

**Mitigation Advisory Task Force
June 9, 2005, Meeting**

1. Introductions: The meeting began at 5:00 p.m. with introductions. The following members were in attendance:

Ralph J. Bailey	Sun River Terrace
David Bergdahl	Kankakee Regional Planning Commission
Robert Bleyle	Momence
Joe Buono	Herscher
Jerry Charter	Bonfield
Ray Cummins	Buckingham
Elden Dubuque	Chebance
Carl Gerdovich	Iroquois County ESDA/ Radio Station WGFA
Norm Grimsley	Aroma Park
John Haley	Kankakee Community College
Paula Karlock	Farm Bureau/Soil and Water Conservation District
Alan J. Labaj	Momence Township
Craig Long	Kankakee County ESDA
Dennis Millirons	Kankakee Regional Planning Commission
Verlene Mullen	Hopkins Park
Shawn O'Brien	Floodplain resident
Gary Preston	Bourbonnais
Alan Ramsey	Kankakee Valley Fire Chiefs Association
Eric Sadler	Kankakee County Planning Department
Vicki Senesac	Manteno
Mike Spilsbury	Kankakee Regional Planning Commission
Mike Van Mill	Kankakee County Planning Department
George Washington, Jr.	Kankakee Regional Planning Commission
French Wetmore	French & Associates

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February 10, April 14, and May 12 meetings were reviewed. It was noted that the May minutes should correct John Haley's organization from Kankakee County Council to Kankakee Community College. George Washington, Jr. moved and Dennis Millirons seconded that the minutes from all three meetings be approved as corrected. The motion passed with no opposition.
3. Audience to Visitors: There were no visitors present.
4. Planning Step 1 – Organize: All municipal participation requirements have been met except that the Planning Department does not have a copy of Hopkins Park's resolution. Member Mullen stated that she would find out where it is, and forward a copy to Eric Sadler.

Kankakee Community College will be treated like a separate municipality in order to enable it to apply directly for mitigation funds. The College's Board of Trustees will pass a resolution based on the municipal model.

The May 30 edition of Chapter 1 was then reviewed, with the discussion focusing on the changes from the earlier version.

5. Planning Steps 4 and 5 – Hazard Assessment and Problem Evaluation: Changes to Chapters 2 and 3 were discussed. Manteno will provide new building counts based on a recent census. Aroma Park's mobile home count is incorrect as it was based on an older aerial photo. The mobile home park (in the floodplain) has since been purchased and cleared.

The May 30 edition of Chapter 3 has a new section on repetitive losses. This is a prerequisite for the plan to qualify for credit under the Community Rating System. Specific information about any one property is protected under the Privacy Act, but general information about the designated repetitive loss areas can be included in the plan.

6. Planning Step 6 – Goals: There were no changes to Chapter 4. Goals.
7. Planning Step 7 – Review mitigation strategies: Chapter 5. Preventive Measures was new in the May 30 edition. French summarized the six approaches and the conclusions and recommendations. Discussion focused on a bill in the General Assembly that would limit the inspection authority of local building officials and the results of the Department of Natural Resources' Community Assistance Visits of local floodplain management programs. French said he would run down both issues.

French reviewed the major changes to Chapters 6, 7 and 8. The new parts were on property protection measures for repetitive loss properties, the cost of a new real-time reporting stream gage, and a new section on sedimentation in the Kankakee River.

Chapter 9. Public Information, was the other new chapter in the May 30 draft. It covers a two-tiered approach to informing people. The first is a general notice to everyone, such as an outreach project or notification by a real estate agent of a property's exposure to a hazard. The second tier provides more information for those who want to learn more through a library, website, or technical assistance.

The plan will qualify as a public information program strategy for Community Rating System credit. To provide guidance on future public information programs, the members participated in an exercise whereby they provided their input on what topics should be covered by the programs and what media would be most effective.

8. Assignments for Next Meeting: French said that he will revise the chapters discussed and draft Chapter 10, the action plan. The revised pages and the new chapter will be sent out for the next meeting. Members are asked to review the revisions and send any changes or input to French as soon as possible.

8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.