



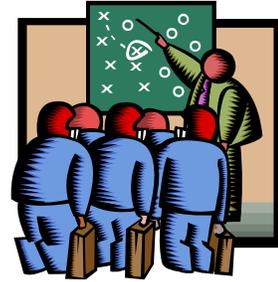
Local Hazard Mitigation Planning

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Hazard Mitigation Planning Workshop



When: Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: Vilas County Justice Center
330 Court Street
Eagle River, WI 54521

RSVP: Lynsey Kawski at 608-242-3222 or lynsey.kawski@wi.gov by August 11, 2010.

Is your county submitting an application to develop or update a local hazard mitigation plan? If so, this workshop is an excellent opportunity to learn about the hazard mitigation planning process, the plan components, and how the plan can be a vital component of a community's disaster recovery process. There is no cost to attend this workshop. The workshop is open to anyone interested in the planning process.

Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Resources

There are many useful tools available to assist in the development of a plan. It is very important to review the pertinent documents before starting the planning process. First and foremost, please refer to the FEMA Local Plan Review Guidance and the Local Plan Review Crosswalk. Both these documents can be found on Wisconsin Emergency Management's website under Mitigation Planning. Some additional links to mitigation planning resources:

- **WEM's Website:** <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/mitigation/planning.asp>
Find links to the State Hazard Mitigation Plan, local and tribal planning guidance, planning workshop materials and much more.
- **FEMA How-To Guides:** <http://www.fema.gov/plan/mitplanning/resources.shtm>
There are nine guides to assist a local government from getting the planning process started and understanding risk to multi-jurisdictional mitigation planning.
- **New! Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning** by James C. Schwab (2010): <http://www.planning.org/research/hazards/>

Local Hazard Mitigation Planning

June 2010

Includes 2010 PDM Grants

Original Plans

Counties With Approved Plans: 53 or 74% of Counties

(Approved Single Jurisdiction Plans: 11, DRU: 1)

Counties Active in Planning Process: 12 or 16% of Counties
(One Single Jurisdiction)(UW-DRU)

Counties With No Plan or Grant: 7 or 10% of Counties

5 Year Plan Update

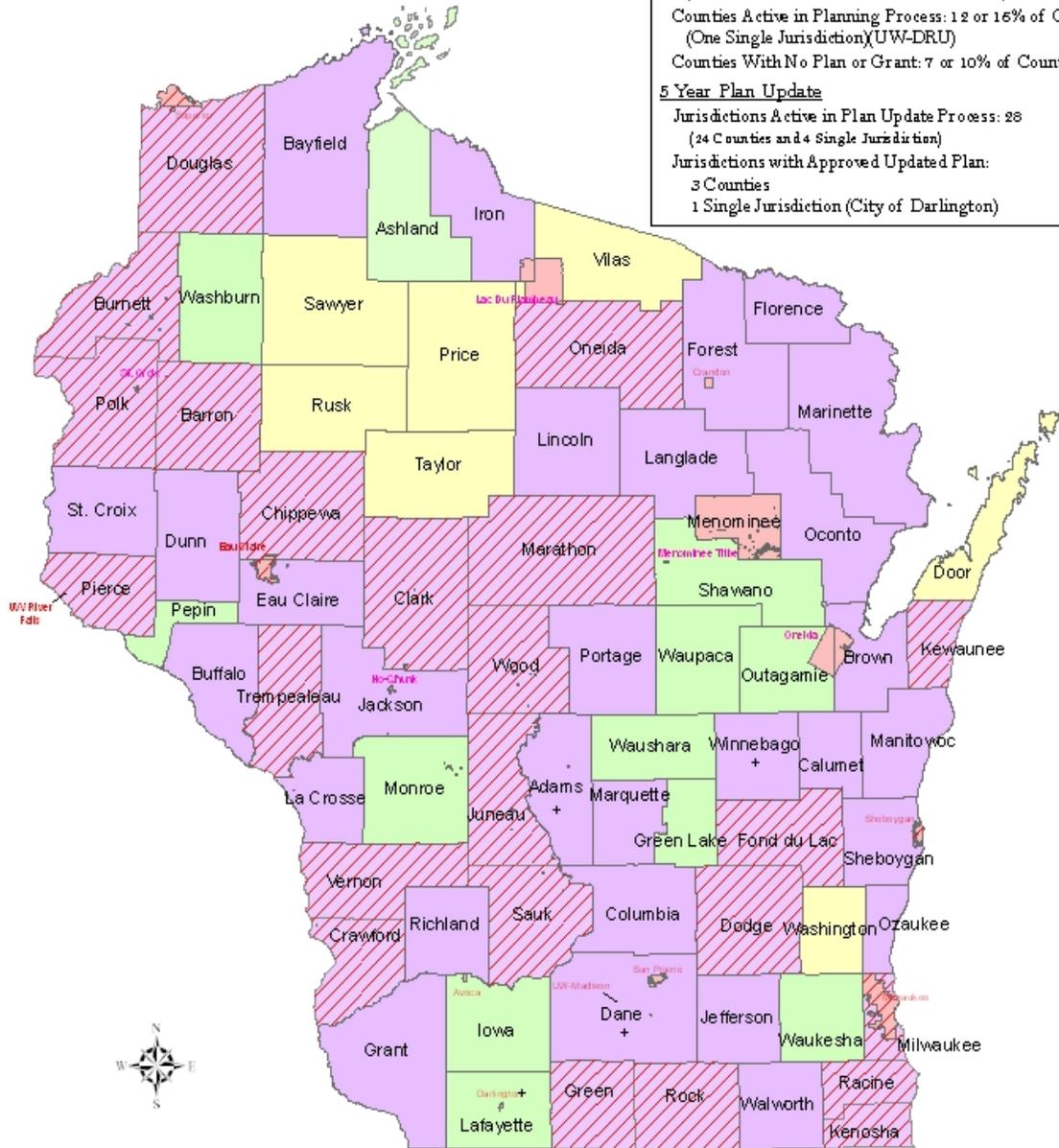
Jurisdictions Active in Plan Update Process: 28

(24 Counties and 4 Single Jurisdiction)

Jurisdictions with Approved Updated Plan:

3 Counties

1 Single Jurisdiction (City of Darlington)



Legend

- Single Jurisdiction Plans
- Counties With Approved Plans
- Counties With No Plan or Grant
- Counties Active in Planning Process
- Updating In Progress
- + Updated and Approved Plans

Single Jurisdictions Rolling Into County Plans:

- Village of Elm Grove into Waukesha County
- Village of North Fond du Lac into Fond du Lac County
- City of Baraboo into Sauk County
- City of Shell Lake into Washburn County



Tips for Plan Development and Updating



Issues That Must Be Addressed In Both New and Updated Plans

- Make sure the jurisdiction holds at least two public meetings. Within the plan narrative, ensure the meetings are identified and address how public input was considered. Many counties hold public open houses in order to allow the public to comment and provide input.
- Identify exactly how each participating jurisdiction contributed to the plan. Did the participating jurisdiction provide a representative for the steering committee? Did the jurisdiction have a one-on-one meeting to provide input with the county? Did the participating jurisdiction partake in a survey? Without participation, the community will not receive approval as part of the plan.
- Use the most recent Local Plan Review Crosswalk (July 2008) as a guide and checklist. When submitting a plan to WEM for review, a completed, detailed crosswalk must be submitted with the plan.
- Contact Wisconsin Emergency Management to get the most up-to-date Repetitive Loss properties data.
- Use the Community Status Book link to check on jurisdictions' participation in the National Flood Insurance Program: <http://www.fema.gov/cis/WI.pdf>

Updating a Plan

- Make sure the previous hazard occurrences (history) are updated. If changes are made, most likely the hazard probability must change. If the county or jurisdiction has gone through a major event, please describe the event in detail.
- In most situations, demographic information has not changed over the last five years. It is recommended to local governments they note "every effort has been made to use the best available data for the update" when new data is not available.
- Make sure jurisdictions review all mitigation strategies and note what was changed, added or deleted and why. In addition, many updates have not highlighted the actual mitigation measures implemented over the last five years. This is a critical component of the mitigation plan and should be done in the update.
- When completing an update, the jurisdiction should review every section to see if it needs to be modified, added, deleted, etc. It is recommended that communities create a table to highlight the modifications in the plan update. WEM created a table to identify changes in the State of Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Executive Summary.
- Review the original plan review crosswalk and make sure to address any previous data deficiencies, recommended revisions and other comments.

