

*Resolution of the County Board
of
Kankakee County, Illinois*

RE: Creation of the Mitigation Advisory Taskforce of the Community Development Subcommittee of the Kankakee County Planning Department for the Preparation of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, in a Resolution passed at its May 13, 2003, meeting, the Kankakee County Board expressed its wishes to participate in a pre-disaster hazard mitigation planning process established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. In said resolution the Board resolved to support the hazard planning effort as well as to prepare a plan to apply within the County, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local units of government are required to have an approved Mitigation Plan in place to be eligible to receive Federal Mitigation funds including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) funding; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2003, the Governor of Illinois announced the awarding of a PDM grant to Kankakee County. Said grant award is in the amount of \$52,500 in funds; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting of April 13th, 2004, the County Board made a finding that entering into an Illinois Emergency Management Agreement with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Kankakee County, and in its resolution # 2004-04-13-073 the County Board authorized and directed its Chairman to sign and execute an Agreement entitled, "Illinois Emergency Management Agency State-Local Pre-disaster Mitigation Program Grant Agreement for Planning," and

WHEREAS, the County of Kankakee is subject to flooding, tornadoes, winter storms, and other natural hazards that can damage property, close businesses, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and,

WHEREAS, in its resolution # 2004-12-14-255, of December 14, 2004, after review, consideration and discussion of the responses to a Request For Proposal, the County Board authorized its Chairman to enter into a contract with French and Associates for creation of a countywide All Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Pre-disaster Mitigation program, and

WHEREAS, a useful and effective plan requires the participation and support of different public and private agencies and organizations that are impacted by natural hazards and/or that can help mitigate the impacts; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning , Zoning and Agriculture Committee, at its regularly scheduled meeting of December 28,2004, accepted the recommended of French and Associates and the Planning Director for the creation of a Mitigation Advisory Task Force to provide assistance and advice to the Community Development Subcommittee of the Regional Planning Commission in the creation of the all hazards mitigation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF KANKAKEE COUNTY THAT:

1. The Community Development Subcommittee of the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission is hereby tasked with preparing a mitigation plan to address the natural hazards facing the County.
2. A Mitigation Advisory Task Force to the Community Development Subcommittee is hereby created to provide advice and assistance to the Community Development Subcommittee and planning efforts to create an all hazards mitigation plan. The members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Chairman of the County Board. The composition of the task force shall not exceed 35 members. They should be representative of the following:
 - a. Organizations and associations that are impacted by natural hazards:
 - 1) Agriculture, as represented by the Farm Bureau
 - 2) Businesses, as represented by a chamber of commerce
 - 3) Kankakee County Convention and Visitor's Bureau
 - 4) Schools and education
 - b. Property owners:
 - 1) A business located in a floodplain
 - 2) A floodplain resident
 - 3) A homeowner's association
 - 4) A manufactured housing community association
 - 5) A water recreation business or organization
 - c. Organizations that are involved in hazard mitigation activities:
 - 1) American Red Cross
 - 2) Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District or a drainage district
 - 3) Kankakee River Basin Partnership
 - 4) Kankakee River Conservancy District
3. The Mitigation Advisory Task Force shall consult with and seek the advice of agencies and departments of County government, including but not limited to ESDA, Health, Highway, the Sheriffs Dept. and the Planning Dept., who may advise the Mitigation Advisory Task Force. The Planning Department shall also provide staff support for this work.

4. The Mitigation Advisory Task Force shall also include those municipalities that pass a resolution of interest in participating and that send a representative to attend the regular meetings of the Subcommittee.
5. Mike Spilsbury, Chair of the Community Development Subcommittee, shall chair all joint meetings with the Mitigation Advisory Task Force.
6. The Community Development Subcommittee and its Mitigation Advisory Task Force are subject to the Open Meetings Act and are charged with the following:
 - a. Collect data on the natural hazards facing the County;
 - b. Assess the impact of those hazards on people and property;
 - c. Review the programs and activities currently undertaken by the County, participating municipalities, State and Federal agencies, and the private sector to mitigate the impact of the hazards;
 - d. Identify new activities or changes in current programs that will better reduce the County's vulnerability to those hazards;
 - e. Prepare a hazard mitigation plan for the County that recommends appropriate measures;
 - f. The Mitigation Advisory Task Force shall submit it's recommended plan, prior to its disbandment, to this Board and the participating municipalities for adoption; and
7. The Community Development Subcommittee and its Mitigation Advisory Task Force shall complete their work, prepare their report and recommendations and submit same to the Regional Planning Commission by August 2005. After submission to the County Board it is expected that the Mitigation Advisory Task Force will be disbanded.
8. Members of the public and interested organizations are encouraged to:
 - a. Attend Subcommittee meetings;
 - b. Monitor the activities of the Subcommittee on the County's website; and
 - c. Attend the public meetings that will be scheduled to review the recommended plan.

ADOPTED and Approved this 11th day of January 2005.


Karl A. Kruse, Chairman

ATTEST:


Bruce Clark, County Clerk

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