

## MEETING NOTES

Core Planning Committee Meeting #2 / Public Meeting #1  
November 15, 2018

### Core Planning Committee Meeting

- Introductions: All attendees, including Clermont County EMA Director, BPS employees, and Stakeholders introduced themselves and organization.
- Attendees were provided with an overview of the hazard mitigation planning process and the role of the Core Planning Committee in the process.
- Attendees were updated on the status of the plan and provided with a schedule of upcoming events.
- Attendees were provided an up to date list of data research results and informed of what information was needed from them in the form of surveys.
- Stakeholders completed the Goals Survey, at which point it was determined some stakeholders were not present at the first Core Planning Committee meeting and some additional background on the Hazard Mitigation Planning Process.
- Stakeholders then completed the Hazard Priorities Survey.
- At this point, Clermont County EMA Director recommended completing the Mitigation Action survey at a later time due to absence of many communities. Instead, attendees were provided with a list of Clermont County Mitigation Strategies (Countywide strategies) provided by Pam Haverkos (located in the 2014 Clermont County AHMP on pg. 88).
- Attendees discussed status of county-wide mitigation actions:
  - Flooding:
    - Significant progress has been made on putting up signs at repeated high water locations.
    - Pierce Township has put up some signage, as well as high water lights but after installation only one light worked. Pierce Township has also completed some public education on high water. Distributes tickets to people who drive around closed road (due to high water) signs.
    - Pierce township stated that the County acquires repetitive loss structures, indicated that it is more of an access issue rather than a property issue when it comes to repetitive loss structures.
    - Other individual communities stated they document routine high-water locations.
    - It was noted that the 28 Bypass has flooding issues and has had to be closed down three times for flooding/ice issues.
    - Little Miami doesn't have flooding – stakeholder could only remember that maybe once has a driver gone through high water.
    - New Richmond has installed some new signs this year, added signs; New Richmond has also acquired one repetitive loss property and would like to get another.
    - Mitigation actions mentioned:
      - Work with communities to document repetitive high-water locations
      - One stakeholder mentioned holding Simple training for other communities on high water and flooding
  - Severe Storms:
    - Temporary Safe Locations – problems have been identified with these (one stakeholder suggested reaching out to Rich Stowell about this)
      - By the time you get there, it's "a lost cause" because the worst of the storm is over.
      - Pre-identifying a location, must make sure someone is there to open the facility (this can be a challenge to make sure that someone is

- able to go out in the storm to unlock – you don't want to keep these safe locations unlocked at all times “just in case” since that might lead to people using the space as a shelter during non-emergencies)
  - Communities have tried to apply for funds to set up a safe room but without success.
    - Some Chilo safe location shave been used.
    - Is it possible to have locations aware of potential tornadoes and unlock ahead of time?
  - Tornadoes
    - Sirens also activated for Haz. Mat spills (not a great tool in that instance, though)
    - Siren malfunction in last couple of weeks, County is working on permanent solution.
    - Cell phone/phone notification system for hazard events
    - Two communities mentioned the Nixle system, including New Richmond
    - iPhone users should get notification of tornado events like the Amber Alert notification unless user has disabled that function on phone.
  - Invasive Species
    - The OSU Extension representative was present and discussed that the Emerald Ash Borer has created problems for the county; can make ice/wind events worse for trees – must cut them down.
    - Asian Longhorn Beetle has caused economic problems, especially in Tate Township.
      - Must coordinate with USDA to transport.
      - Tate Twp under quarantine, cannot transport wood out of Twp (can transport in, though)
    - Emerald Ash Borer-infected trees can be cut and used for firewood, but should be kept local
    - The Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Longhorn Beetle are the worst in terms of economic impact
    - The Brown Marmorated Stinkbug could impact crops
    - Kudzu has potential to take over
    - How do we look at *preventing* invasive species?
    - Harmful algae bloom could impact resources, especially water resources
      - Lake is part of drinking supply.
    - Should it be called “Threat to Natural Resources” section instead of Invasive Species?
- Stakeholders reviewed and discussed general county-wide strategies for flooding, severe storms, tornadoes, and invasive species.
- Stakeholders then completed the Hazard Assessment Survey
- Finally, attendees reviewed the list of Critical Facilities and discussed potential additions to the list.
  - The survey as it was intended was not reviewed, as the survey needs some reworking so that all critical facilities are listed in the jurisdiction to which they belong.
  - Potential additions to consider to list of Critical facilities include:
    - Water & sewer
    - Public Works facilities
    - EHS and HS Facilities (approximately 85 of these throughout County for Hazardous materials)
    - Stormwater outside public right of way
    - County agencies other than 911 call centers

- Civic Centers/Municipal buildings
- Post offices
- Museums/places of cultural significance (suggested by Ohio EMA rep)
- FedEx/UPS or other structures critical to commerce

**Public Meeting**

- Two members of the public and one member of the media (Clermont Sun) joined several stakeholders who stayed for the Public Meeting.
- Members of the public completed the goals survey, hazard prioritization survey, and public opinion survey.
- One member of the public commented that he would not complete the goal survey in person, but would take it home, review the 2014 Clermont County AHMP and complete the online version of the survey after reviewing the previous plan.
- Attendees reviewed Exhibits 1-5 around the room, as well, although no comments were left.