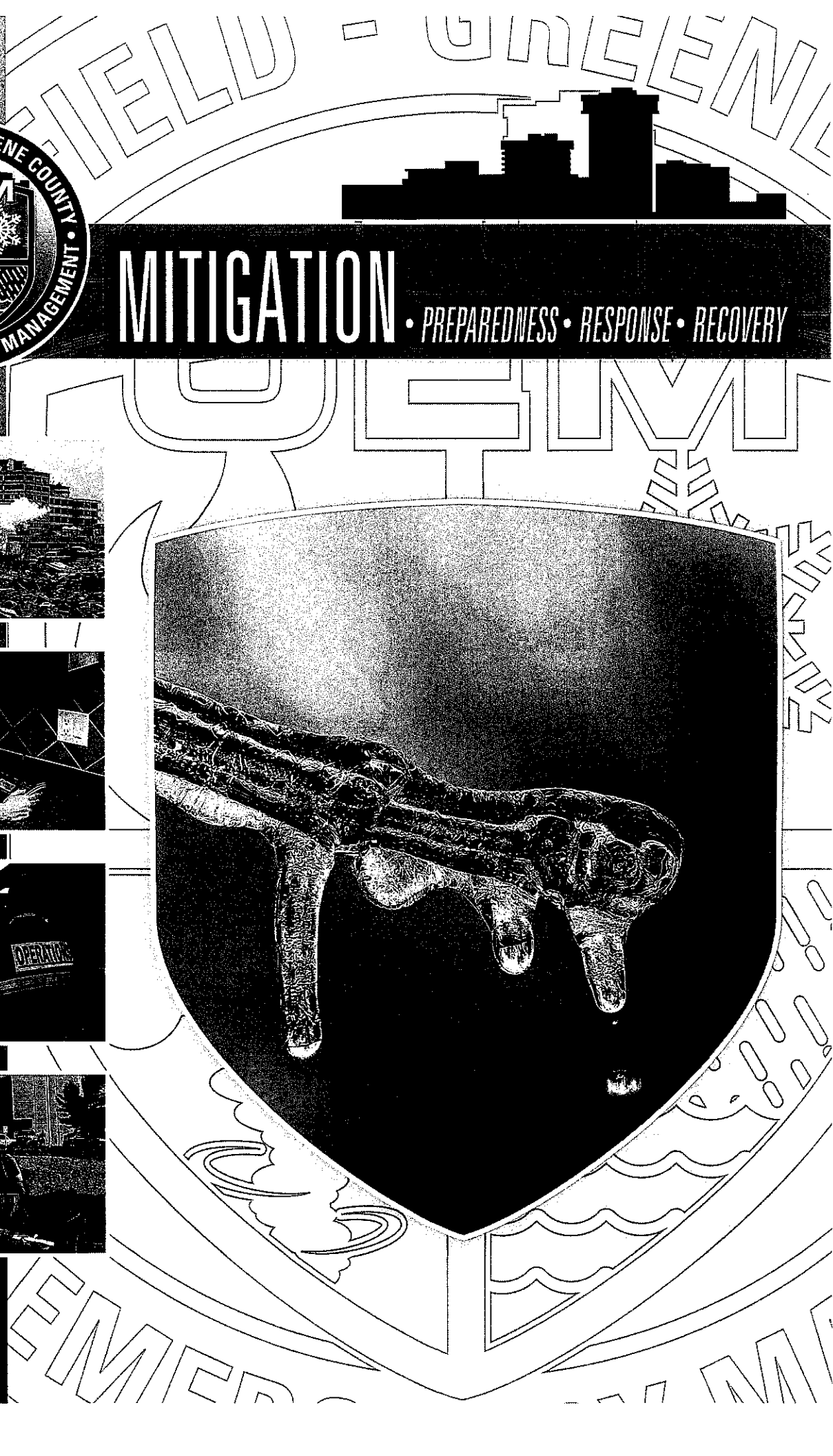
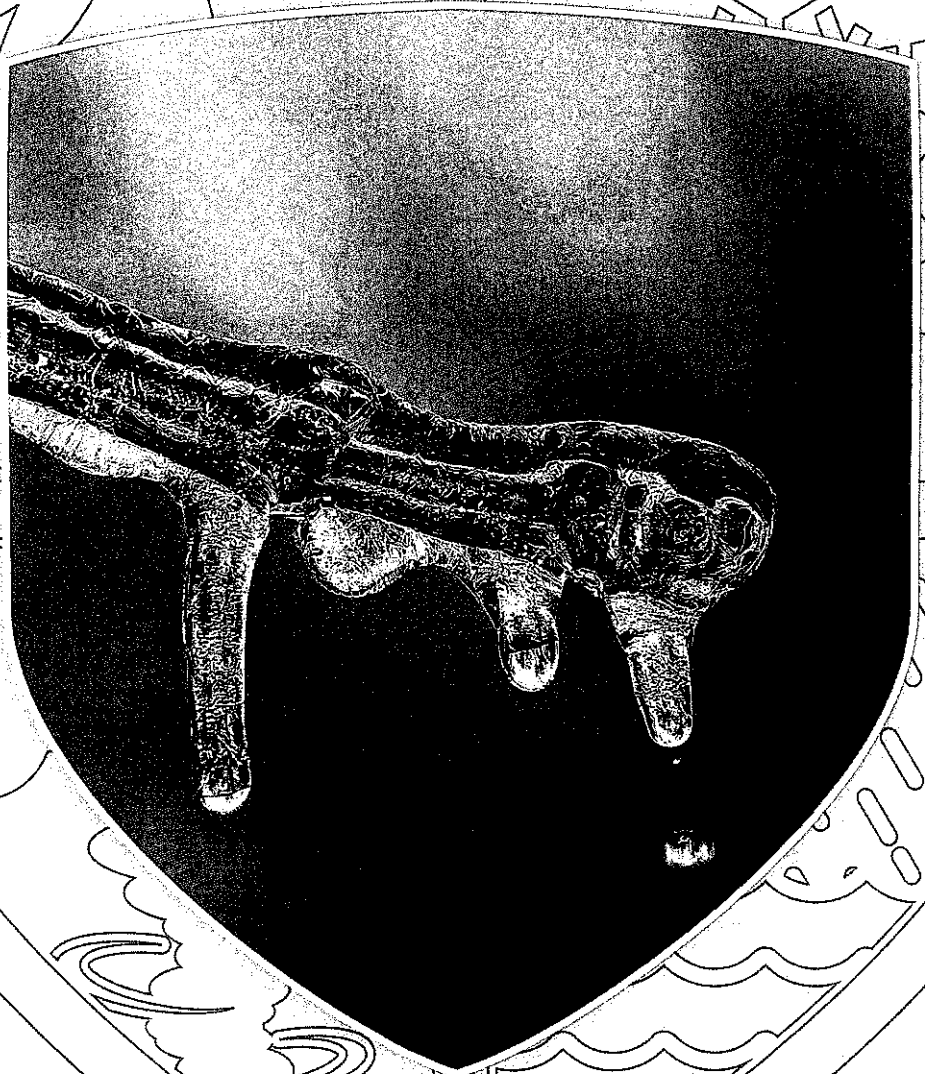
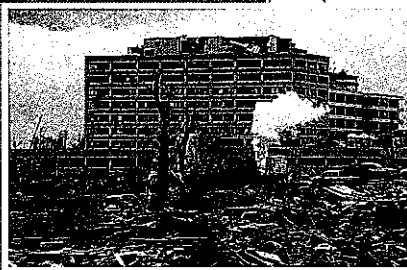


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## 1.2 BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

The 2025-2030 Greene County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan is an update of the current plan that was approved August 27, 2020. The hazard mitigation plans are valid for a period of five years. The current plan will expire August 27, 2025, and the new plan will be valid from August 28, 2025, – August 28, 2030. In the previous 2020-2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan, the following jurisdictions and municipalities participated:

### Communities

City of Ash Grove	City of Battlefield	City of Fair Grove	City of Republic
City of Strafford	City of Walnut Grove	City of Willard	City of Springfield

### Fire Protection Districts

Ash Grove Fire Protection District	Battlefield Fire Protection District	Ebenezer Fire Protection District	Fair Grove Fire Protection District
Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District	Walnut Grove Fire Protection District	Willard Fire Protection District	

### Public School Districts

Ash Grove School District	Fair Grove School District	Republic School District	Springfield School District
Strafford School District	Walnut Grove School District	Willard School District	

### Higher Education Institutions

Missouri State University	Ozarks Technical Community College
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Many jurisdictions in Greene County extend into neighboring counties. For instance, several fire protection districts serve multiple counties. The City of Rogersville participated in the Webster County Mitigation Plan in 2020. All other jurisdictions included in this plan have assets located within Greene County.

The 2025-2030 update to the Springfield-Greene County Hazard Mitigation Plan incorporates the following jurisdictions mentioned above, along with an additional participant: Brookline Fire Department.

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The information provided in this plan will serve as a strategic guide to coordinate mitigation efforts and

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## 2.2.5 CITY OF REPUBLIC

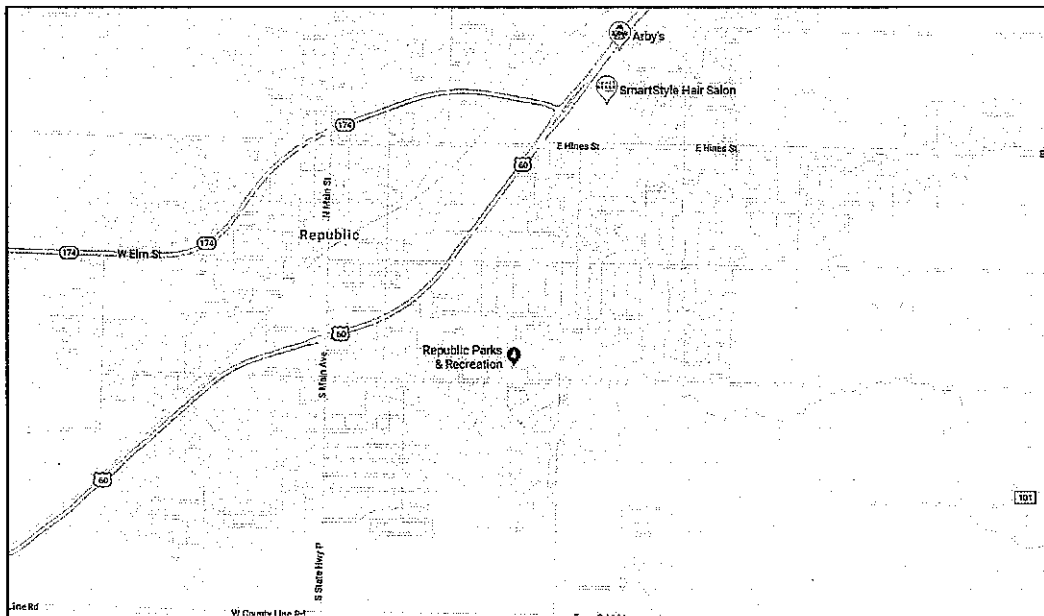
The City of Republic is in the southwestern part of Greene County, approximately thirteen miles from Springfield. Over the past few decades, the city has experienced significant growth and is now the second-largest community in the county. In 2000, the population was approximately 8,400 residents. By 2017, it had over 15,800, and by 2022, it reached 18,824.

Republic is a constitutional charter city under Article VI of the Missouri Constitution. The city government is structured with a City Council consisting of eight members elected from four wards, with two members representing each ward. The mayor, elected by the community, appoints a City Administrator, with City Council approval, to manage day-to-day city operations. The Mayor and City Council members serve two-year terms, with four council members elected each year. The City Council holds meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The City of Republic operates with various departments and boards including:

- Board of Adjustments
- Communications and Public Information
- Community Development
- Emergency Management
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Municipal Court
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Police
- Public Works

The City of Republic is home to a variety of parks, providing recreational opportunities for its residents. There are nine parks strategically located throughout the city, with J.R. Martin Park being the largest. Located near the Republic School Campus, J.R. Martin Park hosts numerous events each year, including one of the city's largest Fourth of July celebrations.



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## General Population Characteristics

Characteristic	Number
Male Population	8,981
Female Population	9,843
Median Age (Years)	34
Total Population	18,824
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Source: U.S Census Bureau American Community Survey, 5-year Estimate 2022

## Race

Race	Number
White	17,134
Black or African American	377
American Indian and Alaska Native	65
Asian	250
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0
Other Race	245
Two or More Races	753

Source: U.S Census Bureau American Community Survey, 5-year Estimate 2022

## Housing Information

Housing Occupancy	Number
Occupied Housing Units	7,080
Vacant Housing Units	307
Owned Occupied Housing Units	4,205
Renter Occupied Housing Units	2,874
Total Housing Units	7,387

Source: U.S Census Bureau American Community Survey, 5-year Estimate 2022

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## MITIGATION INITIATIVES

### Outdoor Warning Sirens

The City of Republic currently has 14 outdoor warning devices throughout the city to alert residents of impending hazards. Over the past several decades, these devices have evolved from mechanical horns to battery-backed mechanical sirens, and now to second-generation all-hazards electronic warning systems. This evolution allows the Republic Office of Emergency Management to deliver voice directions to the city's densely populated areas. The warning devices continuously report their operational status to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) via two-way communication and can be activated remotely from the EOC, a fire engine, or three mobile command vehicles. Additionally, Civic Ready subscription services are available to all Republic residents through the city's webpage, and voice-enabled outdoor warning devices are strategically located at major green spaces.

### Emergency Services

The City of Republic operates a full-time police department, which includes Communications, Criminal Investigations, Records, Patrol, and Auxiliary Divisions. The patrol structure consists of four squads, each supervised by a Sergeant and a Corporal. Divisional responsibilities include community policing, the protection of life and property, traffic safety and enforcement, and the apprehension of criminals, while enforcing local, state, and federal laws.

Additionally, Republic has a full-time fire district that provides 24/7 services to the community. For more information about the Republic Fire Protection District, please refer to their individual profile.

Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance services are provided by CoxHealth Systems, with a local ambulance base located at the city's west limits. The base is staffed 24 hours a day by state-licensed paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians.

The city also has an Emergency Management Department, which is a division of the Republic Fire Protection District. The department consists of a director and nine part-time employees. Their responsibilities include National Weather Service storm spotting and reporting, National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) compliance, and maintaining and conducting exercises for the Emergency Operations Plan. They also collaborate with the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management.

Additional mitigation initiatives in the City of Republic include stormwater management through ongoing Flood Plain Management and Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning.

### Utilities

The City of Republic has a Public Works Department, which includes several divisions such as Animal Control, Street Division, Wastewater, and Water. The city provides its own water and sewer services to the residents. Electric service is provided by City Utilities of Springfield, Empire Electric, or Ozark Electric. Gas services are available through Spire or City Utilities of Springfield. Internet and cable services are provided by AT&T, Total Wireless, Cable America, and several other providers.

### Historic Significant Disaster Events

The City of Republic and surrounding areas were impacted by a nationally declared disaster in January 2007. The 2007 Ice Storm caused a power outage that lasted for 30 hours, with full power restoration taking five days. During this time, city offices operated from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located within the Police Department.

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In January 2008, Republic was also affected by a tornado, which caused damage along the north-central portion of the city, including the Lyon Elementary campus. Fortunately, there were no injuries or fatalities. However, one business sustained damage and reopened within 30 days. Other damages included the destruction of six homes, moderate damage to an automotive repair shop, and the removal of a roof from the west wing of Lyon Elementary.

## **VULNERABILITY**

BNSF operates railway tracks through the City of Republic, connecting the ports of California to the southeastern United States. This section of the rail line is frequently busy, transporting a wide range of potentially hazardous materials through the area. Additionally, Republic contains a significant number of older homes; of the 4,489 detached homes in the city, 3,245 were built in 1980 or earlier. The city also has 82 mobile homes and approximately 1,100 apartment units.

## **CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT**

### **Facilities**

Republic's City Hall serves as the central hub for most city departments.

The City of Republic's Community Development Department consists of six full-time employees, including the Community Development Director, Administrative Assistant, Principal Planner, Senior Planner, Building Official, and Code Compliance Official. The department's primary goal is to serve the citizens of Republic by providing guidance and assistance in the city's development through strategic planning, marketing efforts, and the oversight and enforcement of the city's Building Codes, Zoning Codes, and Subdivision Regulations.

### **Planning and Zoning**

The City of Republic has a Planning and Zoning Commission consisting of seven citizens, all appointed by the mayor with the majority approval of the City Council. All members must be residents of the city, and each member serves a four-year term. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the second Monday of each month to review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the approval or denial of rezoning cases, preliminary plats, special use permits, and amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. The Commission's primary responsibility is to create, adopt, and amend a Comprehensive Plan that guides the city's development.

### **Backup Systems**

Internal communication is supported by on-site servers with cloud-based backups. The city plans to establish a second server at a remote location to further enhance internal communication and storage capabilities. Key wastewater infrastructure, including lift stations and the wastewater facility, is equipped with emergency generators to ensure continued operation. The Police Department, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and server room are also equipped with emergency generators, each providing a minimum of 30 hours of fuel storage. Additionally, all deep-water wells have emergency power backup.

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## CITY OF REPUBLIC CAPABILITIES

Planning Capabilities		
Element	Yes, No n/a	Comments and/or Weblink
Comprehensive or Land-Use Plan	Yes	<a href="https://republicmo.com/DocumentCenter/View/5367">https://republicmo.com/DocumentCenter/View/5367</a>
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes	Updated Annually
Transportation Plan / Highway Department	n/a	
Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	Draft 2024
Local Recovery Plan	Yes	9/2018
Debris Management Plan	Yes	Draft 2024
Firewise or other fire mitigation plan	Yes	2004 CRR
Economic Development Plan	N/A	
Policies/Ordinances		
Zoning Ordinance	Yes	
Building Code	IBC	2018
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	December 10, 2010
Drainage/Stormwater Ordinance	Yes	
Site Plan Review Requirements	Yes	Builds TRT
Historic Preservation Ordinance	No	
Program		
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	Yes	
NFIP Community Rating System	n/a	
National Weather Service (NWS)	Yes	Maintained since 2003
Storm Ready Certification		
Firewise Community Certification	No	
Building Code Effectiveness Grading (BCEGs)	n/a	
ISO Fire Rating	Rating: 2	
Public Education or information programs (i.e., responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, or environmental education)	Yes	CRR