



Marion County 2023 HMP Update

Kick-off Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022; 1:00pm
Knoxville, IA



1. Introductions

- *Carla Eysink, Marion County Economic Development*
- *Cassi Pearson, Knoxville Schools Superintendent*
- *Emily Feagins, Marion County EMA*
- *Jeff Anderson, Marion County EMA*
- *Kim Dorn, Marion County Health Department*
- *Missy Poffenbarger, Marion County Zoning*
- *Nathalie McCollam, Pella Regional Health Center*
- *Tony Aylsworth, Pleasantville Schools Superintendent*
- *Troy Fisher, Marion County Chief Deputy*
- *Brooke Seachord, JEO Consulting Group*
- *Becky Appleford, JEO Consulting Group*

2. Overview of Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update

- Process guided by local Planning Teams
 - *Regional Planning Team includes Marion County representatives and schools while Local Planning Teams includes representatives from each participating jurisdiction (city officials, residents, stakeholders in each community, etc.).*
 - *JEO may reach out to Regional Planning Team members for assistance contacting and encouraging communities to participate in this HMP update.*
- Project description and planning area map
- Update of 2016 Marion County HMP (currently expired)

3. Planning Process

- Project description and schedule
- FEMA mitigation planning policy updates
 - **2023 HMP must meet all new FEMA requirements from the *Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide* which becomes effective April 18, 2023**
 - https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_local-mitigation-planning-policy-guide_042022.pdf
 - *Changing requirements: FEMA looking for more direct connections between identified hazards of top concern and selected mitigation actions. Added emphasis on identifying specific mitigation actions per community. Additional emphasis has been placed on plan integration, plan maintenance, and involvement in the National Flood Insurance Program.*
- Project website: <https://www.jeo.com/marioncounty-hmp>
 - County and community websites should link to project website, where possible

4. Planning Team Establishment

- Define role and responsibilities of Planning Team
 - *Participants must attend Round 1 and Round 2 meetings, provide relevant information and data, and adopt the final plan via resolution during review period. If needed, one-on-one meetings may be used by communities to meet engagement requirements*

- *Participation emphasis is on all counties and communities in the planning area, including those who did not participate in the past HMP. Additional participants may include townships, school districts, fire districts, rural water districts, electric co-ops, or other taxing authorities. Additional participants must have either participated in the past HMP or engage fully in this plan update process (with specific mitigation action item needs).*

Counties	
Marion County	
Communities	
Bussey	Melcher-Dallas
Hamilton	Pella
Harvey	Pleasantville
Knoxville	Swan
Marysville	
Townships (may be included under Marion County)	
Clay*	Liberty*
Dallas*	Pleasant Grove*
Franklin*	Red Rock*
Indiana*	Summit*
Knoxville*	Union*
Lake Prairie*	Washington*
School Districts	
Knoxville Community School District	Pleasantville Community School District
Melcher-Dallas Community School District	Twin Cedars Community School District
Pella Community School District	
Fire Districts	
Clay Township Fire Department*	Knoxville Township Rural Fire Department*
Indiana Township Fire Department*	
Other Special Districts	
Central College	Rathbun Rural Water Association*
Knoxville Hospital	Two Rivers Cooperative *
Pella Regional Health Center	Pella Cooperative Electric*
Pella Christian Schools	Iowa Regional Utility Association*

**indicates entities that did NOT participate in the 2016 plan*

- Review and update HMP goals
 - Revised goals are listed below:
 - **Goal 1: Protect the Health and Safety of Residents**
 - **Objective 1.1: Reduce or prevent damage to property or prevent loss of life or serious injury**

- **Goal 2: Reduce Future Losses from Hazard Events**
 - **Objective 2.1:** Provide protection for existing structures, future development, critical facilities, services, utilities, vulnerable areas or populations, and trees.
 - **Objective 2.2:** Develop hazard specific plans, conduct studies or assessments, and retrofit buildings and facilities to mitigate for hazards and minimize their impact.
 - **Objective 2.3:** Minimize the impact of hazard events through enacting or updating ordinances, permits, laws or regulations.
- **Goal 3: Increase Public Awareness and Education Regarding Vulnerabilities to Hazards**
 - **Objective 3.1:** Develop and provide information to the public and property owners about their risk and vulnerability to hazards.
- **Goal 4: Improve Emergency Management Capabilities**
 - **Objective 4.1:** Develop or update City and/or County Emergency Response Plan(s) and procedures and increase the capability to respond.
 - **Objective 4.2:** Develop or improve Evacuation Plans and procedures.
 - **Objective 4.3:** Improve warning systems and ability to communicate to the public during and following a disaster or emergency.
- **Goal 5: Pursue Multi-Objective Opportunities (whenever possible)**
 - **Objective 5.1:** When possible, use existing resources, agencies, and programs to implement the projects.
 - **Objective 5.2:** When possible implement projects that achieve several goals.
- **Goal 6: Enhance Overall Resilience and Promote Sustainability**
 - **Objective 6.1:** Incorporate hazard mitigation and adaptation into updating other local planning endeavors (e.g. comprehensive plans, zoning ordinance, subdivision regulation, etc.)
- Hazard identification
 - Hazards to be profiled in this plan include:
 - Agricultural Plant and Animal Disease, Dam Failure, Drought, Earthquakes, Expansive Soils, Extreme Heat, Flooding (both riverine and flash flooding), Grass and Wildland Fire, Hazardous Materials, Human Disease, Infrastructure Failure, Landslides, Radiological, Severe Winter Storms & Extreme Cold, Severe Thunderstorms, Sinkholes, Tornadoes and High Winds, Terrorism & Civil Disorder, Transportation Incidents
 - New Hazards Added for 2023 Update: Radiological, Terrorism & Civil Disorder
 - Removed Hazard for 2023 Update: Levee Failure – no levee systems located in Marion County. Impacts from upstream levee failure to be included under Flooding profile.
 - A discussion of economic impacts from each hazard to be included under Section Four Hazard Risk analysis.

- Identify available data as it relates to the HMP update process
 - *Marion County Engineering to provide copies of county-owned dam inspection reports to JEO.*
 - *Other plans or data to be shared as they're identified by the jurisdiction or JEO.*

- 5. Public Involvement
 - Potential participants
 - Taxing Authority (e.g., School Districts, Fire Districts)
 - Other – Pella Christian Schools, Colleges, Hospitals/Health Departments
 - Promote local communication and public involvement
 - Community engagement strategies
 - *Engagement will include hybrid meetings for Round 1 and Round 2 meetings*
 - Identify upcoming public events for information sharing
 - *Current ongoing effort for Marion County Long-term Sustainability Development Plan*
 - Identify key contacts
 - Project flyer for distribution and posting

- 6. Next Steps
 - Data collection and analysis
 - Schedule and attend Round 1 Meeting ~ November 2022
 - *Please complete Survey Monkey to help schedule next meeting.*
 - *Location: Marion County Public Health, 2003 N. Lincoln St, Knoxville (with virtual attendee option)*
 - Project Announcement Press Release and Letter

- 7. Contact Information
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