

CRS Activity 510
Annual Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan
Floodplain Management Plan (Hazard Mitigation Plan)

Name of Community: City of Anthony

Date this Annual Progress Report was prepared (not the date of adoption of the credited Plan): February 19, 2025

Name of Plan: Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan

Date of Adoption of Plan: August 2024

5 Year CRS Expiration Date: August 2029

1. How can a copy of the credited Plan be obtained: A hard copy of this plan can be obtained at the City of Anthony 124 S Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003, or online at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17VxY2FIBxgDYy0e4Fq1t9JB9xfPStNth/view?usp=sharing>
2. Describe how **this annual progress report** (not the credited Plan) was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public: The City of Anthony Floodplain Manager works cooperatively with the Local Emergency Planning Committee as well as various other local agencies and inner departments in implementing the Action Items listed in the HMG Plan. This report of progress for those action items will be submitted to the Governing Body at the next regular meeting of March 4th, 2024. The minutes from that meeting will be posted in the local newspaper and online at <http://anthonykansas.org> with an announcement that a full copy of the report is available at the City Office.
3. Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:

Action Item 1 – Purchase and Install Critical Facility Backup Generators.

Report of Action: The city has suitable backup generation for all critical facilities with the exception of six sewer lift stations. The wastewater department head is incorporating this item into the city's capital plan and depending upon budgetary availability, will complete the purchase of the necessary generation in the 2025 or 2026 budget years.

Action Item 2 – Upgrade Warning Siren System to Expand Coverage Capabilities.

Report of Action: In 2016-2017 the COA added five new sirens which sufficiently cover the city excluding the lake area. In 2020 the city installed one new siren at the lake. There is a new development being constructed in 2025-2026 and the city will evaluate whether existing sirens are sufficient to provide appropriate alert to the residents of this new growth area and address such concern if not.

Action Item 3 – Institute a Tree Trimming Program Near Utility Lines.

Report of Action: The city has a Utility Tree Trimming Program in place and hires professional services on a rotating three-year cycle to maintain utility line access.

Action Item 4 – Install Evacuation Route and High Ground Signage in any High Hazard Dam Potential Inundation Areas.

Report of Action: The City of Anthony has no High Hazard Dam Inundation Areas.

Action Item 5 – Conduct a Xeriscaping Program for All Jurisdictional Owned Facilities.

Report of Action: The city is developing a new housing addition and city trail. City staff are working with the City Tree Board to develop landscaping ideas that support drought-tolerant landscaping with minimal maintenance and water.

Action Item 6 – Conduct a Personal Water Use Education Program.

Report of Action: The city currently has sufficient regulations to restrict the use of water when the governing body deems conditions require such action. If drought conditions occur, City water staff will work with Kansas Municipal Utilities to prepare educational materials to promote voluntary educational materials and media that can be released as needed to the public.

Action Item 7 – Conduct Public Campaign on Home Seismic Retrofits.

Report of Action: Since fracking has stopped in this geographic region, the number of earthquake occurrences has returned to normal, nearly zero. If seismic activity should increase the city will prepare educational materials to release to the public to support home retrofit education for safety.

Action Item 8 – Identify and Prepare Local Facilities to Serve as Heating/Cooling Centers.

Report of Action: This item will be presented at the Local Emergency Planning meetings for a coordinated Emergency Preparedness approach to identify said facilities and coordinate an agreed upon plan of availability and usage in extreme events.

Action Item 9 – Continue to Participate Meeting the Requirements of the NFIP.

Report of Action: The City has adopted and continues to enforce local floodplain management regulations in the SFHA's located in the City's jurisdiction. Floodplain Development permits are required, reviewed, and must be approved prior to any man-made change in the floodplain. This is an on-going activity. Floodplain management staff continues to obtain continuing education annually and works directly with property owners bringing awareness and education of floodplain requirements.

Action Item 10 – Construct Rainwater Retention/Detention Ponds at Strategic Locations.

Report of Action: This will be evaluated on an as-needed basis. When such construction is required as required for new development or corrective maintenance, actions will be taken.

Action Item 11 – Clean and Repair Drainage Ditches to Maintain Capacity.

Report of Action: The city maintains ditches on an as needed basis. When necessary, the city has secured necessary land to ensure the ability to clean and repair drainage courses to maintain capacity and appropriate flow through the city.

Action Item 12 – Install Hail and Fire-Resistant Roofing on all Jurisdictional Facilities.

Report of Action: In 2024 Anthony experienced massive hail damage city-wide. As part of the remediation of that event, two city owned structures were replaced with hail resistant materials.

Action Item 13 – Conduct Public Education Program for Winter Driving Conditions.

Report of Action: The Anthony Police Department will prepare educational social media posts to share during winter driving seasons to encourage public education for safety.

Action Item 14 – Construct Community Safe Rooms in Select Jurisdictional Buildings.

Report of Action: The City of Anthony continues to keep discussions alive with Harper County Emergency Management and USD361 regarding the possibility of additional storm shelters in our communities. Funding is the biggest hurdle,

however, staff time to research grant options such as HMGP, BIRC, and more has also been limited. This is disappointing because the City of Anthony currently has only one storm shelter and the high school and lake have none. The need is there but additional time to dedicate to researching options is needed.

Action Item 15 – Create Defensible Space Buffers at all Critical Facilities.

Report of Action: City Administration, Critical Facility Department Heads, and the Fire Chief will develop a Defensible Space Buffer Plan for all critical facilities as part of department operations planning in 2025.

Action Item 16 – Purchase Cloud Storage Backup for all Jurisdictional Electronic Records.

Report of Action: The city has transitioned to cloud storage for existing electronic records for 95% of the existing electronic media. In 2025, the city will be evaluating options for the remaining 5%. In addition, the city has had an objective to convert existing historical paper records to digital format to incorporate into cloud storage. However, staff availability continues to be a hurdle to this task. The city is considering seeking a summer intern to complete this mission.

Action Item 17 – Provide Hazardous Materials Response Training to Local First Responders.

Report of Action: The Anthony Fire Chief will coordinate an in-house training opportunity in 2025 open to local first responders in the service area.

4. Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule: The Hazard Mitigation Plan was just updated in 2024, and the city went from six action items to seventeen. It will take a few years with limited staffing availability to complete all action items as listed. However, progress will be made annually on each as staff and funding is available.
5. What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations?

None at this time.