

7.0 MITIGATION PLAN MAINTENANCE AND SCHEDULE

Once the Mitigation Plan is approved by the State of Ohio and FEMA by August 2011, a committee, initiated by the Butler County Emergency Management Agency and made up of representatives of all county jurisdictions, will be created to focus on implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the plan. Monitoring and evaluation of this plan involves the ongoing process of compiling information on the outcomes from the implementation of the mitigation action items.

At the initial meeting the committee will review the goals and action items to make sure that they are being successfully completed or are on track to be completed. The committee will assess if the county's vulnerability to hazards has decreased from the mitigation actions. Other issues that will be assessed by the committee are the redundancy of mitigation strategies, technical, legal or coordination problems associated with implementation, and any funding issues that may arise.

The committee will meet on a 6 month basis, or as needed.

The success of the Mitigation Plan will depend upon the efforts of this committee to become involved with other planning efforts in the community such as the development of future land-use plans, capital improvement plans, zoning ordinances, floodplain regulations, building codes, and subdivision regulations, etc. created by county jurisdictions. By becoming involved in these planning processes and plan's development, the goals and actions of this Mitigation Plan will be successfully embedded in everyday planning and development practice in Butler County and each hazard will be addressed and accounted for.

Communities will be able to use the plan for a variety of activities, including implementing specific mitigation projects, as well as, implementing changes in the daily operation of the local government. To ensure the success of an ongoing program, it is critical that the plan remains relevant to the County's growth and development. Thus, it is important for the County to conduct periodic evaluations and make revisions as needed, as well as, incorporate changes into other planning documents in the County.

The public will be involved on a continuous basis. Public involvement will be accomplished by establishing a website link (<http://www.butlercountyohio.org/ema/>) whereby the mitigation action items that are slated for development that current year will be highlighted. The public will be encouraged to participate in the continued development of the mitigation plan. There will also be a formalized press release developed for their annual review process.