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Planning Philosophy and Goals

Adams County Planning Philosophy

This effort will utilize the best and most appropriate science from all partners and will integrate local and regional knowledge about natural hazards while meeting the needs of local citizens and the regional economy.

Mission Statement

To make Adams County residents, communities, state agencies, local governments, and businesses less vulnerable to the negative effects of natural and man-caused hazards through the effective administration of pre-disaster mitigation grant programs, hazard risk assessments, wise and efficient mitigation efforts, and a coordinated approach to mitigation policy through federal, state, regional, and local planning efforts. Our combined prioritization will be the protection of people, structures, infrastructure, the economy, and unique ecosystems that contribute to our way of life and the sustainability of the local and regional economy.

Vision Statement

Institutionalize and promote a countywide hazard mitigation ethic through leadership, professionalism, and excellence, leading the way to a safe, sustainable Adams County.

Goals

Adams County

1. To reduce the area of land damaged and losses experienced because of hazards where these risks threaten communities in the county
2. Prioritize the protection of people, structures, infrastructure, economic base, and unique ecosystems that contribute to the way of life and the sustainability of the local and regional economy
3. Educate communities about the unique challenges of pre-disaster hazard mitigation and post-disaster response
4. Establish mitigation priorities and develop mitigation strategies
5. Strategically locate, plan, and implement hazard reduction projects
6. Provide recommendations for alternative treatment methods that can impact the exposure to multiple hazards at one time
7. Meet or exceed the requirements of FEMA for a County level All Hazards Mitigation Plan

City of Council

It is the mission of the government of the City of Council to maximize the protection of its citizens, their property, public assets and infrastructure through identification of potential hazards, both natural and man-made, and mitigation of their harmful effects through prior planning and preparation.

1. Prioritize areas of risk in order to most efficiently utilize available relief resources.
2. Educate the public concerning potential hazards and appropriate response.
3. Increase cooperation with Adams County and neighboring communities in hazard planning and response.
4. Develop land use and property maintenance policies to minimize potential hazard risks.
5. Promote and support local emergency services (EMS, fire, etc.).
6. Coordinate planning with the United States Forest Service, Council Ranger District, to minimize risk to life and property by wildland fire.
7. Develop shelter and relief plans for hazard events with local churches, senior center, school district, and health center.
8. Identify hazardous traffic along the U.S. highway 95 corridor and take steps to divert it away from vulnerable population areas.
9. Train City personnel in appropriate disaster response and maintain City equipment and supplies in a state of readiness.
10. Promote training in emergency preparedness for the local businesses and individuals.
11. Protect vital City infrastructure (water, sewer, power, communication).
12. Maintain a strong working relationship with federal, state, and regional agencies in order to most effectively utilize their assistance and resources.

City of New Meadows

1. Educate and protect the citizens of New Meadows from Natural and Man-made disasters.
2. To provide a plan that will not diminish the private property rights of landowners in the city of New Meadows.
3. Educate the community about the unique challenges of natural hazard preparedness in the county prior to an emergency.
4. Strategically locate and plan infrastructure projects that take into consideration the impacts of natural hazards and terrorism.
5. Meet or exceed the requirements of a FEMA Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan