

Section Six: Plan Implementation and Maintenance

Summary of Changes

Section Six is consistent with what was outlined in the previous mitigation plan. It should be noted that the planning team and participating jurisdictions have designed a tool to meet the annual review requirement for this planning process.

Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan

Participants of the LPSNRD Plan will be responsible for monitoring (annually), evaluating, and updating of the plan. Hazard mitigation projects will be prioritized by each participant's governing body with support and suggestions from the public, as well as property and business owners. Unless otherwise specified by each participant's governing body, the City Council will be responsible for implementation of the recommended projects. The responsible party for the various implementation actions will report on the status of all projects and include which implementation processes worked well, any difficulties they encountered, how coordination efforts are proceeding, and which strategies could be revised.

To assist with monitoring of the plan, as each recommended project is completed, a detailed timeline of how that project was completed will be written and attached to the plan in a format selected by the governing body. Information that should be included will address project timelines, agencies involved, area(s) benefited, total funding (if complete), etc. At the discretion of each governing body, a local task force may be used to review the original draft of the mitigation plan and to recommend changes.

Review and updating of this plan will occur at least every five years. At the discretion of each governing body, updates may be incorporated more frequently, especially in the event of a major hazard. The governing body shall start meeting to discuss mitigation updates at least six months prior to the deadline for completing the plan review. The persons overseeing the evaluation process will review the goals and objectives of the previous plan and evaluate them to determine whether they are still pertinent and current. Among other questions, they may want to consider the following:

- Do the goals and objectives address current and expected conditions?
- If any of the recommended projects have been completed, did they have the desired impact on the goal for which they were identified? If not, what was the reason it was not successful (lack of funds/resources, lack of political/popular support, underestimation of the amount of time needed, etc.)?
- Have the nature, magnitude, and/or type of risks changed?
- Are there implementation problems?
- Are current resources appropriate to implement the plan?
- Were the outcomes as expected?
- Did the plan partners participate as originally planned?
- Are there other agencies which should be included in the revision process?

Worksheets in *Appendix D* may also be used to assist with plan updates.

If major new, innovative mitigation strategies arise that could impact the planning area or elements of this plan, which are determined to be of importance, a plan amendment may be proposed and considered separate from

Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(i): *[The plan maintenance process shall include a] section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle.*

Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(ii): *[The plan shall include a] process by which local governments incorporate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate.*

Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(iii): *[The plan maintenance process shall include a] discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process.*

the annual review and other proposed plan amendments. LPSNRD should compile a list of proposed amendments received annually and prepare a report providing applicable information for each proposal, and recommend action on the proposed amendments.

Continued Public Involvement

To ensure continued plan support and input from the public as well as property and business owners, public involvement should remain a top priority for each participant. Notices for public meetings involving discussion of or action on mitigation updates should be published and posted in the following locations a minimum of two weeks in advance:

- Public spaces/buildings throughout each participating community
- Web sites, local newspapers, and regionally-distributed newspapers

Incorporation into Existing Planning Mechanisms

THE USE OF THE SAFE GROWTH AUDIT

Expanding into more hazardous areas or redeveloping existing areas already subject to hazards can expose communities to unnecessary risks. In order to avoid making unwise development or redevelopment decisions and in order to enhance communities' overall resilience to (natural and man-made) hazards, the Practice Safe Growth Audit, development by APA, was utilized in the update of this HMP. The purpose of the safe growth audit is to analyze the impacts of current policies, ordinances, and plans on community safety from hazard risks due to growth. It gives the community a comprehensive but concise evaluation of the positive and negative effects of its existing growth guidance framework on future hazard vulnerability and also provides guidance for decision makers about future possible improvements. The Safe Growth Audit was used in this plan by reviewing the comprehensive plan of each community that made it available. A survey was also asked of each community to gauge their capabilities. Many of the comprehensive plans were very old and some communities did not provide a plan at all.

“As Communities grow and develop, they may become more vulnerable to natural hazards.”

- *Safe Growth Audit* by David R. Godschalk, FAICP

The major principals for this safe growth audit are to:

- Create a safe growth vision.
- Guide growth away from high risk locations.
- Locate CFs outside high-risk zones.
- Preserve protective ecosystems.
- Retrofit building and facilities at risk in redeveloping areas.
- Develop knowledgeable community leaders and networks.
- Monitor and update safe growth programs and plans.

In addition to ensuring that the goals and objective of this plan are incorporated into revisions of each participant's planning mechanism, local governing bodies will be responsible for integrating the safe growth audit findings and recommendations into future planning improvements. One way to incorporate the findings of the audit into future planning improvements is to invite a member of the planning team to be involved with future updates of comprehensive plans. Please go to *Section Seven: Participant Sections* for detailed information regarding each community.