

**DeKalb County  
Hazards Mitigation Committee**

**Meeting Notes: January 9, 2007**

The meeting began at 11:05 a.m. in the DeKalb County Gathertorium. Haley Murray of DeKalb County welcomed everyone. 41 people were present.

**1. Introductions:** Haley introduced Molly O’Toole of Molly O’Toole & Associates, Ltd. who is serving as the County’s planning consultant. Molly welcomed everyone, too. Each person introduced him or herself. They were asked to be sure to sign in. Some communities had more than one person present. The municipalities, agencies and organizations that signed in were:

**County Departments:**

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

Kingston  
Kirkland  
Malta  
Somonauk  
Sycamore  
Waterman

**Townships:**

Sycamore  
Kingston  
Squaw Grove  
Shabbona  
Pierce

**Municipalities:**

Cortland  
DeKalb  
Hinckley

**Education:**

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

**Stakeholders:**

American Red Cross  
TAILS Humane Society

**Others:**

National Weather Service  
O’Toole & Assoc., Ltd.

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

**3. Update on planning steps 1 through 3:**

Molly quickly reviewed the ten planning steps being followed by the Planning Committee and the purpose of the planning effort. She reminded the Planning Committee that resolutions for participation should be passed by village boards and city councils as soon as possible and a copy given to here or Haley. Public involvement was reviewed – agenda and minutes are on the County web site. For agency coordination, Molly is coordinating with several state and federal agencies for data collection.

Planning Committee members were provided with a plan notebook/binder containing the Table of Contents and draft Chapter 1. Molly explained that each month, new or revised draft chapters will be mailed or handed out at the meetings as they are developed. Planning Committee members should review and comment on the chapters, and especially check that information pertaining to your jurisdiction is correct.

**4. Summary of Draft Chapter 1 “Introduction”:** The first chapter of the plan focuses on the planning process being used by the Planning Committee, a description of DeKalb County, land use and development, and the critical facilities within the County and municipalities. Molly noted that the organization of the chapter will not change in coming months, but information is still needed on colleges, critical facilities, and several small items.

**5. Summary of the Hazards:** Molly gave a power point presentation about natural hazards that can impact DeKalb County, including flooding, earthquake, tornado, severe storms and extreme temperatures.

**6. Summary of Hazards:** Molly gave a presentation on information available for past hazards and expected hazards for DeKalb County.

**7. “Assess the Hazard” exercise:** The Planning Committee was seated at eight round tables, for undertaking an exercise to examine which hazards to focus on in Plan. The groups discussed natural hazards and manmade hazards (and completed worksheets) to identify the likeliness of future occurrence, impacts or consequences, areas vulnerable and impact on their own community. “Scores” given to each hazard on the worksheets were totaled for each group. After a review of each group’s rankings of hazards, the results were:

**Natural Hazards:**

Snow Storm  
Thunderstorm  
Extreme Heat  
Extreme Cold  
10-year Flood  
100-year Flood  
Tornado  
Ice Storm  
High Wind/Microburst  
Lightning  
Drought  
Hail  
Earthquake  
Dam Failure  
Other-Pond

**Manmade Hazards:**

Utility-Electrical  
Radiological-Power Plant  
Utility-Communications  
Transportation-Road  
Radiological-Transportation  
Utility-Natural Gas  
HazMat  
Transportation-Rail  
Transportation-Air  
Civil Disorder  
Utility-Propane  
Military Accident  
Political-Bomb Threat

Molly will review all of the exercise sheets, examine difference “weighting” to further prioritize hazards for use in Chapter 2 and will present a draft hazard prioritization for the Planning Committee to review in February.

**8. Overview of goal setting process:** Molly explained that the goals for the Plan will be established at the February meeting through three short exercises. The goals will consider community priorities, what to focus on, and how to pay for mitigation efforts.

**9. Assignments for next meeting:** The following activities are requested of Committee members by February 13, 2007:

- Municipalities: Pass resolution and provide a copy to Molly or Haley, if you haven’t done so already.
- All: Complete the “Hazard Data Collection Form” and “Mitigation Measures Form” to Molly or Haley, if you haven’t done so already.
- All: Review draft Chapter 1
- All: Publicize the Committee’s activities locally and ask for input

**10. Next meeting:** February 13, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the DeKalb County Gathertorium.

**11. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.