



Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Minutes of Meeting



Purpose of Meeting:	Steering Committee Meeting #2	
Location of Meeting:	Zoom	
Date/Time of Meeting:	6/30/220	
Attendees:	Scott Doyle, Tompkins County Planning Katie Borgella, Tompkins County Planning Nina Saeli, Tompkins County Public Health CJ Randall, Town of Lansing Planning Mike Thorne, City of Ithaca DPW	Jessica Verfuss, Tompkins Emergency Response Dave Sprout, Town/ Village of Dryden Kevin Clapp, NYSDHSES Cynthia Bianco, Tetra Tech (Tt) Osamu Tsuda, Tetra Tech (Tt)
Agenda Summary:	Provide project status, review and confirm identified hazards of concern, review county critical/ lifeline facilities, discuss mission statement, goals, and objectives developed by county, perform SWOO exercise, and outline of following steps for the HMP process.	
Item No.	Description	Action By:
1.	Welcome (Scott/ Cynthia) Meeting topics to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where we are in the process/ schedule • Municipal Engagement • Public Outreach • Tracking Time 	
2.	Project Status Initiating work with municipalities; risk assessment has started for flooding. Will be starting to do vulnerability assessment. Moving into municipal engagement stage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFIP data request approved for county and will be provided soon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The critical facilities are being reviewed by communities - Municipal plans have been reviewed for county. - Have received various feedback on municipalities, except for the village of Lansing. – County reached out to village and is still waiting on response. • Waiting to confirm Critical Facilities and their accuracy - municipalities are sorting out their Lifelines and will inform mitigation strategies along with the assessment • Citizen survey has been delayed but will be deployed to Tompkins Citizens once final edits have been made. Scott: looking to get feedback to help guide the HMP process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott: current circumstances provide a great opportunity to receive feedback from residents who will probably be more willing to provide feedback on potential hazards - Tetra Tech will be using the FEMA guidelines for the survey but will have the SC review before deploying. - Katie: Now is a crucial time to think how we can figure out a way to do outreach to minority populations, especially communities of color - Scott: the language/ wording in the survey as well as in the announcement is very important to reach broad audience. CJ Randall: Maybe use swift 911 to distribute link throughout the County – and connect with Dominick	-County and Tt: Brainstorm methods of outreach for Planning Partnership meeting. -Tt and County top review inclusion of Wildfires/Urban Fires as a hazard of concern.



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	<p style="text-align: center;">Reccio, TC communications director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting for the Steering Committee will be the Planning Partnership meeting on August 26 and will be virtual - will need to figure out a way to conduct outreach for this meeting (Planning Partnership will also meet next Monday 7/13) 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Confirmation of Hazards of Concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Hazards have been identified as potential hazards in TC Scott: wildfires are not really of a concern for Tompkins. HABS might also not be relevant given it is an ongoing problem and no clear mitigation strategy has been identified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica: wildfires are definitely not a concern for TC - Might not be worth including urban fires in the 10 top hazards of concern as IFD does get over 5000 calls annually. Scott: might be worth limiting the number of hazards and instead concentrating on a smaller number of top priorities Kevin: County should look at the projections as well as current events and predict what hazards can potentially affect the TC region Tt will also look at the monetary value of potential damage and identify potential hazards based on the NYS plan which identified vulnerabilities Cynthia: will only be focusing on natural hazards as well as cascading hazards such as utility failure and dam failure as a result of extreme storms – will consider taking out Wildfires. 	<p>Will include additional resources in the cascading hazards for resources to mitigate cascading hazards.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Critical Facilities Identification/ Confirmation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County is looking to streamline the critical facilities list to include the most relevant facilities. Broadband internet, food facilities, and other broad ranged critical facilities may be considered. Discussion included the categorization of Cornell University which may not be a critical facility for the County but has critical operations that could be impacted by various hazard events. The County and OEM will review the existing facilities and consolidate the critical facility inventory Committee members are requested to complete the County Critical Facility Survey. 	<p>Scott/ County will review Critical Facility/Lifeline identify Lifelines.</p> <p>Committee members are urged to complete the Critical Facility survey before next meeting</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update/ Revise Mission Statement and Goals/ Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on previous meeting the county will include a mission statement, goals and objectives. Edits will need to be made to include “municipalities” and incorporate “an integrated and comprehensive approach”. The County indicated that the term “thrive” could be replaced by the word “prosper” or “flourish”. Regarding the mission statement a more succinct statement is preferred, and to include the concept of “forging a partnership”. Goals and objectives summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In general, the committee preferred reducing the number of objectives. Goal 5 has been included to address the issue of social vulnerability in Tompkins County. The County prefers rewording objectives to be 	<p>Tt and County to review goals and objectives with the intent of simplifying and consolidating.</p> <p>SC members to take Goals and Objectives survey ASAP to provide feedback . The survey is available at this link: https://forms.gle/v67UXGNzwLuU3zdHA</p>



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	less technical to increase overall clarity.	
6.	<p>SWOO Exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By understanding the strength and weaknesses, we can figure out the resources that are available and the resources that are needed to figure out what obstacles the county and communities face. We can then also identify the potential opportunities based on this identification. • Overall, the feedback received so far is general and <u>more specific</u> SWOOs need to be identified. Items noted include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The County has done a great job working with State agencies and conducting projects around mitigation. However, outreach and community engagement is definite area of improvement. We should think on more detail on the SWOOs - Swift 911 may be considered both a strength and a weakness as the County does not fully utilize this tool. - 	<p>SC members who have not completed SWOO exercise form to do so asap. The survey is available at this link: https://forms.gle/izUkm5zyRBbfscFz8</p>
7.	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August, Tt is looking to complete Vulnerability Assessment. Now we need to wrap up critical facility list in order to measure vulnerability exposure. • Plan to submit plan (by sections) and complete by January • Scott: County has been talking with Municipalities around outreach and will make sure to keep documentation on this outreach that has been done. Everyone who conducts outreach should document it as it is required by FEMA 	<p>Risk Assessment Meeting scheduled for August 26th.</p>
8.	<p>Other Items and Questions All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County noted that the August meeting will be a collaborative workshop to help identify opportunities within this vulnerability effort. <p>The City of Ithaca noted that it is a bit overwhelmed due to limited resources during the pandemic and have reduced capacity to address annex updates. The County will touch base and strategize on how to help the City and other communities update annexes in a timely manner.</p>	