

RESOLUTION NO.
16-14

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WELD COUNTY 2016
MULTI-JURSDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS THE
TOWN OF HUDSON'S MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hudson, with the assistance from the Weld County Office of Emergency Management, has gathered information and prepared the Weld County 2016 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Weld County 2016 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Hudson is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Town Council has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hudson Town Council that the Town of Hudson adopts the Weld County 2016 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2016 at the meeting of the Hudson Town Council.

TOWN OF HUDSON, COLORADO

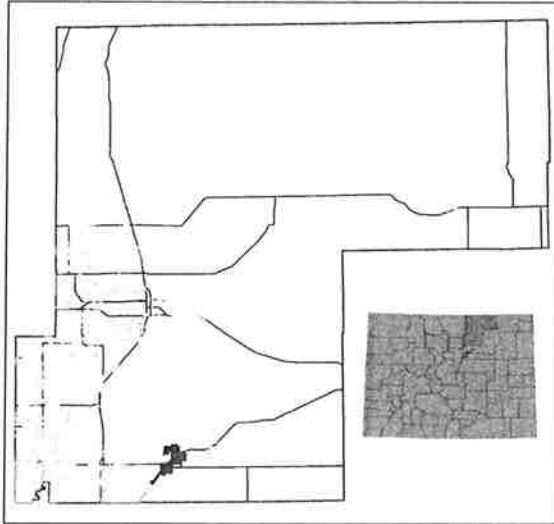

Raymond Patch, Mayor




Linnette Barker, Town Clerk

Town of Hudson

Hudson is located in south-central Weld County approximately 30 miles northeast of downtown Denver. Located adjacent to Interstate 76, Hudson is surrounded by farms and other agricultural and energy-related industries. Additionally, the town is a "bedroom community" for persons employed in the Denver and Brighton areas. The approximately 2,569 residents value the small town atmosphere and rural setting, and have indicated in their comprehensive plan a desire to maintain those qualities as Hudson grows.



Community Profile

The table below summarizes key demographic and development related characteristics of the Town of Hudson.

| Town of Hudson Statistics | | |
|---|----------------|-----------|
| | Town of Hudson | Colorado |
| Population, 2014 | 2,569 | 5,355,866 |
| Population, % change April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2014 | 9% | 6.5% |
| % Population under 5 years, 2010 | 4.9% | 6.8% |
| % Population under 18 years, 2010 | 21.1% | 24.4% |
| % Population 65 years and over, 2010 | 2.9% | 10.7% |
| Language other than English spoken at home, % age 5+, 2009-2013 | 26.3% | 16.8% |
| Homeownership Rate | 63% | 65.4% |
| Persons Per Household | 2.91 | 2.53 |
| Persons below poverty level, %, 2009-2013 | 12.8% | 13.2% |
| Median Household Income, 2009- 2013 | \$54,167 | \$58,433 |

Source: US Census Bureau

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

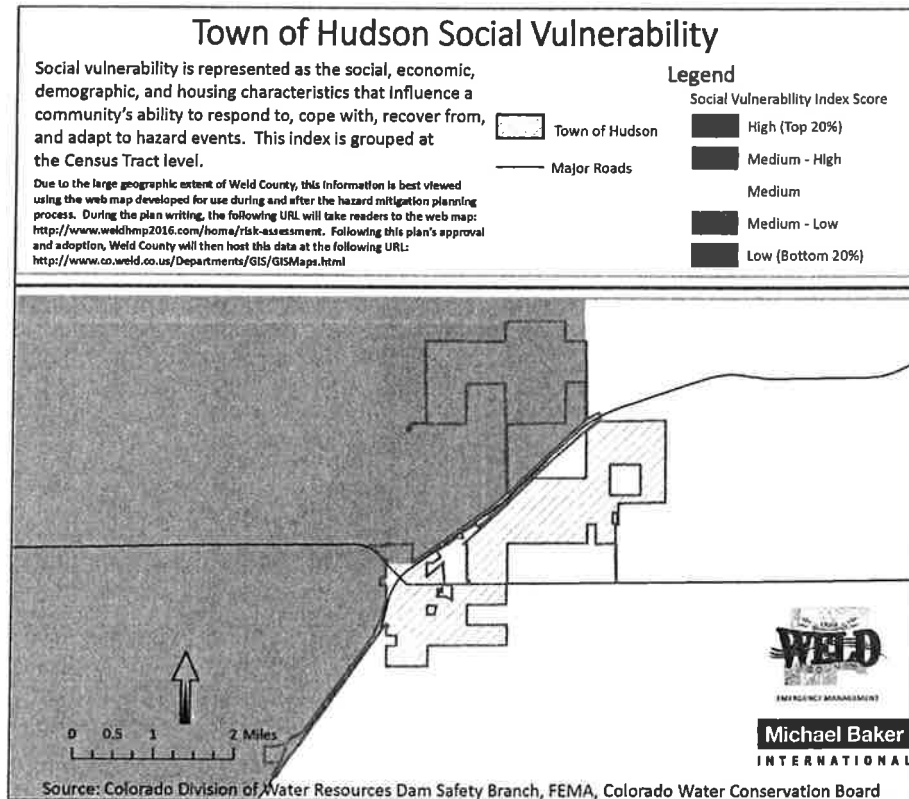
| NATURAL HAZARD | PROBABILITY | IMPACT | SPATIAL EXTENT | WARNING TIME | DURATION | RF RATING |
|--|-------------|--------|----------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| HAZMAT | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 3.000 |
| Severe Storm | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 2.700 |
| Straight-Line Winds and Tornadoes | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 2.700 |
| Prairie Fire | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.300 |
| Extreme Temperatures | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 2.100 |
| Public Health Hazards | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 2.100 |
| Earthquake | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.500 |
| Land Subsidence | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.500 |
| Flood | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.500 |
| Drought | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.300 |
| HIGH RISK (2.5 or higher): HAZMAT; Severe Storm; Straight-Line Winds and Tornadoes | | | | | | |
| MODERATE RISK HAZARD (2.0 - 2.4): Prairie Fire; Extreme Temperatures; Public Health Hazards | | | | | | |
| Low Risk (1.9 or lower): Earthquake; Land Subsidence; Flood; Drought | | | | | | |

Vulnerability Assessment

This section provides a refined vulnerability assessment, specific for the Town of Hudson, for those hazards that were identified as being rated HIGH in the preceding section. This analysis was conducted separately from that of the county-wide vulnerability assessment to specifically focus on the population, structures, infrastructure, and other assets unique to the Town of Hudson.

The results of the social vulnerability assessment are displayed on the map below. On the map, social vulnerability is represented at the census tract level by 5 classes of vulnerability: Low (bottom 20% of the county), Medium-Low, Medium, Medium-High, and High (top 20% of the county). The Town of Hudson's social vulnerability map shows social vulnerability within the community.





The Town of Hudson consists of areas that range from medium social vulnerability and medium-high social vulnerability. The medium-high socially vulnerable areas are in the north western part of the community. Resources and measures to reduce the social determinates of disasters may be most effectively allocated to the northwest area of the Town. Moreover, it is critical that the town analyze the individual social vulnerability indicators that make the northwestern part of the community stand out. Through ongoing evaluation, the Town of Hudson will be able to more effectively reduce local social vulnerability and increase their resilience to hazard events.

HAZMAT

Based on data supplied by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Incident Reports Database there have been no reported HAZMAT incidents within the Town of Hudson between 1972 and 2015.

Inventory Exposed

Interstate 76 runs through the Town of Hudson and is a designated nuclear and hazardous materials transportation route. All structures, natural resources, and people located within one mile of these



transportation routes (and railways) are exposed to the impacts of a potential HAZMAT event. Structures, people, and natural resources located outside of a one mile buffer of these routes are also at risk of exposure.

Assets and people that are located within one mile of an industrial or commercial fixed site are also at risk of exposure to the impacts of a HAZMAT release.

Potential Losses

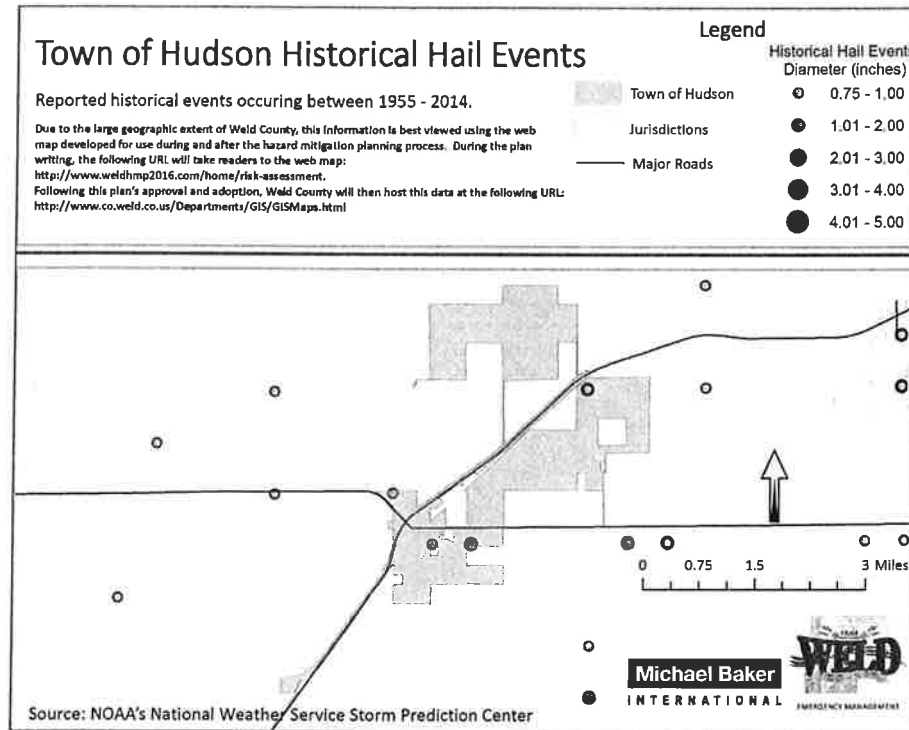
HAZMAT related events occur throughout Weld County every year. The intensity and magnitude of these incidents depend on weather conditions, the location of the event, the time of day, and the process by which the materials are released. Was it raining when the event happened? Were the hazardous materials being transported by rail when they were released or were they at a fixed facility? Did the spill happen during rush hour traffic or in the middle of the night? All of these considerations matter when determining the risk and potential damages associated with a HAZMAT incident.

HAZMAT events have the potential to threaten lives and disrupt business activity. Moreover, HAZMAT incidents can cause serious environmental contamination to air, ground, and water sources.

Severe Storm (Hail, Lightning, Winter Storm)

Hail

According to the best available data there are no reported injuries, deaths, property, or crop damage in the Town of Hudson. There have been 7 hail events reported within the town limits and several hail events that occurred close to the town limits. Based on the historic data showing hazardous impacts on the town, there is a great potential for hail events to occur at any given time.



Lightning

According to the best available data, no injuries, deaths, or crop damage have occurred within the Town of Hudson due to Lightning. There have been 2 recorded lightning incidents between 1999 and 2000 within the town limits, causing \$100,000 in property damage. Based on the historic data showing hazardous impacts on the town, there is a great potential for Lightning to occur at any given time.

Winter Storm

According to the best available data there are no reported injuries, deaths, property damage, or crop damage in the Town of Hudson from winter storm events. There have been four winter storm events reported within the town limits and several winter storm events that occurred less than one mile from the town limits. Based on historic data showing hazardous impacts on the town, there is a great potential for winter storm events to occur at any given time.

Inventory Exposed

All assets located in the Town of Hudson can be considered at risk from severe storms. This includes 2,569 people, or 100% of the town's population, and all buildings and infrastructure within the town. Damages primarily occur as a result of high winds, lightning strikes, hail, snow-loading, and flooding. Most

structures, including the town's critical facilities, should be able to provide adequate protection from hail but the structures could suffer broken windows and dented exteriors. Those facilities with back-up generators are better equipped to handle severe weather situation should the power go out.

Potential Losses

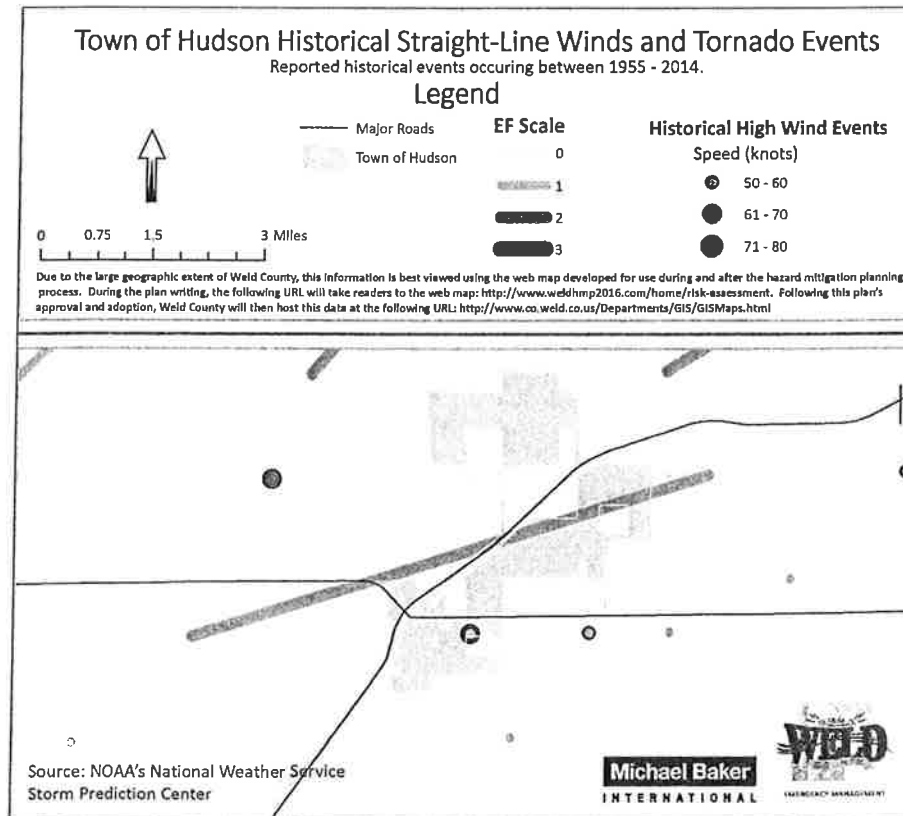
Severe storms affect the entire planning area of the Town of Hudson including all above-ground structures and infrastructure. Although losses to structures are typically minimal and covered by insurance, there can be impacts with lost time, maintenance costs, and contents within structures. A timely forecast may not be able to mitigate the property loss, but could reduce the casualties and associated injuries.

It appears possible to forecast these extreme events with some skill, but further research needs to be done to test the existing hypothesis about the interaction between the convective storm and its environment that produces the extensive swath of high winds. Severe storms will remain a highly likely occurrence for the Town of Hudson. It is likely that lightning and hail will also be experienced in the area due to such storms.

Straight-Line Winds and Tornadoes

According to the best available data, no injuries, deaths, or crop damages have been recorded within the Town of Hudson due to tornadoes. There have been 2 tornadoes reported within the town limits and multiple tornadoes very close to the borders of the town limits. On June 8, 1958 a tornado was reported within the town limits that caused \$3,000 in property damage. Tornadoes will remain a highly likely occurrence for the Town of Hudson.

According to the best available data, no injuries, deaths, or damages have been recorded within the Town of Hudson due to straight-line winds. There have been 2 high wind events recorded within the town limits. Straight-line winds remain a highly likely occurrence for Hudson.



Inventory Exposed

All assets located in the Town of Hudson can be considered at risk from straight-line winds and tornadoes. This includes 2,569 people, or 100% of the town's population, and all buildings and structures within the County. Most structures, including the town's critical facilities, should be able to withstand and provide adequate protection from severe wind and tornadoes. Those facilities with back-up generators should be fully equipped to handle severe wind and tornado events should the power go out.

Potential Losses

Generally, straight-line wind events and tornadoes destroy private, commercial, and public property. Additional costs stem from debris removal, maintenance, repair, and response. Indirect costs include loss of industrial and commercial productivity as a result of damage to infrastructure, facilities, or interruption of services. Because no specific, community-wide loss estimation exists for wind and tornado hazards, potential losses are related to structure value. The building value of the structures in this area amounts to roughly \$105,540,448. Potential losses could be substantial.

Capabilities Assessment

The capability assessment examines the ability of the Town of Hudson to implement and manage the comprehensive mitigation strategy laid out in this Plan. The strengths, weaknesses, and resources of the community are identified here as a means for evaluating and maintaining effective and appropriate management of the town’s hazard mitigation program.

Local Personnel

The ability of a community to implement a comprehensive mitigation strategy depends, in part, on available resources, including people and staff. The table below outlines the City’s capabilities as they relate to key personnel.

| | Full Time | Part Time | None or Not-Identified |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| Emergency Manager | | X | |
| Floodplain Administrator | | X | |
| Community Planner | X | | |
| GIS Specialist | | | X |
| Grant Writer | | | X |

**EM and the FPA duties are the responsibility of the Town Administrator*

Land Use Planning and Codes

Local land use plans and building codes are tremendous tools for evaluating local policies related to hazard mitigation and risk reduction. Additionally, comprehensive master plans, capital improvement plans, stormwater plans and zoning ordinances all present opportunities for enhanced local capabilities. The table below outlines the City of Greeley’s current capabilities as they relate to land use planning and codes

| | Yes (Y); No (N); I don’t know (IDK) |
|--|--|
| A zoning ordinance | Y |
| A hazard-specific ordinance | Y |
| Local building codes | Y |
| A comprehensive plan / master plan | Y |
| A Capital Improvements Plan | Y |
| A Stormwater Plan | IDK |
| A Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) | N |
| An Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) | Y |
| A Long-Term Recovery Plan | N |
| Participates in the NFIP | Y |

Hudson is in the process of updating their Comprehensive Land Use Plan, their All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan, and their Crisis Action Guide. The town’s new Fire Chief, Ken Gabrielson (Hudson Fire Protection District), and new Public Safety Director, Brent Flot (eventual Town Marshal), will be participating in the EOP / CAG / Hazard Mitigation Plan Update projects, along with the town’s utility partners.



Building codes are one tool that communities use to enhance public safety. For example, they can increase structural integrity, mitigate structure fires, and provide benefits in relation to natural hazard avoidance. In Colorado, land use regulations and building codes are typically implemented at the local level. Even without a statewide mandate, most counties and many municipalities have enacted regulations and codes. The Town of Hudson has adopted a local building code requirement, demonstrating their understanding of the benefits codes provide, including reduced exposure to hazards.

Plan Maintenance and Implementation

Hudson has developed a Plan Maintenance and Implementation Strategy outlining their method and schedule for keeping the plan current. The Implementation Strategy below also includes a discussion of how Hudson will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process.

| Jurisdiction | Plan Maintenance and Implementation Strategy |
|----------------|---|
| Town of Hudson | <p><i>Town staff, along with participation from our town's emergency first responders and overall stakeholders group (when applicable), will monitor, evaluate, and update our Emergency Operations Plan, Crisis Action Guide and Hazard Mitigation Plan on an on-going basis. Our mitigation actions will be reviewed by our Board of Trustees and Town Administration on an annual basis.</i></p> <p><i>Alterations to our Emergency Operations Plan, Crisis Action Guide and Hazard Mitigation Plan will be posted on the town's website and in the town's newsletter (when appropriate) to keep the public aware of how they can participate. Substantive alterations will be made available to our larger stakeholder group.</i></p> |

Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning

Through discussions at planning meetings and the use of an online survey, individual outreach, and phone calls, each participating jurisdiction brainstormed with the planning team to identify processes for integrating hazard mitigation into their local planning mechanisms and policies. The Town of Hudson did not integrate the 2009 HMP into other local planning mechanisms. The table below lists the specific integration strategies identified by Hudson based on the mitigation actions listed in this plan.

| Jurisdiction | Strategy |
|----------------|--|
| Town of Hudson | <p><i>"The Town of Hudson is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan, Emergency Operations Plan and Crisis Action Guide. We will include the necessary information from the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update into those documents, where applicable. Any hazard mitigation issues identified as an increased risk item will be addressed accordingly. Hazard mitigation actions requiring increased attention will be integrated into our on-going Capital Improvements Plan and be given the appropriate priority status. Capital Improvement Plan projects are identified and listed in our annual budget for citizen review and Board of Trustees approval. As this is an on-going process, any hazard mitigation issues identified requiring increased prioritization will trigger notification being sent to the</i></p> |



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| | <i>appropriate departments, agencies and individuals having authority over the identified issue so that the appropriate action can be taken."</i> |
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Mitigation Action Guides

The following Mitigation Action Guide presents a status updates on Hudson’s mitigation actions that were included in the 2009 Plan.

Town of Hudson: Continued Compliance with the NFIP

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| PRIORITY: Medium | HAZARDS ADDRESSED: Flooding |
| LOCATION: Town of Hudson | GOALS ADDRESSED: 1 |
| RECOMMENDATION DATE: 2009 | OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED: E |
| TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing | |
| ISSUE: As participants in the NFIP, Hudson will continue to promote wise use of floodplains through ordinance administration and periodic update, promotion of flood insurance and staff training, including encouragement of Certified Floodplain Manager status. | |
| RECOMMENDATION: The benefits are to flood prone building owners who choose to insure against flood losses, and to taxpayers who no longer would be faced with subsidizing those potential losses | |
| ACTION: Continued Compliance with the NFIP | |
| LEAD AGENCY: local Floodplain Management officials | EXPECTED COST: can be accomplished with existing Town budget |
| SUPPORT AGENCIES: | POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES: |
| PROGRESS MILESTONES: Passed Town of Hudson Ordinance 14-01, an ordinance repealing Section 16-49 and repealing and reenacting Section 16-146 of the Hudson Municipal Code Floodplain Regulations; passed on second and final reading on February 19, 2014, and ordered published once full. | |
| Recent correspondence with FEMA prompting additional reviews and action are underway. | |

The following Mitigation Action Guides profile each of Hudson’s new mitigation actions that were developed for the 2016 Plan.

Town of Hudson, Colorado – Update All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan / Crisis Action Guide (to include a new section for Hazard Mitigation Planning)

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| PRIORITY: High | HAZARDS ADDRESSED: All hazards (man-made and natural) |
| LOCATION: Hudson | GOALS ADDRESSED: 1,2,3,4 |
| RECOMMENDATION DATE: Immediately | OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED: A,B,C,D,E |
| TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing | |
| ISSUE: Comprehensive review and updating of the town’s All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Crisis Action Guide (CAG); a new section will be added to include the Hazard Mitigation Plan | |



(HMP); upon finalization, the EOP / CAG / HMP will be integrated into the town's updated Comprehensive Plan Appendices (completion expected in 2016).

RECOMMENDATION: Monthly meetings will be initiated during the review & project prioritization phase; meetings will be held every other month during the updating phase; quarterly meetings will be held during the implementation & education phase; process cycle will be ongoing as the EOP / CAG / HMP are "living documents".

ACTION: Absolute involvement, integration and COMMUNICATION by all identified stakeholders; ongoing education of stakeholders, residents and business community.

LEAD AGENCY: Town of Hudson Administration & Planning Dept. , personnel with emergency mgmt. responsibilities.

EXPECTED COST: Most of the effort can be accomplished within existing annual budget by funding specific line items.

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Hudson Fire Protection District, Hudson Town Marshal, Hudson Public Works Department, Hudson Utilities Department, Hudson Board of Trustees & Planning Commission, Weld County Office of Emergency Management, United Power, Atmos Energy, Weld County RE3J Public School District, and other identified stakeholders and community response agencies as required to complete tasks.

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES: Annual budgets and mitigation grant opportunities

PROGRESS MILESTONES: Establishment of meeting schedule; completed review of Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), Crisis Action Guide (CAG) and Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP); completed update of EOP / CAG / HMP; implementation of defined action plan to minimize or eliminate identified deficiencies and issues; and scheduling of educational workshops and training exercises; integration into Town's Comprehensive Plan (2016).

Town of Hudson – Integrated Community Mitigation Planning and 2015 Citizen Survey Review

PRIORITY: Medium

HAZARDS ADDRESSED: All hazards (man-made and natural, real or perceived)

LOCATION: Hudson

GOALS ADDRESSED: 1,2,3,4

RECOMMENDATION DATE: January 2016

OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED: A,B,D,E

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: June 2016

ISSUE: 2015 Annual Citizen Survey solicited feedback on a variety of topics affecting the overall community. Responses identified hazards of concern to residents. The Town of Hudson wants to incorporate 2015 resident survey data related to hazard awareness and integrate the hazard and risk assessment as determined in the 2016 Weld County Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Town's Comprehensive and Emergency Operations Plans.



RECOMMENDATION: Independent review and scheduled group discussions leading to the development and integration of appropriate mitigation actions into Town of Hudson’s plans. Incorporate community input into mitigation actions.

ACTION: Interdepartmental and interagency review of 2015 Annual Citizen Survey responses; prioritize hazards (man-made and natural) identified in the hazard and risk assessment; develop actions to mitigate issues related to concerns and fears; utilize preferred tools identified in survey to communicate with community.

LEAD AGENCY: Town of Hudson Administration

EXPECTED COST: Most tasks can be completed within existing annual town budget. Action Plan items may require additional funding from mitigation grant resources.

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Hudson Public Works Department, Hudson Utilities Department, Hudson Fire Protection District, Hudson Town Marshal, and other identified stakeholders and community response agencies as required to complete tasks.

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES: Annual budget and mitigation grant opportunities.

PROGRESS MILESTONES: Completed review of the 2015 Annual Citizen Survey; Completed review of hazard and risk assessment for the Town of Hudson; establishment of a group meeting schedule; identification and prioritization of issues identified in survey; creation and implementation of an action plan.

Town of Hudson – Develop Staff / Resident / Business Resilience, Hazard Awareness & Preparedness Education Plan

PRIORITY: Low - Medium

HAZARDS ADDRESSED: All hazards (man-made and natural)

LOCATION: Hudson

GOALS ADDRESSED: 1,3

RECOMMENDATION DATE: January 2016

OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED: A,B

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

ISSUE: A 2015 Annual Citizen Survey solicited feedback on a variety of topics affecting the overall community, including hazard awareness (survey garnered a 20% return rate from the community). A community education and training plan to address the issues identified is needed. To enhance our community’s disaster resilience, town staff, residential and business community members need access to ongoing education about local hazards, preparedness and possible mitigation actions.

RECOMMENDATION: Identify, promote, and host educational and training opportunities for town staff, residents and business owners. Provide opportunities for residents to participate in planning, to include mitigation and community planning activities. Incorporate hazard and risk analysis from HMP into education plan.

ACTION: Develop a plan to provide EMI professional training for town staff; American Red Cross and equivalent “interest level” training in hazard-specific mitigation actions and individual preparedness and community resilience for residents; provide FEMA Business Ready training, as well as SBA –



SBDC/U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Continuity training for our entrepreneurs and start-up and established business owners.

LEAD AGENCY: Town of Hudson Administration

EXPECTED COST: Existing annual budgeted line items for training and outreach.

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Hudson Fire Protection District, Hudson Town Marshal, American Red Cross, Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, SBA, SBDC, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and other identified stakeholders and community response agencies as required to enhance overall knowledge and preparedness.

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES: Annual budgets and mitigation grant opportunities.

PROGRESS MILESTONES: Identify appropriate educational opportunities; develop training schedule; track participants progress including any certifications obtained.

Town of Hudson – Distribution of All Hazards Emergency Alert Radios to local community

PRIORITY: Medium

HAZARDS ADDRESSED: All Hazards (man-made and natural)

LOCATION: Hudson

GOALS ADDRESSED: 1,2

RECOMMENDATION DATE: January 2016

OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED: A,E

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

ISSUE: Effectiveness of severe weather alert system (tornado sirens) has been questioned. Town limits continues to expand thereby minimizing the audible warning capacity of the existing system.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussions with Town Board, Administration, Hudson Fire Protection District Administration / Staff, and Weld County Office of Emergency Management Staff led to a Town Board decision to authorize the purchase and distribution of All Hazards Emergency Alert Radios to community members interested in participating in the program.

ACTION: Town will purchase All Hazards Emergency Alert Radios (250 – Phase 1) for distribution to community members. Radios will be made available through a "coupon" attached to the town's utility bill.

LEAD AGENCY: Town Administration

EXPECTED COST: Midland WR120 MSRP is \$49.99. Amazon prices radios around \$28. Bulk purchases should help to secure a reduced rate. Town will need to budget between \$7017.50 - \$12,500 in our FY2016 Budget

SUPPORT AGENCIES: None

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES: List all potential sources, be as specific as possible



PROGRESS MILESTONES: Purchase of radios; insertion of "coupons" into utility billing system; distribution of radios (participants will be logged with the purpose of having the radio returned should residents move).



Letter of Intent to Participate



TOWN OF HUDSON

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LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

October 7, 2015

Weld County Office of Emergency Management
 Director Roy Rudisill
 1150 O Street
 Greeley, CO 80632

Re: "Statement of Intent to Participate" as a participating jurisdiction in Weld County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)

Dear Director Rudisill,

In accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) requirements, under 44 CFR §201.6, which specifically identify criteria that allow for multi-jurisdictional mitigation plans, the Town of Hudson is submitting this letter of intent to confirm that the Town of Hudson has agreed to participate in the Weld County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning effort.

Further, as a condition to participating in the mitigation planning, the Town of Hudson agrees to meet the requirements for mitigation plans identified in 44 CFR §201.6 and to provide such cooperation as is necessary and in a timely manner to the Weld County Office of Emergency Management, to complete the plan in conformance with FEMA requirements.

The Town of Hudson understands that it must engage in the following planning process, as more fully described in FEMA's *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook* dated March 2013 including, but not limited to:

- Identification of hazards unique to the jurisdiction and not addressed in the master planning document;
- The conduct of a vulnerability analysis and an identification of risks, where they differ from the general planning area;
- The formulation of mitigation goals responsive to public input and development of mitigation actions complementary to those goals. A range of actions must be identified specific for each jurisdiction;
- Demonstration that there has been proactively offered an opportunity for participation in the planning process by all community stakeholders (examples of participation include relevant



involvement in any planning process, attending meetings, contributing research, data, or other information, commenting on drafts of the plan, etc.);

- Documentation of an effective process to maintain and implement the plan;
- Formal adoption of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by the Jurisdiction's governing body (each jurisdiction must officially adopt the plan).

Therefore, with a full understanding of the obligations incurred by an agreement between the Weld County Office of Emergency Management and the Town of Hudson, I, Mayor Raymond Patch, commit the Town of Hudson to the Weld County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning effort.

Executed this 7th day of October, 2015

