

SUMMARY NOTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE LOCAL PLANNING TEAM

INTRODUCTION

The February 18, 2025, Local Planning Team (LPT) meeting for the Milwaukee County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was presented online through “Microsoft Teams” beginning at 10:03 am. The Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Director, Mr. Paul Riegel, gave a brief introduction and then turned the meeting over to Ms. Megan Shedivy and Ms. Laura Herrick, staff at the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). Attendance was digitally recorded via Teams and documented by County and SEWRPC staff.

In attendance at the meeting were the following individuals:

Local Planning Team Members

Megan Shedivy, Secretary	Planner, SEWRPC
Peter Bratt	Milwaukee County, Parks Department
Jim Case	Fire Chief, City of Wauwatosa,
Eric Cera	Chief of Police, Village of Hales Corners
Susan Coyle	Senior Project Manager, MMSD
Patrick Elliott	Senior Project Manager, MMSD
Christopher Freedy	Chief of Police, Village of Fox Point
Rhett Fugman	Chief of Police, City of Glendale
Laura Herrick	Chief Environmental Engineer, SEWRPC
Jesse Kimber	Police Sergeant, Village of River Hills
Thomas Konieczka	Fire Chief, City of Greenfield
Michael Kressuk	Fire Chief, City of Oak Creek
James Mayer	Fire Chief, City of Franklin
Natalie Meier	Milwaukee County, Office of Emergency Management
Ross Milton	Milwaukee County, Department of Transportation
Barry Mitchell	Milwaukee County, Office of Emergency Management
Andrew Mroz	Police Lieutenant, Village of Whitefish Bay
Andrew Pederson	Village Manager, Village of Bayside
Ramsey Radakovich	Operations Manager, Milwaukee County Parks
Shaundra Randolph	Chief of Police, Village of West Milwaukee
Paul Riegel	Director, Office of Emergency Management, Milwaukee County
Karyn Rittenhouse	Water Systems Superintendent, West Allis
Timothy Salamon	Milwaukee County, Office of Emergency Management
Jason Schaak	Asst. Chief, Community Risk Reduction, Fire Department, City of West Allis
Jeffrey Scherzer	Fire Captain, Village of Greendale
Romi Shahib	Risk Manager, MMSD
Sarah Toomsen	Assistant Director of Planning, Milwaukee County Parks
Mark Wroblewski	Police Department, Village of Shorewood
Ryan Zollicoffer	Director, Office of Emergency Management, City of Milwaukee

Ms. Herrick welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their participation. She went over the meeting agenda and the previous (February 20, 2024) LPT meeting summary notes. There were no significant discussions, edits, comments, or concerns during this review. Ms. Herrick then handed the meeting over to Ms. Shedivy.

CHAPTER 4 “HAZARD MITIGATION GOALS”

Ms. Shedivy began her presentation with an overview on the importance of hazard mitigation planning and past and current related efforts in Milwaukee County. She then went into a synopsis of draft Chapter 4 with how the chapter is formulated and how it fits into the planning process. Ms. Shedivy reviewed the related planning efforts and Figure 4.1, “Goals and Objectives

for the Milwaukee County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.” Figure 4.1 lists goals and the objectives for each goal. No comments or questions were given from the LPT for draft Chapter 4.

CHAPTER 5 “HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGIES”

Ms. Shedivy continued with an overview of draft Chapter 5, “Hazard Mitigation Strategies.” She noted that because this particular chapter is comprehensive in nature and to stay within the allotted presentation time, only two of the seven hazards and associated strategies will be presented during the meeting (“coastal hazards” and “flooding and stormwater drainage concerns”). Ms. Shedivy also noted the “multi-hazard” section within this chapter of the report, which included strategies that were applicable to multiple natural hazards. No questions or comments were made about the topics to be discussed during the meeting.

Ms. Shedivy next presented the hazards profiled and the chapter background and outline, including how the mitigation strategies are categorized (i.e., structural, nonstructural, and educational outreach). Ms. Shedivy also highlighted the cost-benefit analysis tables and gave Table 5.1 as an example. Mr. Zollicoffer inquired about the cost-benefit analysis tables and how SEWRPC staff ensures or documents the implementation of each hazard strategy and/or related projects from the previous plan to the current plan update. Ms. Shedivy responded that during the planning update process, which is every five years, SEWRPC staff will research and seek input from both County and community officials about recent or newly implemented hazard-related projects or plans. Ms. Herrick added that this Plan incorporates more general or major project recommendations by County or community and that the County itself is responsible for tracking hazard-related projects, including project timelines and responsible agencies/organizations for each project, and Mr. Riegel agreed with this statement. Ms. Toomsen also asked about the footnotes in the cost-benefit analysis tables related to costs. Ms. Shedivy replied that another review will be completed after the meeting to ensure the cost information and sources are correct. With no further questions or comments, Ms. Shedivy handed the meeting over to Ms. Herrick to present the flooding and stormwater mitigation strategies.

Ms. Herrick briefly explained the flooding and stormwater section including major MMSD planned flood and stormwater-related projects, and roadway flooding concerns listed in Tables 5.3 and 5.7. She specifically asked the LPT if there are any additional roadway flooding concerns that should be added to the table. No additions were provided by the LPT. Ms. Herrick also presented the cost-benefit analysis table (Table 5.10). With no questions or comments for Ms. Herrick, she then handed the meeting back to Ms. Shedivy who concluded the chapter overview with the coastal hazard mitigation strategies. No additional comments or questions were given by the LPT for draft Chapter 5.

CHAPTER 6 “PLAN ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REVISION”

Ms. Shedivy gave a general overview of draft Chapter 6 and its main components. She presented the plan adoption, monitoring, and implementation process, including an overview of Table 6.1, “Summary of Mitigation Measures and Funding Sources.” Ms. Shedivy also stated that Table 6.1 coordinates with Appendix K, which is a list of funding sources related to mitigation projects. There were no comments or questions from the LPT for draft Chapter 6.

Ms. Shedivy added that after FEMA approves the draft Plan, the County will need to adopt the Plan before the grant ends. She noted that County communities (cities and villages) have a year after FEMA approval to also adopt the plan to remain eligible for Federal hazard mitigation funding opportunities.

DRAFT PLAN APPENDICES OVERVIEW

Ms. Shedivy continued with an overview of the Plan Appendices. She noted that certain appendices, as highlighted, will not be complete until the Plan is finalized. She also noted that Appendix J, “Communities Capabilities Assessment,” is a new requirement by FEMA in which LPT members are encouraged to complete a survey before the Plan comment period is finalized and closed. Mr. Riegel added that he sent requests via email to the LPT members prior to the meeting in which he received only a few responses in return. As such, he plans on sending out another reminder to the LPT members to participate in the Community Capabilities Assessment survey.

With no further questions or comments, Ms. Shedivy concluded the draft chapters 4-6 plan review presentation. She added that the draft plan text and meeting material is available on the SEWRPC website (www.sewrpc.org/hmp) with a comment

screen and also provided her contact information (mshedivy@sewrpc.org) for any additional comments. Additional comments on the draft plan will be accepted until March 7, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the final Milwaukee County Hazard Mitigation Plan update LPT meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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