

Section 8. Planning Partnership

8.1 Background

Section 201.6.a(4) of 44 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) states that: “Multi-jurisdictional plans (e.g., watershed plans) may be accepted, as appropriate, as long as each jurisdiction has participated in the process and has officially adopted the plan.” The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) both encourage multijurisdictional planning. Therefore, in updating the Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), a planning partnership was formed to meet requirements of the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) for as many eligible Allegany County local governments as possible.

DMA defines a local government as, “Any county, municipality, city, town, township, public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government; any Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or Alaska Native village or organization; and any rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity.”

In addition to the County’s participation, the Allegany County Office of Emergency Management and Fire (OEM) solicited participation from all incorporated towns and villages within the County at the outset of this HMP update process.

Table 8-1 lists the jurisdictions that elected to participate in the 2018 Allegany County HMP update process, and have met the minimum requirements of participation as established by the County and Hazard Mitigation Team.

Table 8-1. Participating Jurisdictions in Allegany County

Jurisdictions		
Allegany County	Town of Birdsall	Town of Hume
Town of Alfred	Town of Bolivar	Town of Independence
Village of Alfred	Village of Bolivar	Town of New Hudson
Town of Allen	Town of Burns	Village of Richburg
Town of Alma	Village of Canaseraga	Town of Rushford
Town of Almond	Town of Caneadea	Town of Scio
Village of Almond	Town of Centerville	Town of Ward
Town of Amity	Town of Clarksville	Town of Wellsville
Town of Andover	Town of Cuba	Village of Wellsville
Village of Andover	Village of Cuba	Town of West Almond
Town of Angelica	Town of Friendship	Town of Willing
Village of Angelica	Town of Genesee	Town of Wirt
Town of Belfast	Town of Granger	
Village of Belmont	Town of Grove	

8.1.1 Jurisdictional Annexes

The HMP update is organized according to a two-volume format, including jurisdictional annexes for each participating jurisdiction. While the local-annex format is designed to document and ensure local compliance with the DMA regulations, its greater purposes and functions include the following:

- Providing a locally relevant synthesis of the overall HMP that can be readily presented, distributed, and maintained
- Facilitating local understanding of the community’s risk to natural hazards
- Facilitating local understanding of the community’s capabilities to manage natural hazard risk, including opportunities to improve those capabilities
- Facilitating local understanding of the efforts the community has taken, and plans to take, to reduce its natural hazard risk
- Facilitating implementation of mitigation strategies, including development of grant applications
- Providing a framework by which the community can continue to capture relevant data and information for future updates to the HMP

Each jurisdiction’s annex is considered a “living” document, and will continue to improve as resources permit. As such, each annex is designed to promote and accommodate continued efforts to (1) keep it up to date, and (2) to improve its effectiveness as the key tool, reference, and guiding document to be used by the respective jurisdiction for mitigating local hazards.

Section 9 of this HMP contains the annexes, and the descriptions below provide various elements of each jurisdictional annex.

Section 9.X.1: Hazard Mitigation Plan Points of Contact: Lists primary and alternate(s) contacts, identified by the jurisdiction as of April 10, 2017.

Section 9.X.2: Jurisdictional Profile: Overviews and profiles the jurisdiction, identifying areas of known and anticipated future development, and links the vulnerabilities of those areas to the hazards of concern.

Section 9.X.3: Natural Hazard Event History Specific to the Jurisdiction: Identifies hazard events that have caused significant impacts within the jurisdiction, and includes a summary of those impacts as identified by the jurisdiction. Documentation of events and losses, including provision of critical data for benefit-cost analysis, is critical for identifying and justifying appropriate mitigation actions. It is recognized that this “inventory” of events and losses is a work-in-progress, and improvements to the inventory may continue as resources permit. As such, lack of data or information regarding a specific event does not necessarily mean that the jurisdiction did not undergo significant losses during that event.

Section 9.X.4: Hazard Vulnerabilities and Ranking:

Hazard Risk/Vulnerability Risk Ranking: The Allegany County HMP identifies and characterizes the broad range of hazards that pose risk to the entire County; however, each jurisdiction has differing degrees of risk exposure and vulnerability aside from those of the whole County. The local risk ranking serves to identify each jurisdiction’s degree of risk posed by each hazard to support initiatives that will reduce the highest levels of risk for each community. Section 5 of this HMP includes full data and information regarding the hazards of concern, the methodology used to develop vulnerability assessments, and results of those assessments that serve as the basis of these local risk rankings.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Summary: Provides NFIP summary statistics for the jurisdiction.

Critical Facilities: Identifies potential flood losses to critical facilities within the jurisdiction, based on the flood vulnerability assessment process presented in Section 5.

Other Vulnerabilities Identified by the Jurisdiction: Presents other specific hazard vulnerabilities identified by the jurisdiction.

Section 9.X.5: Capability Assessment: This subsection provides an inventory and evaluation of the jurisdiction’s tools, mechanisms, and resources available to support hazard mitigation and natural hazard risk reduction. Within the municipal annexes, Tables 9.x-6, -7 and -8 inventory the jurisdiction’s planning and regulatory, administrative and technical, and fiscal capabilities, respectively. Further, within the municipal annexes, Table 9.x-9 identifies the municipality’s level of participation in state and federal programs designed to promote and incentivize local risk reduction efforts.

NFIP: This subsection documents the NFIP as implemented within the jurisdiction. This summary was based on information provided by each NFIP-participating community in Allegany County. This subsection also identifies actions to enhance implementation and enforcement of the NFIP within the community.

Integration of Hazard Mitigation into Existing Planning Mechanisms: This subsection identifies how the jurisdiction has integrated hazard risk management into its existing planning, regulatory, and operational and administrative framework (“integration capabilities”), and/or how the jurisdiction intends to promote this integration (“integration actions”).

Further information regarding federal, state, and local capabilities is provided in the Capability Assessment portion of Section 6 of this HMP.

Section 9.X.6: Mitigation Strategy and Prioritization

Past Mitigation Initiative Status: Where applicable, annexes include a review of progress on the jurisdiction’s prior mitigation strategy, identifying the disposition of each prior action, project, or initiative in the jurisdiction’s updated mitigation strategy. Other completed or ongoing mitigation activities that were not part of a prior local mitigation strategy may be included in this sub-section as well.

Proposed Mitigation Strategy: Table 9.X-12 presents the jurisdiction’s updated mitigation strategy. As indicated, applicable mitigation actions, projects, and initiatives are further documented on an Action Worksheet that provides details for identifying, evaluating, prioritizing, and implementing the project.

Table 9.X-13 summarizes the local mitigation strategy prioritization process discussed in Section 6.