

**Summary of the Story County, Iowa
Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Risk Assessment and Goals Meeting**

Thursday, June 29, 2023

6:00-8:00 pm CST

**Hybrid Meeting (Virtual via Teams and In-Person at Story County Administration
Building)**

Subject/Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to review the highlights of the updated Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and revisit the plan's goals. The meeting was delivered as a web meeting with Microsoft Teams, with some attendees convening in the public meeting room at the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA.

Attendees

41 people total attended the meeting, both in person and virtually, including:

- Amelia Schoeneman, Planning and Development, Story County
- Anna Henderson, Animal Control Director, Story County
- Bill Lytle, Colo-Nesco and McCallsburg
- Christopher Johnson, Hazard Mitigation Planner, WSP
- Chris Perrin, EMA, Mary Greeley Medical Center
- Clayton Oliver, Emergency Manager, Iowa State
- Dale Higgins, Mayor, City of Maxwell
- Darren Moon, County Engineer, Story County Engineer & Secondary Roads
- David Cooper, Deputy Coordinator, Story County EMA
- David Haugland, City of Huxley
- David Sporleder, City Council, Story City
- David Tisdale, City Council, City of Zearing
- Doug Miller, City Council, City of Maxwell
- Erin Rewerts, Director, Story County General Assistance
- Gary Backous, Lieutenant, Story County Sheriff's Office
- John Kahler, Mayor, City of Slater
- Karen Davis, City Clerk, City of Zearing
- Katie Baldwin, City Clerk, City of Collins
- Kenny Kling, Mayor, City of Kelley
- Latifah Faisal, Supervisor, Story County Board of Supervisors
- Laura Merrick, Member of the public, City of Ames
- Leanne Harter, County Outreach & Special Projects Manager, Story County Board of Supervisors
- Les White, Director of Public Health, Story County
- Linda Murken, Supervisor, Story County Board of Supervisors

- Macy Wing, City Clerk, City of Gilbert
- Matt Patton, Superintendent, Roland-Story CSD
- Melissa Spencer, Coordinator, Story County EMA
- Mike Cox, Conservation Director, Story County
- Mike Jensen, Mayor, Story City
- Nic Briseno, Communications Commander, Story County Sheriff's Office
- Paul Richmond, Iowa State
- Rachel Wicks, City Clerk, City of Sheldahl
- Ray Reynolds, Fire Chief, City of Nevada
- Rich Higgins, Fire Chief, City of Ames
- Rodney Geisinger, City Council, City of Colo
- Sandra King, Director of External Operations, Story County Board of Supervisors
- Shari Reilly, Director, Story County Bridge Home
- Stephanie McCarty, HR Coordinator, Story County Human Resources
- Steve Gray, Superintendent, Nevada CSD
- Tracy Peterson, Municipal Engineer, City of Ames
- Whitney Baxter, City Council, City of Cambridge

Introductory Remarks/Review of the planning process

- Melissa Spencer and Jeff Brislawn gave a brief introduction of the meeting and its purpose.
- General overview given by Jeff of the following topics:
 - A review of the planning process and steps completed so far;
 - The kickoff meeting was held March 29th, 2023;
 - 23 out of 24 participating jurisdictions have provided their completed Plan Update Guides to WSP;
 - The online public survey, which was open through May 15th, received 50 responses so far;
 - Review of the hazard identification and risk assessment update

Review of identified hazards and vulnerability assessment update highlights

The general risk assessment requirements were outlined before turning to a detailed discussion of each hazard. An overview was given of the changes in the hazards profiled, since several hazards which were identified in 2018 have been removed from the plan due to their lower significance and impacts to Story County. Highlights were presented on each hazard included in the updated risk assessment chapter of the plan. Refer to the PowerPoint presentation for specific details on each hazard. Highlights of the discussion are noted by hazard in the bulleted list below.

- Animal Plant Crop Disease
 - No comment from HMPC

- Drought
 - Comment from Tracy Peterson: “During droughts, the frost has gone deeper in the past also impacting water main breaks which I would think can be considered in water supply & quality.”
- Grass/Wildland Fire
 - No comment from HMPC
- Hazmat
 - Melissa Spencer asked if we looked at the Iowa DNR database for information on Hazmat incidents, it will have more info:
<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Emergency-Planning-EPCRA/Spill-Reporting>
- Human Disease
 - No comment from HMPC
- Infrastructure Failure
 - No comment from HMPC
- Flooding
 - Tracy Peterson: “Ames had flash flooding in 2016 and 2018 that caused significant street, home and business flooding”
 - Melissa Spencer inquired about whether we could make the maps of municipal floodplains available post meeting
- Severe Winter Storm
 - No comment from HMPC
- Sinkholes
 - No comment from HMPC
- Thunderstorm (summer weather)
 - Tracy Peterson noted that there was a lot of damage in Ames in March 2023. Hail, new roofs, siding, etc
 - Whitney Baxter – Noted Huxley and Cambridge got hit pretty hard by a hailstorm in May 2023
- Tornado/Windstorm
 - No comment from HMPC
- Transportation Incidents
 - No comment from HMPC

The HMPC also discussed the preliminary significance rankings given to each hazard during the risk assessment process. The group were all in agreement that the significance rankings best reflected the risk as is, and that the rankings should remain.

Mitigation Capabilities Assessment Update

- Christopher with WSP went over highlights of the capability assessment update, and provided examples of some current plans and projects in the County which are considered mitigation capabilities.

- Christopher also asked if the HMP has been integrated or cross-referenced with other plans. There was some discussion about these existing plans as well as opportunities for enhancement.
 - Christopher also asked for examples of new or upcoming plans since 2018 which could be used for improvement of capabilities.
 - Linda Murken noted the Headwaters of South Skunk River Watershed Assessment – 2022
 - Leanna Harter noted the Story County Housing Assessment and Story County is currently updating the Strategic Plan

Mitigation Strategy Update

- Christopher led discussion on current goals and asked if any changes/updates/additions to the current goals were needed:
 - The HMPC noted they were still happy with everything from the 2018 plan
- Christopher also gave a brief overview of what is to come with the mitigation strategy in the next planning meeting in August.

Next Steps/Adjourn

- The meeting concluded with an overview of outstanding work to be done and next steps on the plan update, involving drafting of an updated HIRA chapter for review and the third and final planning meeting. Jeff and Melissa ended the meeting by thanking everyone in attendance.

Meeting Chat Log

- 17:57:46 From Matt Patton to Everyone:
Matt Patton, Superintendent, Roland-Story Community School District
- 17:58:05 From Christopher Johnson to Everyone:
Christopher Johnson, Hazard Mitigation Planner, WSP
- 17:58:08 From Bill Lytle to Everyone:
Bill Lytle Colo-Nesco and McCallsburg
- 17:58:24 From Anna Henderson to Everyone:
Anna Henderson, Animal Control Director, Story County
- 17:58:33 From Rachel Wicks to Everyone:
Rachel Wicks
City clerk
Sheldahl
- 17:58:43 From Clayton Oliver, ISU to Everyone:
Clayton Oliver, Emergency Manager for Iowa State University
- 17:58:45 From John Kahler - Slater Iowa to Everyone:
John Kahler
- 17:58:46 From white to Everyone:
Les White, Director Story County Public Health
- 17:58:57 From Dale Higgins to Everyone:
Dale Higgins, mayor of Maxwell
- 17:59:03 From Gary Backous to Everyone:
Lt. Gary Backous- Story County Sheriff's Office
- 17:59:18 From perichm to Everyone:
Paul Richmond, ISU
- 17:59:41 From Amelia Schoeneman to Everyone:
Amelia Schoeneman, Story County Planning and Development
- 17:59:43 From Nic Briseño to Everyone:
Nic Briseño, Story County Sheriff's Office
- 17:59:46 From Doug's iPhone to Everyone:
Doug Miller Maxwell
- 17:59:51 From David Haugland to Everyone:
David Haugland City of Huxley
- 18:00:37 From Mike Cox to Everyone:
Mike Cox, Conservation Director, Story County
- 18:00:44 From Raymond Reynolds to Everyone:
Ray Reynolds Nevada
- 18:00:51 From Tracy.Peterson to Everyone:
Tracy Peterson, Municipal Engineer City of Ames
- 18:02:03 From Mike Jensen to Everyone:
Mike Jensen Mayor of Story City
- 18:02:14 From Rod Geisinger to Everyone:
Rodney Geisinger ,City of Colo City Council
- 18:02:34 From Christopher Johnson to Melissa Spencer(Direct Message):

Hi Melissa, when you get a chance could you send me the names of the two folks in the room with you? I caught their first names but not last. Thanks!

18:02:45 From Steve Gray to Everyone:

Steve Gray - Nevada CSD

18:02:52 From Rich Higgins to Everyone:

Rich Higgins, City of Ames, Fire Chief

18:03:01 From David Sporleder to Everyone:

David Sporleder Story City City Council

18:03:08 From Katie to Everyone:

Katie Baldwin, City of Collins, City Clerk

18:03:45 From Kenny Kling, City of Kelley to Everyone:

Kenny Kling mayor, City of Kelley

18:09:19 From Raymond Reynolds to Everyone:

Will this power point be available before finalized

18:09:29 From Melissa Spencer to Christopher Johnson(Direct Message):

yes it will be

18:24:43 From Tracy.Peterson to Everyone:

During droughts, the frost has gone deeper in the past also impacting water main breaks which I would think can be considered in water supply & quality.

18:30:56 From Rich Higgins to Everyone:

Looks good.

18:40:52 From Tracy.Peterson to Everyone:

Ames had flash flooding in 2016 and 2018 that caused significant street, home and business flooding

18:57:47 From Tracy.Peterson to Everyone:

There was a lot of damage in March 2023 in Ames.

18:58:06 From Tracy.Peterson to Everyone:

Hail, new roofs, siding, etc

18:58:15 From Whitney Baxter to Everyone:

Huxley and Cambridge got hit pretty hard by a hail storm in May 2023 (I think that's when it was)

18:58:20 From Linda Murken to Everyone:

Throughout the county

19:04:22 From Rich Higgins to Everyone:

Looks good to me.

19:04:28 From Melissa Spencer to Everyone:

I have no recommended changes

19:04:43 From Rod Geisinger to Everyone:

looks good

19:09:39 From Linda Murken to Everyone:

Headwaters of South Skunk River Watershed Assessment - 2022

19:09:53 From Leanne Harter to Everyone:

Story County Housing Assessment and Story County is currently updating the Strategic Plan

19:12:46 From Tracy.Peterson to Everyone:
Are we deciding between the State vs Story language?

19:13:05 From Tracy.Peterson to Everyone:
Ok, thanks

19:19:40 From Rich Higgins to Everyone:
Thank you!

19:20:06 From Gerry Peters to Everyone:
Thank you

19:20:24 From Tracy.Peterson to Everyone:
thank you!

19:21:02 From Linda Murken to Everyone:
Thanks everyone for attending.

19:21:08 From Rachel Wicks to Everyone:
Thank you

19:21:12 From John Kahler - Slater Iowa to Everyone:
Thank you.

19:21:21 From Katie to Everyone:
Thank you!

19:21:26 From Leanne Harter to Everyone:
Leanne Harter - Story County, Iowa

19:21:40 From Rod Geisinger to Everyone:
Thank You

19:21:40 From Gerry Peters to Everyone:
Gerry Peters Ames CSD

19:21:50 From Erin Rewerts to Everyone:
Erin Rewerts - Story County

19:21:52 From Karen Davis to Everyone:
Karen Davis - Zearing

19:22:03 From Stephanie McCarty to Everyone:
Stephanie McCarty Story County

19:22:14 From Shari Reilly to Everyone:
Shari Reilly, Layfayette Township and non-profit rep