

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of natural hazards mitigation is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards. Maries County and participating jurisdictions developed this multi-hazard mitigation plan to reduce future losses to the County and its communities resulting from natural hazards. The plan was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and to achieve eligibility for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance, Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs.

The Maries County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers the following local governments and organizations that participated in the planning process:

- Maries County
- City of Belle
- City of Vienna
- Maries County R-I School District
- Maries County R-II School District

The County's planning process followed a methodology prescribed by FEMA, which began with the formation of a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) comprised of key stakeholders from Maries County, participating jurisdictions and state and federal agencies. The Maries County HMPC was assisted in this planning effort by the Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC). The MRPC was created January 23, 1969 by then Governor Warren E. Hearnes. The commission serves the eight-county area of Maries, Dent, Maries, Maries, Osage, Maries, Pulaski and Washington counties as well as 33 municipalities.

Under the initiative set forth by the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), the Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG) agreed to meet the challenge of developing plans for cities and counties throughout the state. SEMA's initiative further states that due to time and funding limitations, the plans developed by Missouri's regional planning commissions should cover natural hazards only. Manmade and/or technological hazards are not addressed in this plan, except in the context of cascading damages.

The MRPC assisted the Maries County HMPC by providing professional staff to coordinate the committee's activities and prepare the planning document. MRPC staff took the input provided by the HMPC and incorporated it into the plan document. Citizens and public organizations have participated in the process. This effort will be sustainable over the long term because it enjoys grassroots support that stems from a sense of local and individual ownership.

The HMPC assessed the risks, identifying and profiling hazards threatening the county. The HMPC then determined the County's vulnerability to the identified hazards and examined the County's capability to mitigate these hazards. The County is vulnerable to a number of potential hazards and those have been identified, profiled and analyzed in this plan. Tornadoes, floods, winter storms and thunderstorms are among the hazards that can have a significant impact on the County.

Based upon the risk assessment, the HMPC identified goals for reducing risk from hazards. The goals of this multi-hazard mitigation plan are to:

Goal 1: Reduce risks and vulnerabilities of people in hazard-prone areas through current technology, better planning and hazard mitigation activities.

Goal 2: Reduce the potential impact of natural disasters on new and existing properties and infrastructure and the local economy.

Goal 3: Promote education, outreach, research and development programs to improve the knowledge and awareness among the citizens and industry about hazards they may face, their vulnerability to identified hazards and hazard mitigation alternatives that can reduce their vulnerabilities.

Goal 4: Strengthen communication and coordinate participation between public agencies, citizens, non-profit organizations, business and industry to create a widespread interest in mitigation.

Goal 5: Establish priorities for reducing risks to the people and their property with emphasis on long-term and maximum benefits to the public rather than short-term benefit of special interests.

Goal 6: Secure resources for investment in hazard mitigation.

To meet the identified goals, the plan recommends the mitigation actions summarized in the table on the follow page. The HMPC also developed an implementation plan for each action, which identifies priority level, background information, ideas for implementation, responsible agency, timeline, cost estimate, potential funding sources and more. These additional details are provided in Chapter 4.

The multi-hazard mitigation plan has been formally adopted by the Maries County Commissioners and the governing bodies of each participating jurisdiction and will be updated within a five-year timeframe.

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
Action 1.1.1	Implement an education program on personal emergency preparedness that teaches residents how to prepare emergency medical kits that include water, blankets, flashlights, etc.; learn how to shut off their home utilities in times of emergency; and be self-sufficient for one to three days in the event of a disaster.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission, County EMD, County Health Department
Partners	City governments, emergency response agencies, schools
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
Action 1.1.2	Continue to educate residents about precautions that should be taken during threats of natural disasters such as severe weather and heat waves.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission, County EMD, County Health Department
Partners	City governments
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Extreme Heat, severe weather, tornados, floods
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
1.1.3	Provide to citizens through local media and make available at local government buildings, information on individual mitigation activities such as building personal shelters and assuring that propane tanks are appropriately tied down.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission, County EMD
Partners	City governments
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards addressed	Tornado, flood
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
1.1.4	Promote development of emergency plans by businesses, local governments and schools.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	City governments, emergency response agencies, county health department
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
1.1.5	Continue to provide CERT training and encourage the development of CERTs throughout the county through training opportunities and public awareness..
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	City governments, schools, Region I Homeland Security Oversight Committee
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
1.1.6	Educate school staff on natural hazards and make sure all staff are familiar with school emergency plan including evacuation and safety procedures.
Priority	High
Lead	Superintendent, School Board
Partners	Local emergency response agencies, EMDs
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
Criterion for Completion	2014 and as needed after
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
1.1.7	Schools need to continue to conduct emergency preparedness exercises on a regular basis.
Priority	High
Lead	Superintendent, School Board
Partners	School staff, local emergency response agencies and EMDs, SEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	2014 and annually thereafter
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
1.2.1	Continue to encourage cities to obtain early warning systems and improved communications systems.
Priority	High
Lead	City and County EMDs, County Commission
Partners	City governments, schools, sheriff's department
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Severe storm, tornado, severe winter weather, wildfire
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
1.2.2	Continue to promote use of weather radios by local residents to insure advanced warning about threatening weather.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	City governments, schools
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Severe storm, tornado, severe winter weather, wildfire
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
1.2.3	Partner with local radio stations to ensure that appropriate warning of impending disasters is provided to residents in the countywide listening area.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	Local radio stations
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Severe storm, tornado, severe winter weather
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
1.2.4, 2.1.4	Monitor developments in data availability concerning the impact of dam failure, tornados, sinkholes, land subsidence and wildfire upon Maries County and all jurisdictions through local, state and federal agencies for use in hazard mitigation planning.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	SEMA, FEMA, MRPC, MDC, MDNR, cities, schools
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Dam failure, tornados, sinkholes, land subsidence, wildfire
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
1.3.1	Continue to encourage tree trimming and dead tree removal programs by utility companies and local government.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission, City Governments
Partners	Electric cooperatives, private contractors, public and private utilities
Projected Cost/Funding	Moderate/likely workable into budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Tornado, Severe Storm, Severe Winter Storm
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Belle, Vienna
1.3.2	Continue to review and consider potential road and bridge upgrades to improve drainage, reduce flooding and the risk to residents and property.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission
Partners	Local governments, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Flood
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Belle, Vienna
1.3.3	Continue to maintain a list of locations that can serve as shelters for storm, cooling/warming shelters and establish MOUs with the appropriate organizations responsible for those facilities.
Priority	High
Lead	EMD, County Health Department
Partners	Local governments, schools, churches
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Severe Heat, Severe Storms, Tornado
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Belle, Vienna

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
1.3.4, 5.2.1	Encourage the designation of storm shelters and the construction of tornado safe rooms in or near schools and large employment centers that currently do not have access to safe rooms.
Priority	Medium
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	Local governments, schools, large employers
Projected Cost/Funding	Significant/Grants
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Tornados, Severe Storms
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Belle, Irondale, Mineral Point, Potosi
1.3.5	Regularly review and update school emergency plan.
Priority	High
Lead	School Superintendent, School Board
Partners	County EMD, SEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	Low/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Annually
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
2.1.1	Continue to encourage a self-inspection program at critical facilities to assure that building infrastructure is earthquake and tornado resistant.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	Local businesses, local government, schools
Projected Cost/Funding	High/grants
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
2.1.2	Encourage the development and implementation of minimum building codes in all communities.
Priority	Medium
Lead	County EMD
Partners	Local response agencies, city EMDs
Projected Cost/Funding	Moderate/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing until all communities have at least minimal building codes in place.
Hazards Addressed	Tornado, Severe Storm, Wildfire, Flood
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Vienna
2.1.3	Encourage businesses, local governments and schools to develop emergency plans.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	County Health Department, local emergency response agencies, SEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	Moderate/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
2.1.5	Continue to evaluate and update emergency operation plans.
Priority	High
Lead	County and City EMDs, County Commission
Partners	Local government, schools, emergency response agencies
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
2.1.6, 5.1.4	Encourage cities to require contractor storm water management plans in all new development – both residential and commercial properties.
Priority	Medium
Lead	Public Works employees, Mayor, Board of Aldermen
Partners	MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Significant/Grants
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Flood
2.2.1	Educate residents on the dangers of floodplain development and the benefits of the National Flood Insurance Program and enforce restrictions on development in the floodplain.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission, county floodplain managers
Partners	SEMA, FEMA, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Flood
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Vienna
2.2.2, 5.1.2	Encourage all communities to develop storm water management plans.
Priority	Low
Lead	Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Public Works Department
Partners	Local builders associations
Projected Cost/Funding	Moderate/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	2015
Hazards Addressed	Flood
2.3.1	Encourage minimum standards for building codes in all cities.
Priority	Medium
Lead	Mayor, Board of Aldermen
Partners	Public works department
Projected Cost/Funding	Moderate/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Research and discussion completed by Dec. 2015.
Hazards Addressed	Tornado, Wind, Wildfire, Earthquake

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
2.3.2	Encourage local governments to develop and implement regulations for the securing of hazardous materials tanks and mobile homes to reduce hazards during flooding and high winds.
Priority	Medium
Lead	County EMD, County Commission, Floodplain Managers
Partners	Local governments
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Flood, Tornado, Severe Storm/Wind
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Belle, Irondale, Mineral Point, Potosi
2.3.3	Continue to enforce flood damage prevention/floodplain management ordinances in compliance with NFIP requirements.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission, local floodplain managers
Partners	SEMA, FEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	Moderate/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Flood
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Irondale, Mineral Point, Potosi
2.3.4	Encourage the City of Belle to become a member of the NFIP.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission
Partners	MTNF, MDC, SEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Initial meeting completed by 6/2015
Hazards Addressed	Flood
Applicable Jurisdictions	Belle
3.1.1	Distribute SEMA brochures on natural hazards, preparedness and NFIP at public facilities and events.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission, County Health Department
Partners	Local governments, emergency response agencies
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
3.1.2	Distribute regular press releases from county and city EMD offices concerning hazards, where they strike, frequency, preparation and how to mitigate.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission, City EMDs
Partners	SEMA, city EMDs, local emergency response agencies
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Vienna, Belle
3.2.1	Encourage local residents to purchase weather radios through press releases and brochures.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	NOAA, SEMA, cities
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Extreme Heat, Flood, Severe Storm, Tornado, Severe Winter Storm
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
3.2.2	Encourage meetings between EMD, city/county officials and SEMA to familiarize officials with mitigation planning, implementation and budgeting for mitigation projects.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	Local government, SEMA, MREPC, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
3.3.1, 4.2.1, 5.1.3	Re-evaluate the hazard mitigation plan, merge with other community planning and coordinate and integrate hazard mitigation activities, where appropriate, with emergency operations plans and procedures.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	Local Jurisdictions, SEMA, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Moderate/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
3.3.2	Distribute press releases by cities/county/schools regarding adopted mitigation measures to keep public abreast of changes and/or new regulations.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission, Floodplain Manager, School Superintendents
Partners	Local jurisdictions, SEMA, FEMA, city floodplain managers
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
3.4.1	Encourage county health department to use publicity campaigns that make residents aware of proper measures to take during times of threatening conditions (e.g. drought, heat wave)
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission, County Health Department
Partners	SEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Belle, Vienna
3.4.2	Publicize local, regional and/or statewide drills.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	Local jurisdictions, SEMA, emergency response agencies, county health department
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing – as needed
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
3.4.3	Encourage the development of a county-wide CERT program and educate the public on how they can benefit from this type of program.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD
Partners	Local jurisdictions, local response agencies, Region I HSOC, SEMA, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
3.4.4	Raise awareness of the need to secure propane tanks to reduce the risk from dislodged tanks during flooding, tornados and high winds.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD
Partners	SEMA, propane dealers
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Flood, Tornado, Severe Storm
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
4.1.1	Continue to encourage joint meetings of different organizations/agencies for mitigation related planning.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission, City EMDs
Partners	Local jurisdictions, emergency response agencies, SEMA, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
4.1.2	Continue to encourage training opportunities in all areas of preparedness and response to insure the capabilities and safety of citizens and responders and encourage joint training/drills between agencies, public and private entities (including schools and businesses).
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
4.1.3, 6.1.5	Pool different agency resources to achieve widespread mitigation planning results.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	All Jurisdictions, local emergency response agencies, county health department, SEMA, MRPC, Region I HSOC, MREPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
4.2.2	Encourage meetings between EMDs, city and county government, schools and SEMA to familiarize officials with mitigation planning and implementation and budgeting for mitigation projects.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission, County and City EMDs
Partners	Maries County Commission, Cities of Belle and Vienna, Maries County R-I and R-II School districts, FEMA, SEMA, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions
5.1.1	Encourage communities to budget for enhanced warning systems.
Priority	High
Lead	Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Partners	County EMD, SEMA, USDA Rural Development, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Significant/Grants
Criterion for Completion	Schedule meetings by 2014
Hazards Addressed	Flood, Severe Storm, Tornado, Severe Winter Storm
5.2.1	Encourage the construction of storm shelters, especially tornado safe rooms near schools and large employment centers that currently do not have access to safe rooms.
Priority	Medium

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
Lead	County Commission, County EMD
Partners	Maries County Commission, Belle, Vienna, Maries County R-I and R-II School districts, SEMA, FEMA, MRPC, local chambers of commerce and economic developers
Projected Cost/Funding	High/Grants
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing until tornado safe rooms exist in each city and/or school and any other high population areas identified.
Hazards Addressed	Tornado, Severe Storm
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
5.2.2	Encourage the assessment of public buildings as potential storm shelters; designate those that are suitable as safe shelters; and develop accessibility plans for the public during times of need.
Priority	High
Lead	County and City EMDs
Partners	Maries County Commission, cities of Belle and Vienna, Maries County R-I and R-II school districts, SEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	All public buildings assessed and determinations made by 12/2018
Hazards Addressed	Tornado, Severe Storm
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
5.3.1	Encourage local governments to purchase properties in the floodplain as funds become available and convert that land into public space/recreation area.
Priority	Medium
Lead	County floodplain manager
Partners	Local governments, SEMA, FEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	High/Grants
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing, with progress marked as properties are purchased.
Hazards Addressed	Flood
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, City of Vienna
6.1.1	Encourage meetings between EMD, city/county officials, schools and SEMA to familiarize officials with mitigation planning, implementation and budgeting for mitigation projects.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	Local Jurisdictions, SEMA, FEMA, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
6.1.2	Structure grant proposals for road/bridge upgrades so that hazard mitigation concerns are also met.
Priority	High
Lead	Maries County Commission
Partners	Road and Bridge Department, city government where applicable, MRPC, SEMA, FEMA

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/Operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Flood
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Cities of Belle and Vienna
6.1.3	Work with local/state/federal agencies to include mitigation in all economic and community development projects.
Priority	High
Lead	County Commission
Partners	SEMA, FEMA, MRPC, DED, RD
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Cities of Belle and Vienna
6.1.4	Encourage local jurisdictions to budget for mitigation projects.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	All Local Jurisdictions
Projected Cost/Funding	Significant/Grants
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions
6.2.1	Encourage cities and counties to consider implementing cost-share programs with private property owners for hazard mitigation projects that benefit the jurisdiction as a whole.
Priority	Medium
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	Cities of Belle and Vienna, SEMA, FEMA
Projected Cost/Funding	Significant/Grants
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	Dam Failure, Earthquake, Flood, Land Subsidence/Sinkhole, Severe Storm, Tornado, Severe Winter Weather, Wildfire
Applicable Jurisdictions	Maries County, Cities of Belle and Vienna
6.2.2	Implement public awareness program about the benefits of hazard mitigation projects, both public and private through press releases and brochures.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	All jurisdictions, SEMA, FEMA, MRPC
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/Operating Budget
Criterion for Completion	Ongoing
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All jurisdictions

Summary of Action Items Developed for All Jurisdictions	
6.3.1	Prioritize mitigation projects, based on cost-effectiveness and starting with those sites facing the greatest threat to life, health and property.
Priority	High
Lead	County EMD, County Commission
Partners	All Jurisdictions
Projected Cost/Funding	Minimal/operating budget
Criterion for Completion	2017, repeat in 2019
Hazards Addressed	All Hazards
Applicable Jurisdictions	All Jurisdictions

PREREQUISITES

44 CFR requirement 201.6(c)(5): The local hazard mitigation plan shall include documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan. For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.

Note to Reviewers: When this plan has been reviewed and approved pending adoption by FEMA Region VII, the adoption resolutions will be signed by the participating jurisdictions and added to Appendix C. A model resolution is provided.

The following jurisdictions participated in the development of this plan and have adopted the multi-jurisdictional plan. Resolutions of Adoptions are included in Appendix C.

- Maries County
- City of Belle
- City of Vienna
- Maries County R-I School District
- Maries County R-II School District

Participation of local governing bodies as stakeholders is critical to successful mitigation implementation. As former SEMA Deputy Director Beauford C. “Buck” Katt writes:

“One thing we have learned over the years is that mitigation programs crumble unless locals, both private and public, have a stake in the process; they simply must feel a sense of ownership for the program to be successful. We strongly believe that this effort will be successful and sustainable over the long term only if it enjoys grassroots support that stems from a sense of local and individual ownership.”

Citizens and public organizations have participated in the process. This effort will be sustainable over the long term because it enjoys grassroots support that stems from a sense of local and individual ownership. Through SEMA’s Scope of Work, Maries County contracted with the Meramec Regional Planning Commission and participated fully in the preparation of the plan. Once this plan is approved, Maries County, its cities, school districts and local utilities will be eligible for future mitigation assistance from FEMA and will be able to more effectively carry out mitigation activities to less the adverse impact of future disasters in the county.

Model Resolution

Resolution # _____

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION AND TO WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY

Whereas, the _____ recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be tornado/severe thunderstorm, flood, severe winter weather, drought, heat wave, earthquake, dam failure, land subsidence or wildfire and recognizes the importance of enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

Whereas, the _____ may have previously pursued measures such as building codes, fire codes, floodplain management regulations, zoning ordinances and storm water management regulations to minimize the impact of natural hazards; and

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Management Agency have developed a natural hazard mitigation program that assists communities in their efforts to become Disaster-Resistant Communities which are sustainable communities after a natural disaster that focus, not just on disaster relief but also on recovery and reconstruction that brings the community to at least pre-disaster conditions in an accelerated, orderly and preplanned manner; and

Whereas, by participating in the Natural Hazard Mitigation program, the _____ will be eligible to apply for post-disaster mitigation funds; and

Whereas, the _____ desires to commit to working with government partners and community partners to implement the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the _____ will implement pertinent precepts of the mitigation plan by incorporation into other community plans and mechanisms where appropriate; and

Whereas, the _____ will participate in the evaluation and review of the Plan after a disaster as well as complete a mandated five-year update submitted to the State Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the _____ as follows:

The _____ hereby adopts the Maries County Multi-Jurisdictional natural Hazards Mitigation Plan attached hereto for the purpose of building a safer community by reducing natural hazard vulnerability.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Certifying Official Signature

ATTEST: _____
Name and Title