



Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan Information Bulletin #6 Goals and Objectives

Mission Statement

Identify risks and sustainable cost-effective actions to mitigate the impact of natural hazards in order to protect the life, health, safety, welfare, and economy of the communities of Cook County.

What Are the Goals of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan?

The Steering Committee has identified six goals for the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. These goals reflect the vision of the Steering Committee as they lead the development of the plan. The goals support the mission statement and, in turn, are supported by the objectives.

Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals

1. Develop and implement sustainable, cost-effective and environmentally sound risk-reduction (mitigation) projects.
2. Protect the lives, health, safety and property of the citizens of Cook County from the impacts of natural hazards.
3. Protect public services and critical facilities, including infrastructure, from loss of use during natural hazard events and potential damage from such events.
4. Involve stakeholders to enhance the local capacity to mitigate, prepare for and respond to the impacts of natural hazards.
5. Develop, promote and integrate mitigation action plans.
6. Promote public understanding of and support for hazard mitigation.

Goals are general guidelines that explain what you want to achieve in your project. Goals are usually broad-based policy-type statements that are long-term in nature and represent global visions. Goals are not measurable.

Objectives are strategies or implementation steps to attain the identified goals. Objectives are specific and measurable.

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What Are the Objectives of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan?

The Steering Committee identified 13 objectives that will help to attain the goals of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Steering Committee sought to identify objectives that would meet more than one goal, and each of the chosen objectives meets at least three goals. The Steering Committee also sought objectives that could be implemented through numerous actions.

Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan Objectives

1. Eliminate or minimize disruption of local government operations caused by natural hazards through all phases of emergency management.
2. Increase resilience of (or protect and maintain) infrastructure and critical facilities.
3. Consider the impacts of natural hazards on future land uses in the planning area, including possible impacts from climate change.
4. Integrate hazard mitigation policies into land use plans in the planning area.
5. Develop, improve and protect systems that provide early warnings, emergency response communications and evacuation procedures.
6. 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.
7. Retrofit, purchase or relocate structures in high hazard areas, including those known to be repetitively damaged.
8. Establish partnerships among all levels of local government, the private sector and/or nongovernmental organizations to improve and implement methods to protect people and property.
9. Provide or improve flood protection on a watershed basis with flood control structures and drainage maintenance plans.
10. Strengthen codes and land use planning and their enforcement, so that new construction or redevelopment can avoid or withstand the impacts of natural hazards.
11. Encourage mitigation through incentive-based programs, such as the Community Rating System, Firewise and Storm Ready programs.
12. Reduce natural hazard-related risks and vulnerability to potentially isolated populations within the planning area.
13. Encourage hazard mitigation measures that result in the least adverse effect on the natural environment and that use natural processes.

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