

# 5 PLAN MAINTENANCE PROCESS

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This chapter provides an overview of the overall strategy for plan maintenance and outlines the method and schedule for monitoring, updating and evaluating the plan. The chapter also discusses incorporating the plan into existing planning mechanisms and how to address continued public involvement.

## 5.1 Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan

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**44 CFR Requirement 201.6(c)(4): 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.**

### 5.1.1 Responsibility for Plan Maintenance

The Mitigation Planning Committee (MPC) has served as an advisory committee during the plan update process but is not a standing committee. Many MPC representatives and stakeholders are also representing their own jurisdictions within Morgan County. Oversight responsibility could fall to such entities as the county emergency management agency, each jurisdiction identified representative, LOCLG staff, and Local Emergency Operations Committee members. The MPC is not a standing committee; responsibility for maintenance is delegated to local emergency management officials and the Morgan County Emergency Management Director.

The maintenance agreement is the responsibility of the participating jurisdictions, including school districts and special districts, to:

- Meet annually, and after a disaster event, to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the plan.
- Act as a forum for hazard mitigation issues.
- Disseminate hazard mitigation ideas and activities to all participants.
- Pursue the implementation of high priority, low- or no-cost recommended actions.
- Maintain vigilant monitoring of multi-objective, cost-share, and other funding opportunities to help the community implement the plan’s recommended actions for which no current funding exists.
- Monitor and assist in implementation and update of this plan.
- Keep the concept of mitigation in the forefront of community decision making by identifying plan recommendations when other community goals, plans, and activities

overlap, influence, or directly affect increased community vulnerability to disasters.

- Report on plan progress and recommended changes to the governing bodies of participating jurisdictions.
- Inform and solicit input from the public.

The MPC is an advisory body and can only make recommendations to county, city, town, or district elected officials. Its primary duty is to see the plan successfully carried out and to report to the community governing bodies and the public on the status of plan implementation and mitigation opportunities. Other duties include reviewing and promoting mitigation proposals, hearing stakeholder concerns about hazard mitigation, passing concerns on to appropriate entities, and posting relevant information in areas accessible to the public.

### **5.1.2 Plan Maintenance Schedule**

The Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Committee (MPC) agrees to meet annually and after a state or federally declared hazard event as appropriate to monitor progress and update the mitigation strategy. The Morgan County Emergency Management Director will be responsible for initiating the plan reviews and will invite members of the MPC to the meeting.

In coordination with all participating jurisdictions, a five-year written update of the plan will be submitted to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and FEMA Region VII per Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(i) of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, unless disaster or other circumstances (e.g., changing regulations) require a change to this schedule.

### **5.1.3 Plan Maintenance Process**

Progress on the proposed actions can be monitored by evaluating changes in vulnerabilities identified in the plan. The MPC (or other designated responsible entity) during the annual meeting should review changes in vulnerability identified as follows:

- Decreased vulnerability as a result of implementing recommended actions,
- Increased vulnerability as a result of failed or ineffective mitigation actions,
- Increased vulnerability due to hazard events, and/or
- Increased vulnerability as a result of new development (and/or annexation).

Future 5-year updates to this plan will include the following activities:

- Consideration of changes in vulnerability due to action implementation,
- Documentation of success stories where mitigation efforts have proven effective,
- Documentation of unsuccessful mitigation actions and why the actions were not effective,
- Documentation of previously overlooked hazard events that may have occurred since the previous plan approval,
- Incorporation of new data or studies with information on hazard risks,
- Incorporation of new capabilities or changes in capabilities,
- Incorporation of growth data and changes to inventories, and
- Incorporation of ideas for new actions and changes in action prioritization.
- Criteria used to evaluate effectiveness will be the same STAPLEE categories initially used to assign priority. If upon implementation a project is found to not be socially, technically, administratively, politically, legally, economically, or environmentally feasible it will be declared to not meet identified objectives.

To best evaluate any changes in vulnerability as a result of plan implementation, the participating jurisdictions will adopt the following process:

- Each proposed action in the plan identified an individual, office, or agency responsible for action implementation. This entity will track and report on an annual basis to the jurisdictional MPC (or designated responsible entity) member on action status. The entity will provide input on whether the action as implemented meets the defined objectives and is likely to be successful in reducing risk.
- If the action does not meet identified objectives, the jurisdictional MPC (or designated responsible entity) member will determine necessary remedial action, making any required modifications to the plan.

Changes will be made to the plan to remedy actions that have failed or are not considered feasible. Feasibility will be determined after a review of action consistency with established criteria, period, community priorities, and/or funding resources. Actions that were not ranked high but were identified as potential mitigation activities will be reviewed as well during the monitoring of this plan. Updating the plan will be accomplished by written changes and submissions, as the MPC deems appropriate and necessary. Changes will be approved by Morgan County and the governing boards of the other participating jurisdictions.

## 5.2 Incorporation into Existing Planning Mechanisms

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**44 CFR 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.**

Where possible, plan participants, including school and special districts, will use existing plans and/or programs to implement hazard mitigation actions. Those existing plans and programs were described in Section 2.2 of this plan. Based on the capability assessments of the participating jurisdictions, communities in Morgan County will continue to plan and implement programs to reduce losses to life and property from hazards. This plan builds upon the momentum developed through previous and related planning efforts and mitigation programs and recommends implementing actions, where possible, through the following plans:

- General or master plans of participating jurisdictions.
- Ordinances of participating jurisdictions.
- Morgan County Emergency Operations Plan.
- Capital improvement plans and budgets.
- Other community plans within the County, such as water conservation plans, storm water management plans, and parks and recreation plans.
- School and Special District Plans and budgets.
- Other plans and policies outlined in the capability assessment sections for each jurisdiction in Chapter 2 of this plan.

Jurisdictional representatives involved in updating these existing planning mechanisms will be responsible for integrating the findings and actions of the mitigation plan, as appropriate. The MPC is also responsible for monitoring this integration and incorporation of the appropriate information into the five-year update of the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

Changes will be made to the plan to remedy actions that have failed or are not considered feasible. Feasibility will be determined after a review of action consistency with established criteria, time frame, community priorities, and/or funding resources. Actions that were not ranked high but were identified as potential mitigation activities will be reviewed as well during the monitoring of this plan. Updating of the plan will be accomplished by written changes and submissions, as the MPC (or designated responsible entity) deems appropriate and necessary. Changes will be approved by the Morgan County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and the governing boards of the other participating jurisdictions.

Additionally, after the annual review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, The Morgan County Emergency Management Director will provide the updated Mitigation Strategy with status of each mitigation action to the Morgan County as well as all Mayors, City Clerks, and School District Superintendents. The Emergency Management Director will request that the mitigation strategy be incorporated, where appropriate, in other planning mechanisms.

No changes were made to this plan due to jurisdictional priority changes.

**Table 5.1** below lists the planning mechanisms by jurisdiction into which the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be integrated.

**Table 5.1. Planning Mechanisms Identified for Integration of Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Jurisdiction	Planning Mechanisms	Integration Process for Previous Plan	Integration Process for Current Plan
Unincorporated Morgan County	Emergency Operations Plan Local Emergency Planning Committee Floodplain Management County Annual Budget	N/A	Emergency Operations Plan Local Emergency Planning Committee Floodplain Management County Annual Budget
City of Barnett	City Annual Budget	N/A	City Annual Budget
Village of Gravois Mills	N/A	N/A	N/A
City of Laurie	City Annual Budget Floodplain Ordinance/Management	N/A	City Annual Budget Floodplain Ordinance/Management
City of Stover	City Annual Budget Flood plain Ordinance/Management	N/A	City Annual Budget Flood plain Ordinance/Management
City of Syracuse	City Annual Budget	N/A	City Annual Budget
City of Versailles	City Annual Budget Floodplain Ordinance/Management	N/A	City Annual Budget Floodplain Ordinance/Management
Morgan County R-I School District	School District Strategic Plan	N/A	School District Strategic Plan
Morgan County R-II School District	School District Strategic Plan	N/A	School District Strategic Plan

Each jurisdiction plans to incorporate the Morgan County Hazard Mitigation Plan into their existing plans such as budgets, comprehensive plans, capital improvement plans, economic development strategies, etc. They will use this as a guide to create or update their city plans, and ordinances to mitigate hazards related to natural disasters.

## 5.3 Continued Public Involvement

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**44 CFR 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 hazard mitigation plan update process provides an opportunity to publicize success stories resulting from the plan's implementation and seek additional public comment. Information about the annual reviews will be posted in the local newspaper following each annual review of the mitigation plan.

When the MPC reconvenes for the five-year update, it will coordinate with all stakeholders participating in the planning process. Included in this group will be those who joined the MPC after the initial effort, to update and revise the plan. Public notice will be posted, and public participation will be actively solicited, at a minimum, through available website postings and press releases to local media outlets, primarily newspapers.