

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District



Upcoming Meetings:

October 20

Dakota County
Service Center,
1505 Broadway,
Dakota City
6:30 -7:30 p.m.

October 27

Papio NRD Offices,
8901 S. 154th Street,
Omaha
6:30 -7:30 p.m.

November 4

Blair City Hall,
218 S. 16th Street,
Blair
6:30 -7:30 p.m.

*Identical information
will be presented at
all three meetings.*



You're Invited!

Please join us at a public meeting to help with the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, as your community is included in this plan.

Why is a Plan Needed?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) now requires Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans before any local governmental entity can receive funding for pre-hazard mitigation projects or post-hazard cleanup and damage repair. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds are administered by the state.

How Does It Work?

FEMA describes the process this way:

"During the recovery phase of a disaster, local jurisdictions select projects that could reduce property damage from future disasters, and submit grant applications to the State. Indian tribes and certain non-profit organizations can also apply, and local governments can apply on behalf of individual property owners. The states administer the HMGP program. They establish mitigation priorities for the State, facilitate the development of applications, and submit applications to FEMA based on State criteria and available funding."

History of Papio-Missouri River NRD's Plan

In 2006, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (P-MRNRD) developed the first Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in the state of Nebraska. Just three years later, the plan already has begun to serve its intended purpose by spurring on mitigation projects, including the acquisition of flood-prone structures in King Lake and the updating of floodplain maps in four of the six NRD counties.



Updating the NRD's Plan

Some FEMA regulations have changed since 2006, and the P-MRNRD is starting the update of their plan to make sure that:

- All communities and counties participate and are included in the plan
- Time allows for ample public education and feedback
- The latest technology in predicting the benefits of mitigation activities is utilized

Through hazard mitigation planning, local entities are able to identify their individual risks and hazards, come up with possible eligible projects to minimize those risks, and then implement such plans to provide protection for lives, structures, resources, and critical infrastructure.

Examples of such hazard mitigation issues that could impact any local entity include the severe winter storm of October 1997; the flooding in Burt, Douglas, and Washington counties in August 1999; the ice storm damage throughout central Nebraska in January 2007; and the severe summer storms that moved through the Omaha metro area in June 2008. *Additional information about eligible projects and examples of what this plan and the HMGP program can do for your group or community are included on the reverse side of this page.*

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**Additional information is available at the project website:
http://oaprojects.com/papionrd_hazard**



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Your Role in the Plan

Your involvement and cooperation in this joint inter-agency regional planning effort is critical to make this the most effective and beneficial plan for our whole area. One of the real benefits of this joint planning effort to your community, tribe, school district, or organization is that the required 25 percent local plan development costs are being covered by P-MRNRD funds.

FEMA guidelines state that HMGP funds may be used to fund projects that will reduce or eliminate the losses from future disasters. Projects must provide a long-term solution to a problem – for example, elevating a home to reduce the risk of flood damage, as opposed to buying sandbags and pumps to fight the flood.

Examples of projects include, but are not limited to:

- Acquiring, demolishing, or elevating flood-prone structures
- Retrofitting structures and facilities to minimize damage from high winds, earthquake, flood, wildfire, or other natural hazards
- Creating community and individual storm shelter programs
- Developing and initially implementing vegetative management programs
- Designing minor flood-control projects that do not duplicate the flood-prevention activities of other federal agencies
- Adding public awareness campaigns, enhanced hazard information systems, or enhanced warning capabilities

Questions? For More Information...

Remember, this is a **joint** cooperative effort, and we want you to have a share in this new partnership. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Lori Laster or Amanda Grint with the Papio-Missouri River NRD at 402.444.6222.

