

The first meeting of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Committee started at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at the Village Municipal Building, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York.

A diverse group of citizens had been asked to be a part of the committee. The following were in attendance:

Patricia Connors	Town Councilperson
Bradley Upson	Village Superintendent of Public Works
Nancy Duff	Director, Senior Center
Matthew Minor	town citizen
Adam Mesiti	Sergeant, Brockport Police Department
Chris McCullough	Deputy Chief, Brockport Fire Department
Fred Perrine	Town Superintendent of Highways
Paul Fortner	landlord
Jim Whipple	Village Trustee
Marleen Cain	Deputy Town Clerk, clerk for committee

Federal regulations have been changed to require municipalities to have an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan in place by November 1, 2003. Having an approved plan in place will enable the town and village to be eligible for pre-disaster mitigation funding and disaster relief funding. The planning process requires an open public involvement and members from the following groups have been asked to be a part of this planning committee and there will also be information posted and in the local papers: Senior Center and senior community, industry, business, police department, fire department, fire marshal, code enforcement, Lakeside Hospital, SUNY Brockport, Brockport Central School District, landlords, town and village citizens, and town and village government. Discussion during the meeting suggested also including a representative of farmers.

Monroe County has already formulated their plan. The county also has a software program that they will give to the municipality to use once they have trained someone to use it. The program will list hazards and rank and categorize by priority.

The committee went over the list from the county to determine what and where hazards should be listed for the town/village plan.

Natural Hazards

Moderately High Hazards: Ice Storm, Blizzard (Severe Winter Storm), Extreme Temperatures.
Moderately Low Hazards: Flood, Tornado, Landslide, Earthquake, Drought, Disease, *Infestation, and Blight*. Delete Ice Jam from the list.

Farmers will be asked about infestation and blight before a definite determination is made.

Technological Hazards

Moderately High Hazards: Civil Unrest, Utility Failure, Fire, Hazardous Materials (In Transit), Explosion, Canal Failure (change from dam failure), Transportation Incident, and Terrorism.

Moderately Low Hazard: Water Supply Failure, Structural Collapse, Hazardous Materials (Fixed Site), Radiologic Incident (Fixed Site), Energy Crisis, Air Contamination, Radiologic Accident (In Transit), and Food Shortage.

Do any of the schools have a generator? Jim Whipple will check with the school district tomorrow. It would be helpful to have places where large numbers of people could be sheltered during emergency situations, e.g, ice storms with power outages. The Senior Center and Community Center could be prepared as emergency shelters. Generators and emergency supplies would have to be obtained.

Lightning was discussed as another possible hazard but the prevalent area for strikes seems to be limited to Royal Gardens Apartments and the Community Center and the fire department has been able to handle the situations. If the Community Center becomes an emergency shelter with a generator, lightning protection would have to be put in place.

East Canal Road has an area that has flooded annually. A retention facility would be helpful to mitigate the problem.

Periodic cleaning of streams will help to mitigate flooding.

Windstorms are becoming more frequent. There are large open land areas because of farming that encourages wind.

Brockport Cold Storage is the only facility with hazardous materials on site (ammonia). We are down wind from Diaz Chemical though and there are farmers with pesticide storage and the airport and other businesses with fuel storage.

The buildings in the village and town are generally well constructed and maintained. This lowers the probability of structural collapse.

Utility failure has become more frequent. Maintenance of systems and encouragement of underground systems would help to mitigate damage from wind and ice storms.

Canal Failure could cause severe damage and injury because most of the canal is above ground. There is one lock near the college to be able to close off water to the west but the closest lock to the east is in Rochester at the river.

There was a lot of other discussion and sharing of information. Bradley Upson, Patricia Connors, and Marleen Cain will obtain the training on the HAZNY computer program. Hazards listed and issues discussed will be used to input information into the program.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2003, in the West Conference Room, Town Hall, 18 State Street. E-mail addresses were collected for all present. For members not present, please send to Marleen Cain at marleenc@townofsweden.org your e-mail address so that information, meeting notices, and minutes can be distributed. Items will be mailed for those without e-mail. Meeting ended at 9:15 pm.