

7.0 PROBLEM STATEMENTS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTION ITEMS

A main component of the mitigation planning process consists of developing problem statements for each hazard identified in the hazard assessment. and then determining goals and objectives that will lead to action items to eliminate or reduce the potential losses identified in the hazard assessment. These action items are then evaluated and prioritized into an implementation strategy in which responsible agencies are identified and time frames for completing the actions are listed.

In revising this Plan, the core committee met to discuss the status of existing mitigation actions and to develop new actions. This meeting was followed by email correspondence to refine the actions developed.

During the course of the meeting, clear goals emerged that are all-hazards by nature and are seen as essential to the needs of Henry County. Not all goals and actions deal with structural improvements but all address vital interests of the County and protect both new and existing structures. Below is a listing of these common goals and the types of actions they include:

1. **Protect public with information and communication:** These include actions with educate the public on hazards, readiness, and safety. These also include actions detailing with community warning methods such as outdoor warning sirens.
2. **Ensure resident health during recovery:** These actions will enable the expedient delivery of aid and the restoration of services such as safe water.
3. **Reduce losses to lives and property:** These actions will directly protect the populace whether by property improvements, land use controls, or land maintenance.

The existing problem statements remain accurate and correspond to the revised goals in this plan.

In addition to the revised problem statements, goals, objectives, and actions, many of the actions from the previous plan will continue. These can be found in Appendix F.

After the problem statements were determined, the core committee established a list of goals to correspond to these problem statements. These goals are general guidelines that explain what the County wants to achieve.

From these goals, the core committee established objectives. These objectives are more specific and narrower in scope than the goals. They expand on the goals and provide more detail on ways to accomplish the goals.

Once the problem statements, goals, and objectives were established, the core committee began to identify potential mitigation actions. The action items are directly related to meeting the listed goals and objectives.

The following list details the problem statements, goals, objectives and action items identified for each natural hazard as determined by the core committee.

7.1 Tornado

Problem Statements:

- Tornadoes are unpredictable
- Tornadoes happen suddenly

- Warning systems need improvement
- Lack of shelters – specifically for mobile home parks
- Lack of trained personnel for damage assessments

Goal 1: Protect public with information and communication

Objectives:

- Improve resident notification
- Educate and inform public

Action Items:

- Countywide siren policy
- Siren encoder for remote activation
- Community event notification
- Spotter training programs
- Implement social media plan
- Increase public awareness of preparedness activity and resources
- Siren policy education

Goal 2: Ensure resident health during recovery

Objective:

- Protect critical resources
- Expedite recovery

Action Items:

- Damage reporting
- Water treatment plant facility

Goal 3: Reduce losses to lives and property

Objectives:

- Direct protection of vulnerable residents

Action Items:

- Shelters for mobile home parks

7.2 Winter Storms

Problem Statements:

- Wind and freezing rain can cause downed power lines
- Heavy snow and ice hampers rescue efforts
- Winter storms and blizzards can be unpredictable
- Residents can be unprepared by having an insufficient supply of medicine, food and fuel
- Key personnel may not have transportation available to travel through deep snow

Goal 1: Protect public with information and communication

Objectives:

- Improve resident notification
- Educate and inform public

Action Items:

- Community event notification
- Implement social media plan
- Increase public awareness of preparedness activity and resources

7.3 Floods

Problem Statements:

- Henry County has four repetitive loss structures as defined by FEMA
- There are many seasonal mobile homes impacted by flood waters along the Maumee River
- School Creek has flooded twice in the last four years impacting the residents in the Holgate Area
- The breaking up of ice on the Maumee River can cause damage

Goal 1: Protect public with information and communication.

Objectives:

- Improve resident notification
- Educate and inform public

Action Items:

- Community event notification
- Implement social media plan
- Increase public awareness of preparedness activity and resources

Goal 2: Ensure resident health during recovery

Objectives:

- Protect critical resources

Action Items:

- Water treatment facility

Goal 3: Reduce losses to lives and property

Objectives:

- Restore and maintain river flow

Action Items:

- Resume dredging of Maumee River

7.4 Summer Storms

Problem Statements:

- High winds and falling tree limbs can cause downed power lines
- Downed trees and power lines hamper rescue efforts
- Thunderstorms can be unpredictable
- Residents can be unprepared by having an insufficient supply of medicine,

food and fuel Goal 1: Protect public with information and communication

Objectives:

- Improve resident notification
- Educate and inform public

Action Items:

- Community event notification
- Implement social media plan
- Increase public awareness of preparedness activity

and resource Goal 2: Ensure resident health during recovery

Objectives:

- Protect critical resources
- Expedite recovery

Action Items:

- Damage reporting
- Water treatment facility