



Hall County Regional Planning Commission

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Regular Meeting

Item -1

Hazard Mitigation

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Hazard Mitigation Survey Summary

As part of the Hall County Hazard Mitigation Plan update process, a survey was distributed to officials of Hall County, the Cities of Grand Island and Wood River, and the Villages of Alda, Doniphan and Cairo. The survey requested information from local officials regarding the threats and associated severity impacting their jurisdiction. This survey also solicited mitigation project ideas that can alleviate this risk.

Asked to rank local hazards on a scale of 1-5 by severity, survey results showed that Hall County respondents reported severe weather in both winter and summer, including tornadoes and flooding, as their most common and highest risk threats. These concerns are borne out by the fact that the major disaster declarations in past decades have all been weather related, including flooding in 2008 and 2005, ice storms in 2006/2007 and of course the tornadoes of 1980 in Grand Island.

Project Suggestions

Survey respondents were also asked to provide mitigation project ideas for their jurisdiction. Proposed projects were categorized into five basic types:

1. Saferooms & storm shelters
2. Flood Mitigation & Drainage
3. Public Education
4. Infrastructure Protection
5. Hazmat & Chemical Spill Prevention (fixed facilities & transportation)

Of the nearly 30 projects and project ideas, the most common were saferooms (11), critical infrastructure protection (7) and hazmat spill mitigation/prevention (6).