

Goals

Resistance to disasters is an important trait of livable community. The planning for hazard mitigation before a disaster occurs can become stronger when accompanied by the concepts of sustainable development. The goals discussed in this report were developed through extensive meetings with County agency personnel directly involved in preparedness and prevention, recovery and reconstruction.

Presented below is a summary of the goals, with the overriding statement as: To promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to natural disasters in specific areas by provisions designed to:

- Protect human life and health;
- Minimize expenditure of public money for costly restoration and/or mitigation projects;
- Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with natural disasters and generally undertaken at the expense of the public funds and resources;
- Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone, sanitary sewer systems, streets and bridges;
- To build sustainable, reduced risk communities in Clinton County.

Mitigation goals to reduce or avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards may be achieved with the cooperation of the County's existing infrastructure of public / private agencies and personnel. The Clinton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will serve as the conduit and coordinator of strategies to achieve goals. The coordination will involve collaboration between agencies to amend regulations and policies to address the Natural Hazards identified herein. One successful collaboration exercise was the completion of an OSCAR, whereby agency representatives joined in a collaborative fashion to critique the existing delivery system and to identify ways in which services may be improved. Where appropriate, the EMA will work with regulatory or administrative agencies to help enhance the County's regulations or policies regarding Natural Hazards. A cost benefit review will be performed when submitting FEMA eligible projects. The following goal statements were decided upon by meeting with the townships and villages to discuss their problems. Focused goals statements include:

Tornados / Severe Weather Storms:

Expand the siren location throughout the County.

Increase the number of NOAA weather radios utilized.

Increase public awareness.

Improve upon wind resistant building regulations;

Investigate options regarding shelter for mobile home park residents.

Snowstorms:

Increase public awareness regarding snow emergencies, including information on snow emergency alert levels;

Provide awareness to farming communities regarding the benefits of corn stalks remaining on outside rows acting as wind breaks near roadways that tend to drift.

Upgrade or remove as the case warrants, damaged fencing.

Drought:

Increase public awareness regarding droughts and how they affect the community;
Address the impact of development regarding droughts.

Flooding:

Increase public awareness regarding flooding;
Address the impact of development in flood prone areas;
Address the need to clear streams and drainage ditches of debris thereby allowing surface water to flow freely.

Earthquakes:

Increase public awareness regarding earthquakes