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Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
Goals and Objectives

- Goal 1 Maintain and improve communication and cooperation between Sangamon County residents, government, and the private sector.
- 1.a. Establish adequate warning systems to alert the community to impending natural hazard events.
 - 1.b. Provide a system to monitor developing natural hazard event situations.
 - 1.c. Establish a method of communicating with the community after a natural hazard event to keep everyone updated on the status of recovery.
 - 1.d. Coordinate response plans with all levels of government, appropriate private agencies, and volunteers.
- Goal 2 Protect the lives, health, and safety of the people and animals of Sangamon County from the impact and effects of natural hazards.
- 2.a. Provide storm shelters and cooling centers for residents.
 - 2.b. Educate residents on the steps to take to protect themselves and their property from the impacts of natural hazard events.
 - 2.c. Educate local businesses on the steps to take to protect their employees, assets, and property from the impacts of natural hazard events.
 - 2.d. Identify the most vulnerable populations in the community.
 - 2.e. Support volunteer mitigation efforts that allow residents/businesses/agencies to work together in neighborhoods and the community to assist those who are vulnerable to the impacts of natural hazards.
 - 2.f. Remove and/or limit placement of structures in the known paths of natural hazards such as flood, dam failure, mine subsidence.
 - 2.g. Maximize immunity to natural hazards for critical facilities and services.
- Goal 3 Protect existing infrastructure and design new infrastructure to be resilient to the effects of natural hazards. (roads, bridges, mass transit, utilities, water supplies, sewers, dams)
- 3.a. Assure power is available for essential services.
 - 3.b. Assure water is available in case of drought.

- 3.c. Build and maintain roads and bridges to provide safe passage of vehicles.
- 3.d. Establish an inspection and maintenance program that monitors the condition of infrastructure.

Goal 4 Incorporate natural hazard mitigation into community plans and regulations.

- 4.a. Adopt regulations that protect buildings (such as building codes).
- 4.b. Assure flood ordinance meets or exceeds minimum requirements for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- 4.c. Assess local regulations (building codes, zoning ordinances, subdivision ordinances, public health codes, etc.) to determine how they can better address the impacts of natural hazards.
- 4.d. Consider natural hazards when updating/creating plans for the community.
- 4.e. Update/create a response plan that addresses each natural hazard that could affect the community.