

6 Ford Heights 2021 MJ-HMP Jurisdictional Annual Report

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Background: Cook County and participating municipalities in the county developed a hazard mitigation plan to reduce risk from all hazards by identifying resources, information, and strategies for risk reduction. The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal disaster grant assistance. To prepare the plan, the participating partners organized resources, assessed risks from natural hazards within the county, developed planning goals and objectives, reviewed mitigation alternatives, and developed an action plan to address probable impacts from natural hazards. By completing this process, these jurisdictions maintained compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act, achieving eligibility for mitigation grant funding opportunities afforded under the Robert T. Stafford Act.

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to provide an annual update on the implementation of the action plan identified in the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The objective is to ensure that there is a continuing and responsive planning process that will keep the Hazard Mitigation Plan dynamic and responsive to the needs and capabilities of the partner jurisdictions. This report discusses the following:

- Natural hazard events that have occurred within the last year
- Changes in risk exposure within the planning area (all of Cook County) Mitigation success stories
- Review of the action plan
- Changes in capabilities that could impact plan implementation
- Recommendations for changes/enhancement.

Hazard Analysis

Hazards that represent a county-wide risk are addressed in the Risk Assessment section of the 2019 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. This section only addresses the hazards and their associated impacts that are **relevant** and **unique** to the municipality.

Severe Weather: Ford Heights is at a moderate to high risk for hail and severe weather events frequently occur within and around the jurisdiction.

Severe Winter Weather: Ford Heights has experienced the impacts of severe winter weather - particularly in 2011 when a severe snow storm that impacted Ford Heights and the rest of the region caused the governor to request a major disaster declaration.

Flooding: Although much of Ford Heights is mapped within zones with moderate risk of urban flooding, severe storms within the community and broader regional disasters have both caused numerous incidences of flooding in the past. Other jurisdictions close by to the North and West are mapped within zones that are highly susceptible to urban flooding. Ford Heights continues to mitigate against this hazard, especially to improve storm water drainage.

Tornado: Ford Heights is considered to be at significant risk of tornadoes. According to records, the largest tornado in the Ford Heights area was an F5 in 1990 that caused 350 injuries and 29 deaths.

Natural Hazard Events in 2021

Instructions: Please use the **Edit** Tool to describe new hazard occurrences/incidents from the past year that have impacted your jurisdiction and had a measurable impact on people or property. (Example: A tornado occurred on [Date] and impacted [insert area] and caused damage to [insert damages]). You may also use the Edit Tool to suggest any modifications/improvements to the hazards unique to your community, as described below from the 2019 plan.

Describe 2021 Natural Hazard Events Here: [Type Here]

Mitigation Strategies and Actions

The heart of the mitigation plan is the mitigation strategy, which serves as the long-term blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment. The mitigation strategy describes how the community will accomplish the overall purpose, or mission, of the planning process.

New Mitigation Actions

Please submit [here](#)

Ongoing Mitigation Actions

The following are ongoing actions. During the 2019 update, these "ongoing" mitigation actions and projects were modified and/or amended, as needed. Reviewers of this report should refer to the Hazard Mitigation Plan for more detailed descriptions of each action and the prioritization process. Address the following for each mitigation action:

- Was any element of the action carried out during the reporting period?
- If no action was completed, why?
- Is the timeline for implementation or the action still appropriate?
- If the action was completed, does it need to be changed or removed from the action plan?

TABLE: HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN MATRIX
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<p style="text-align: center;">Completion status legend: N = New O = Action Ongoing toward Completion C = Project Completed R = Want Removed from Annex X = No Action Taken</p>								
2021 Status	2020 Status	2019 Status	Hazards Mitigated	Objectives Met	Lead Agencies	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Timeline/Projected Completion Date (a)
Action F2.1 —Increase drainage/absorption capabilities of the Village by constructing detention and retention basins.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Flood, Severe Weather	1, 2, 3, 9, 12, 13	Village of Ford Heights, MWRD	High	General Revenue, Grants, MWRD-Phase II	Long-term
Action F2.2 —The televising and repairing of all sanitary sewer lines and the rehabilitation/sealing of all sanitary structures through-out the Village to eliminate infiltration and stop sewer backups.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Flood, Severe Weather	1, 2, 9	Village of Ford Heights	High	General Revenue, Grants	Long-term
Action F2.3 —Develop a community warming/cooling center that could also serve as a tornado shelter.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Severe Weather, Tornado	5, 8	Village of Ford Heights	Medium	General Revenue, Grants	Long-term
Action F2.4 —Participate in the Community Rating System.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Flood	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13	Village of Ford Heights	Low	General Revenue	Short-term
Action F2.5 —Developing and maintaining a GIS database to track community vulnerability and exposure in known hazard areas.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Multi-hazard	1, 2, 5, 6	Village of Ford Heights	High	General Revenue	Short-term and Ongoing
Action F2.6 —Developing and implementing a multi-hazard public awareness program.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Multi-hazard	6, 8	Village of Ford Heights	Low	Grants, General Revenue	Short-term and Ongoing
Action F2.7 —Develop plan to protect infrastructure and critical facilities from natural hazards.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Multi-hazard	1, 2, 5	Village of Ford Heights	Low	General Revenue, Grants	Long-term
Action F2.8 —Complete a stormwater drainage study for known problem areas in the community.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Flood, Severe Weather	3, 13	Village of Ford Heights	Medium	General Revenue, Grants	Short-term
Action F2.9 —Where appropriate, support retrofitting, purchase, or relocation of structures in hazard-prone areas to prevent future structure damage. Give priority to properties with exposure to repetitive losses.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	All	7, 13	Village of Ford Heights	High	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants	Long-term (depending on funding)
Action F2.10 —Continue to support the countywide actions identified in this plan.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	All	All	Village of Ford Heights	Low	General Fund	Short- and Long-term
Action F2.11 —Actively participate in the plan maintenance strategy identified in this plan.								
Status Description:								

O		Ongoing	All	3, 4, 6	DHSEM, (Village of Ford Heights)	Low	General Fund	Short-term
Action F2.12 —Consider participation in incentive-based programs such as Tree City and StormReady.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	All	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13	Village of Ford Heights	Low	General Fund	Long-term
Action F2.13 —Maintain good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program by implementing programs that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Such programs include enforcing an adopted flood damage prevention ordinance, participating in floodplain mapping updates, and providing public assistance and information on floodplain requirements and impacts.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Flooding	4, 6, 9	Village of Ford Heights	Low	General Fund	Short-term and Ongoing
Action F2.14 —Where feasible, implement a program to record high water marks following high-water events.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	Flooding, Severe Weather	3, 6, 9	Village of Ford Heights	Medium	General Fund; FEMA Grant Funds (Public Assistance)	Long-term
Action F2.15 —Integrate the hazard mitigation plan into other plans, programs, or resources that dictate land use or redevelopment.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	All	3, 4, 6, 10, 13	Building Department Commissioner and Village Engineering Firm	Low	General Fund	Short-term
Action F2.16 —Consider the development and implementation of a Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to increase the Village's regulatory, financial and technical capability to implement mitigation actions.								
Status Description:								
O		Ongoing	All	1, 2, 7	Public Works	High	CIP component of General Fund (if implemented)	Long-term
Action F2.17 —Update Website with information on Emergency Information and provide Links to Cook County DHSEM website.								
Status Description:								
O		New	All	6	Village of Ford Heights	N/A; Low	Local Funds, Grants	December 2019
Action F2.18 —Flood Control Project at Deer Creek;								
Status Description:								
O		New	Flood	9	MWRD	\$3,440,000	TBD	TBD
Action F2.19 —Ford Heights Green Streets Project								
Status Description:								
X		New	Flood	9	MWRD	TBD	TBD	TBD
(a) Ongoing indicates continuation of an action that is already in place. Short-term indicates implementation within five years. Long-term indicates implementation after five years.								

Mitigation Success Stories: Examples of mitigation success stories include, but are not limited to: received a Grant, completed a major mitigation project, etc.

Future Needs: Examples of future needs include, but are not limited to: receiving training to better understand the mitigation grant application process, studies that may be needed to better understand hazards/risks, etc.