planning. In all cases of primacy, State of Kansas laws, statutes, and policies will supersede the provisions of the plan. This HMP attempts to be consistent following:

- Kansas Constitution, Article 12 Section 5: Home rule powers
- Kansas Administrative Regulation 56-2: Standards for local disaster agencies
- 2016 Kansas Statutes, Chapter 12, Article 7: Allows cities and municipalities to designate flood zones and restrict the use of land within these zones
- 2016 Kansas Statutes Chapter 24, Article 12: Establishes watershed districts
- 2016 Kansas Statutes, Chapter 48, Article 9: Promulgating the Kansas Emergency Management Act, requiring counties to establish and maintain a disaster agency responsible for emergency management and to prepare a county emergency response plan
- 2016 Kansas Statutes, Chapter 65, Article 57: Promulgating the Kansas Emergency Planning and Community Right to-Know Act
- The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390 – October 30, 2000)
- 44 CFR Part 201.6: Local mitigation plans

In addition, this plan will be consistent with all relevant federal authorities as well as Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) mitigation standards.





1.5 – Adoption Resolutions

44 CFR Requirement 201.6(c)(5): Documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan (e.g., City Council, County Commissioner, Tribal Council). For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.

Upon review and approved pending adoption status by FEMA Region VII adoption resolutions will be signed by the participating jurisdictions and tracked by the Regional Mitigation Plan Project Manager with KDEM.

While not required, private, non-profit and charitable organizations that independently participated in this planning effort are encouraged to adopt the plan.

Adoption resolutions may be found in Appendix A.

