

**DeKalb County
Hazards Mitigation Committee**

Meeting Notes: April 10, 2007

The meeting began at 11:10 a.m. in the DeKalb County Gathertorium. Haley Murray of DeKalb County welcomed everyone. 28 people were present.

1. Introductions: Each person introduced him or herself. Everyone was asked to sign in. Some communities had more than one person present. The municipalities, agencies and organizations that signed in were:

County Departments:

GIS
Planning & Zoning
Community Services
Highway
ESDA
Soil & Water Conservation
Administrator
Sheriff
County Board
Health

Municipalities:

Cortland
DeKalb
Hinckley

Kingston
Kirkland
Malta
Sandwich
Somonauk
Sycamore
Waterman

Townships:

Sycamore
Kingston
Squaw Grove
Shabbona
Pierce
Malta
Sycamore

Education:

DeKalb School District 428
Kishwaukee College
Northern Illinois University
Regional Office of Education

Stakeholders:

American Red Cross
TAILS Humane Society

Others:

O'Toole & Assoc., Ltd.

2. Comments from Audience/Visitors: No comments were made.

3. Update on Planning Steps 1 through 5:

Planning Committee members were provided with draft Chapter 4, draft Chapter 6 and draft Chapter 7. Haley will also e-mail the chapters. Planning Committee members should review and comment on the chapters, and especially check that information pertaining to your jurisdiction is correct.

4. Plan Chapters:

a. Summary of Draft Chapter 3 “Hazard Vulnerability Assessment”: Molly did not complete this chapter. She is still waiting on additional data form IEMA and FEMA.

5. Review of Planning Step 6 – Goal Setting: Molly reviewed the Plan’s goals and guidelines presented in draft Chapter 4. The Committee concurred with the drafting. Reference to “pets” will be changed to a reference of “animals” in DeKalb County.

6. Planning Step 7 – Hazard Mitigation Measures

a. Structural Measures: Molly gave an overview of structural protection measures. Structural measures are predominately aimed at flood hazards, but can be appropriate for manmade hazards. The Committee worked through a worksheet and discussion for the development of conclusions and recommendations.

b. Property Protection Measures: Molly gave an overview of property protection mitigation measures. Property protection means either moving the asset out of harm's way or putting a barrier around the asset. Property protection measures are appropriate for severe summer storms, wind hazards, and flood hazards. Again, the Committee worked through a worksheet and discussion for the development of conclusions and recommendations.

Draft conclusions and recommendations will be given to the Committee at the May meeting.

7. Assignments for next meeting: The following activities are requested of Committee members by May 8, 2007:

- All: Complete questionnaire that Haley will be e-mailing to everyone on addition emergency services information (for Chapter 9).
- All: Review draft Chapters 4, 6 and 7.
- All: Publicize the Committee's activities locally and ask for input

10. Next meeting: May 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the DeKalb County Gathertorium.

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.