

**COOK COUNTY  
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## Hazard Mitigation Point of Contact

Primary Point of Contact	Alternate Point of Contact
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## Jurisdiction Profile

The following is a summary of key information about the jurisdiction and its history:

- **Date of Incorporation:** 1865
- **Current Population:** 10,373 as of 2014 (100% urban, 0% rural). (City-Data)
- **Population Growth:** Based on the data tracked by the U.S. Census Bureau, population change from 2000 to 2014 is 2.0%.
- **Location and Description:** Barrington is located at Latitude: 42.15° N, Longitude 88.14° W. Barrington is 32 miles (51 km) northwest of Chicago. The area features wetlands, forest preserves, parks, and horse trails in a country-suburban setting. Barrington is part of the Chicago metropolitan area and serves as the hub of activity for the surrounding 90-square-mile (230 km<sup>2</sup>) region which consists of six independent villages including North Barrington, South Barrington, Barrington Hills, Lake Barrington and Tower Lakes, as well as small portions of Carpentersville, Deer Park, Hoffman Estates, and Inverness.
- **Brief History:** The Village was incorporated in 1865, but the Barrington area was settled by pioneers in the 1830s. The Village began as a farming community and quickly turned into a transportation hub as Barrington was platted along the Chicago & North Western Railway. In the early 1900s, the area became a countryside retreat for wealthy Chicago businessmen, and its equestrian tradition, small-town charm, and wide open spaces remain today. Much of the history of Barrington parallels the development of railroad lines from the port facilities in Chicago. Barrington serves as the hub of activity for the 90-square-mile Barrington area, which consists of 7 independent villages and more than 43,000 residents. The Metra train stops right in the village center, easily connecting Barrington to the City of Chicago. Barrington has the infamous honor of being the site of the 1934 “Battle at Barrington” that killed two FBI agents as well as notorious gangster Babyface Nelson. The Barrington area is unique in Chicago in that it lies so close to one of the world’s finest cities, and yet it is better known for its vast open spaces, equestrian heritage, and as a “jumping-off” point from the city for outdoor recreation of all kinds.
- **Climate:** Barrington has a continental climate with summers generally wetter than the winters. The highest recorded temperature was 103 °F (39 °C) in July 1974 and July 1988; the lowest recorded temperature was -27 °F (-33 °C) in January 1982. Historical tornado activity for the Barrington area is slightly below Illinois state average. On April 11, 1965, an F4 tornado approximately 9.4 miles (15.1 km) away from downtown Barrington killed 6 people and injured 75. On April 21, 1967, a category 4 tornado approximately 5.1 miles (8.2 km) away from the village center killed one person, injured approximately 100 people and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage.
- **Governing Body Format:** The Village of Barrington is a non-home rule municipality which functions under the council-manager form of government with a Village President and a six-member board of trustees, all of whom are elected at large to staggered four-year terms. Numerous departments and teams report to the village manager, including the departments of Human Resources and Risk Management, Community and Financial Services, Economic and Community Development, and Engineering & Building. Barrington's Emergency Management team, composed of the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department, also reports to the village manager. The village president is also responsible for the administration of many appointed boards and commissions, including the village's Ethics Board,

Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Architectural Review Commission, Electrical Commission, Fire & Police Commission, Police Pension Board, Fire Pension Board, and the Cultural Commission. The current Police Chief is David Dorn, and the current Fire Chief is Jim Arie.

- **Development Trends:** Since 1970, growth in the area has been monitored by the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG), which includes representatives of the villages of Barrington, Barrington Hills, Deer Park, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, South Barrington, and Tower Lakes, and local townships who strive to balance the needs of residents for expansion against environmental and aesthetic concerns.

## Capability Assessment

The assessment of the jurisdiction’s legal and regulatory capabilities is presented in the *Legal and Regulatory Capability Table* below. The assessment of the jurisdiction’s fiscal capabilities is presented in the *Fiscal Capability Table* below. The assessment of the jurisdiction’s administrative and technical capabilities is presented in the *Administrative and Technical Capability Table* below. Information on the community’s National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance is presented in the *National Flood Insurance Program Compliance Table* below. Classifications under various community mitigation programs are presented in the *Community Classifications Table* below.

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<b>TABLE: LEGAL AND REGULATORY CAPABILITY</b>					
	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>State or Federal Prohibitions</b>	<b>Other Jurisdictional Authority</b>	<b>State Mandated</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Codes, Ordinances &amp; Requirements</b>					
Building Code	Yes				
Zonings	Yes				
Subdivisions	Yes				
Stormwater Management	Yes				
Post Disaster Recovery	Yes				
Real Estate Disclosure					N/A
Growth Management	Yes				
Site Plan Review	Yes				
Public Health and Safety	Yes				
Environmental Protection	Yes				
<b>Planning Documents</b>					
General or Comprehensive Plan	Yes				
<i>Is the plan equipped to provide linkage to this mitigation plan?</i>					
Floodplain or Basin Plan	Yes				
Stormwater Plan	Yes				
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes				
<i>What types of capital facilities does the plan address?</i>					
<i>How often is the plan revised/updated?</i>					
Habitat Conservation Plan	Yes				
Economic Development Plan	Yes				

Shoreline Management Plan					N/A
<b>Response/Recovery Planning</b>					
Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan	Yes				
Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Yes				
Terrorism Plan	Yes				
Post-Disaster Recovery Plan	Yes				
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes				
Public Health Plans	Yes				

<b>TABLE: FISCAL CAPABILITY</b>	
<b>Financial Resources</b>	<b>Accessible or Eligible to Use?</b>
Community Development Block Grants	No
Capital Improvements Project Funding	Yes
Authority to Levy Taxes for Specific Purposes	Yes
User Fees for Water, Sewer, Gas or Electric Service	Yes
Incur Debt through General Obligation Bonds	Yes
Incur Debt through Special Tax Bonds	Yes
Incur Debt through Private Activity Bonds	No
Withhold Public Expenditures in Hazard-Prone Areas	Yes
State Sponsored Grant Programs	Yes
Development Impact Fees for Homebuyers or Developers	Yes
Other	No

<b>TABLE: ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITY</b>		
<b>Staff/Personnel Resources</b>	<b>Available?</b>	<b>Department/Agency/Position</b>
Planners or engineers with knowledge of land development and land management practices	Yes	Dept. of Development Services
Engineers or professionals trained in building or infrastructure construction practices	Yes	Dept. of Development Services
Planners or engineers with an understanding of natural hazards	Yes	Dept. of Development Services
Staff with training in benefit/cost analysis	Yes	Dept. of Development Services
Surveyors	Yes	Dept. of Development Services
Personnel skilled or trained in GIS applications	Yes	Dept. of Development Services
Scientist familiar with natural hazards in local area	Yes	private consultants
Emergency manager	Yes	Emergency Management Coordinator
Grant writers	Yes	Dept. of Development Services

<b>TABLE: NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE</b>	
What department is responsible for floodplain management in your jurisdiction?	N/A
Who is your jurisdiction’s floodplain administrator? (department/position)	N/A
Are any certified floodplain managers on staff in your jurisdiction?	N/A
What is the date of adoption of your flood damage prevention ordinance?	N/A
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit or Community Assistance Contact?	N/A
Does your jurisdiction have any outstanding NFIP compliance violations that need to be addressed? If so, please state what they are.	N/A
Do your flood hazard maps adequately address the flood risk within your jurisdiction? (If no, please state why)	N/A
Does your floodplain management staff need any assistance or training to support its floodplain management program? If so, what type of assistance/training is needed?	N/A
Does your jurisdiction participate in the Community Rating System (CRS)? If so, is your jurisdiction seeking to improve its CRS Classification? If not, is your jurisdiction interested in joining the CRS program?	No

<b>TABLE: COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATIONS</b>			
	<b>Participating?</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Date Classified</b>
Community Rating System	No		



Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule	Yes	Bldg Code 2018	Elect Code 2017
Public Protection/ISO	Yes	2	2019
StormReady	No		
Tree City USA	Yes	Certified Tree City	1986

## Jurisdiction-Specific Natural Hazard Event History

The information provided below was solicited from the jurisdiction and supported by NOAA and other relevant data sources.

The Natural Hazard Events Table lists all past occurrences of natural hazards within the jurisdiction.

- Repetitive flood loss records are as follows: Number of FEMA-Identified Repetitive Loss Properties: 0
- Number of FEMA-Identified Severe Repetitive Loss Properties: 0
- Number of Repetitive Flood Loss/Severe Repetitive Loss Properties That Have Been Mitigated: 0

TABLE: NATURAL HAZARD EVENTS			
Type of Event	FEMA Disaster Number (if applicable)	Date	Preliminary Damage Assessment
Flash Flood	-	5/30/2018	50,000 property damage.
Hail	-	8/2/2015	-
Hail	-	4/12/2014	-
Severe Weather	-	6/18/2010	-
Lightning	-	5/26/2010	200,000 property damage.
Hail	-	6/19/2009	-
Severe Weather	-	8/22/2007	3,000 property damage.
Severe Weather	-	7/20/2006	-
Severe Weather	-	9/22/2005	-
Hail	-	9/22/2005	-
Hail	-	5/19/2005	-
Severe Weather	-	8/9/2001	-
Severe Weather	-	7/22/2001	-
Severe Weather	-	6/11/2001	-

### Jurisdiction-Specific Hazards and Impacts

Hazards that represent a county-wide risk are addressed in the Risk Assessment section of the 2019 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. This section only addresses the hazards and their associated impacts that are **relevant** and **unique** to the municipality.

**Flood/Severe Weather:** Severe weather has caused damage to properties in Barrington on multiple occasions.

**Hail:** This event occurs during thunderstorms, which often cause flooding and severe wind events. Power line, structures, and trees are frequently damaged.

## Hazard Risk Ranking

The *Hazard Risk Ranking Table* below presents the ranking of the hazards of concern. Hazard area extent and location maps are included at the end of this chapter. These maps are based on the best available data at the time of the preparation of this plan, and are considered to be adequate for planning purposes.

<b>TABLE: HAZARD RISK RANKING</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Hazard Type</b>	<b>Risk Rating Score (Probability x Impact)</b>
1	Severe Weather	54
2	Severe Winter Weather	54
3	Tornado	45
4	Flood	18
5	Earthquake	16
6	Drought	3
7	Dam Failure	0

## Mitigation Strategies and Actions

The heart of the mitigation plan is the mitigation strategy, which serves as the long-term blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment. The mitigation strategy describes how the community will accomplish the overall purpose, or mission, of the planning process. In this section, mitigation actions/projects were updated/amended, identified, evaluated, and prioritized. This section is organized as follows:

- New Mitigation Actions - New actions identified during this 2019 update process
- Ongoing Mitigation Actions - Ongoing actions with no definitive end or that are still in progress. During the 2019 update, these "ongoing" mitigation actions and projects were modified and/or amended, as needed.
- Completed Mitigation Actions - An archive of all identified and completed projects, including completed actions since 2014.

The Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Matrix Table below lists the actions that make up the jurisdiction’s hazard mitigation plan. The Mitigation Strategy Priority Schedule Table identifies the priority for each action.

<b>TABLE: HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN MATRIX</b>						
<b>Status</b>	<b>Hazards Mitigated</b>	<b>Objectives Met</b>	<b>Lead Agencies</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Sources of Funding</b>	<b>Timeline/Projected Completion Date (a)</b>
<b>Action B1.1</b> —Increase public awareness of disaster preparedness and notification through public education and installing early notification systems.						
New	All	5, 6	Village of Barrington	\$10,000; Medium	Grants, Local Funds	2021
(a) Ongoing indicates continuation of an action that is already in place. Short-term indicates implementation within five years. Long-term indicates implementation after five years.						

### New Mitigation Actions

The following are new mitigation actions created during the 2019 update.

**Action B1.1**

<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Increase public awareness of disaster preparedness and notification through public education and installing early notification systems.
<b>Year Initiated</b>	2015
<b>Applicable Jurisdiction</b>	Barrington Fire Department
<b>Lead Agency/Organization</b>	Village of Barrington
<b>Supporting Agencies/Organizations</b>	Village of Barrington
<b>Applicable Goal</b>	Promote public understanding of and support for hazard mitigation.
<b>Applicable Objective</b>	Develop, improve, and protect systems that provide early warnings, emergency response communications, and evacuation procedures. Use the best available data, science and technologies to educate the public and to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of natural hazards, the vulnerability of building types and community development patterns, and the measures needed to protect life safety.
<b>Potential Funding Source</b>	Grants, Local Funds
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	\$10,000
<b>Benefits (loss avoided)</b>	Heightened awareness of hazardous conditions and appropriate actions to take to save lives
<b>Projected Completion Date</b>	2021
<b>Priority and Level of Importance (Low, Medium, High)</b>	High Priority
<b>Benefit Analysis (Low, Medium, High)</b>	High—Project will provide an immediate reduction of risk exposure for life and property.
<b>Cost Analysis (Low, Medium, High)</b>	Medium—The project could be implemented with existing funding but would require a re-apportionment of the budget or a budget amendment, or the cost of the project would have to be spread over multiple years.
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	

Recommended Mitigation Action/Implementation Plan and Project Description	
<b>Action/Implementation Plan and Project Description:</b>	In order to enhance disaster survivability, we will provide a combination of public education to increase public awareness of preparedness for hazardous events and install systems to provide early notification in the event of a disaster and/or weather emergency.

Mitigation Action and Project Maintenance		
Year	Status	Comments
2019	New	
2020		
2021		
2022		
2023		

Mitigated Hazards	
X	All Hazards
	Dam/Levee Failure
X	Drought
	Earthquake
X	Flood
X	Extreme Heat
X	Lightning
X	Hail
	Fog
X	High Wind
X	Snow
X	Blizzard
X	Extreme Cold
X	Ice Storms
X	Tornado
	Epidemic or pandemic
	Nuclear Power Plant Incident
X	Widespread Power Outage
	Coastal Erosion
	Secondary Impacts from Mass Influx of Evacuees
X	Hazardous Materials Incident

### Ongoing Mitigation Actions

Barrington has no ongoing actions at this time.



### Completed Mitigation Actions

Barrington has no completed actions at this time.

## Future Needs to Understand Risk and Vulnerability

None at this time.

## Additional Comments

None at this time.

## HAZUS-MH Risk Assessment Results

<b>BARRINGTON EXISTING CONDITIONS</b>	
2010 Population	10,327
Total Assessed Value of Structures and Contents	\$2,896,000,000
Area in 100-Year Floodplain	56.24 acres
Area in 500-Year Floodplain	224.210 acres
Number of Critical Facilities	28

<b>HAZARD EXPOSURE IN BARRINGTON</b>						
	Number Exposed		Value Exposed to Hazard			% of Total Assessed Value Exposed
	Population	Buildings	Structure	Contents	Total	
<b>Dam Failure</b>						
Buffalo Creek	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
U. Salt Cr #2	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Touhy	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
U. Salt Cr #3	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
U. Salt Cr #4	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Flood</b>						
100-year	563	2	\$5,775,000	\$2,576,000	<b>\$8,351,000</b>	0.29%
500-year	563	3	\$6,462,810	\$1,230,319	<b>\$7,693,129</b>	0.27%
<b>Tornado</b>						
100-Year	-	-	\$516,611,391	\$467,697,282	<b>\$984,308,673</b>	33.99%
500-Year	-	-	\$1,054,644,816	\$650,751,279	<b>\$1,705,396,095</b>	58.89%

<b>ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE VALUES IN BARRINGTON</b>				
	Estimated Damage Associated with Hazard			% of Total Assessed Value Damaged
	Building	Contents	Total	
<b>Dam Failure</b>				
Buffalo Creek	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	0.00%
Touhy	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	0.00%
U. Salt Cr. #2	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	0.00%
U. Salt Cr. #3	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	0.00%
U. Salt Cr. #4	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	0.00%
<b>Earthquake</b>				
1909 Historical Event	\$509,586.54	\$142,837.80	<b>\$652,424.34</b>	0.02%
<b>Flood</b>				
100-Year	\$5,775,000	\$2,576,000	<b>\$8,351,000</b>	0.28%
500-Year	\$6,462,810	\$1,230,319	<b>\$7,693,129</b>	0.27%
<b>Tornado</b>				
100-Year	\$516,611,391	\$467,697,242	<b>\$984,308,673</b>	33.99%
500-Year	\$1,054,644,816	\$650,751,279	<b>\$1,705,396,095</b>	58.89%

# Hazard Mapping





