

**AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Kenosha Municipal Building - Room 202**  
**Monday, January 9, 2012 - 5:00 pm**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Jesse L. Downing</b>	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	<b>Lawrence Green</b>
<b>Aldersperson:</b>	<b>Anthony Kennedy</b>	<b>Aldersperson:</b>	<b>Michael J. Orth</b>
<b>Aldersperson:</b>	<b>Rocco J. LaMacchia, Sr.</b>		

**Call to Order**  
**Roll Call**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A-1 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on December 12, 2011.

**C. REFERRED TO COMMISSION**

C-1 Aldermanic Request to Replace NB/SB Stop Signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street.  
*(District 2) (Staff recommends approval)*

C-2 Aldermanic Request to designate one (1) on Street Handicapped Parking Space for the Church at 5900-7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. *(District 2) (Staff recommends approval for a 90-Day Trial)*

C-3 Proposed Resolution for Adoption of Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2011 – 2015. *(Also referred to City Plan & Stormwater Utility)*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/ALDERMEN COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW**

IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL 653-4050 BEFORE THIS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, AND ALTHOUGH THIS MAY CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS MEETING.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Meeting held Monday, December 12, 2011**

A meeting of the Public Safety & Welfare Committee was held on Monday, December 12, 2011 in Room 202 of the Kenosha Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:54 pm by Chairman Downing.

At roll call, the following members were present: Alderpersons Green, Orth, Kennedy, and LaMacchia. Staff members in attendance were Michael Lemens, Interim Director of Public Works; Paula Blise, Zoning Coordinator; and Police Chief John Morrissey.

It was moved by Alderperson LaMacchia, seconded by Alderperson Green, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, November 21, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

C-1. Resident Request to Remove 1 Hour Parking in Front of 6517/6519-5th Ave. (*District2*) (*Staff recommends approval for a 90-Day trial*)

It was moved by Alderperson Kennedy, seconded by Alderperson LaMacchia, to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

C-2 Request for 6 Banners in the Public Right-of-Way Located at 6821-39th Ave (*Kenosha, Wisconsin*). (*Chiappetta Shoes Inc*) (*District 11*)

Public Hearing: Fred & Anthony Chiappetta spoke.

Staff/Alderperson: Michael Lemens & Paula Blise spoke.

It was moved by Alderperson Green, seconded by Alderperson LaMacchia, to approve. It was then moved by Alderperson Green, seconded by Alderperson Orth to amend the motion and approve subject to change in the Sign Ordinance. Motion passed 4-1 (with Alderperson Kennedy voting nay).

C-3 Proposed Ordinance To Repeal and Recreate Section 1.05 K. as "Department of Community Development and Inspections", to Amend Various Sections (of the Code of General Ordinances) to Reflect a Change in Name by Substituting "Department of Community Development and Inspections" for the "Department of City Development and Inspections" and Correct a Reference from "City Development Block Grant Program" to "Community Development Block Grant Program". (Fin-Ayes 6:Noes 0)

It was moved by Alderperson Orth, seconded by Alderperson Kennedy, to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

C-4 Proposed Resolution To Appoint Sergeant David M. Molinaro Humane Officer for the City. (Fin-Recommendation Pending)

It was moved by Alderperson Kennedy, seconded by Alderperson Orth, to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

C-5 Reschedule of December 26, 2011 meeting.

Chairman Downing canceled the meeting. If there are agenda items a meeting will be scheduled January 4, 2012.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Chief Morrissey spoke.

ALDERPERSON COMMENTS: Alderperson Kennedy commented on the Police Department and what a wonderful job they are doing. Chairman Downing thanked the Committee for the work they have done and will be continuing to do.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Public Safety & Welfare Committee, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:24 pm.



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DATE: January 4, 2012  
TO: Public Safety and Welfare Committee  
FROM: Kevin Risch, P.E., Assistant City Engineer KKR 1-4-12  
SUBJECT: Aldermanic Request to Replace NB/SB Stop Signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

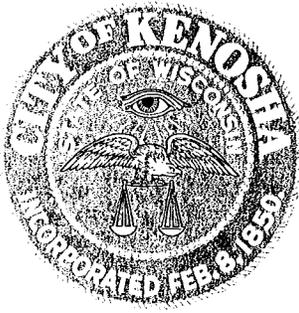
This request has been on a trial for approximately 45 Days and there have been numerous complaints and letters requesting that the NB/SB stop signs be replaced as were previously.

Since these signs were removed as part of a 90 day trial, it is staff recommendation to replace the signs for NB/SB direction on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street, as requested by the alderman on the district due to the complaints and concerns.

KKR

cc: Alderman Ruffalo, w/a  
Michael Lemens, Interim Director/City Engineer, w/a  
Kevin Risch, P.E., w/a  
Randy LeClaire, P.E., w/a





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DATE: November 9, 2011  
TO: Public Safety and Welfare Committee  
FROM: Kevin Risch, P.E., Assistant City Engineer KKR 11-9-11  
SUBJECT: Aldermanic Request to Remove NB/SB Stop Signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

This is an aldermanic request to remove the existing stop signs placed on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street. The placement of the stop signs were done in anticipation of the high rise building complex (Virginia Towers) generating more traffic. However, due to the vacancy of this building traffic does not warrant these signs. Staff has no concerns due to limited accidents before and after stop signs went up.

Staff recommends approval of a 90 day trial for the removal of NB/SB stop control on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

KKR

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Michael Lemens, Interim Director/City Engineer, w/a  
Kevin Risch, P.E., w/a  
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December 6, 2011

Dr. Sara Joan Miles  
318 57<sup>th</sup> Street – Unit 303  
Kenosha, WI 53140-4249

Subject: 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street

Dear Ms. Miles:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter regarding the stop sign issue at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street. I will see to it that the Public Safety and Welfare Committee Chairman has the opportunity to include this item on a future agenda.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to discuss this matter, you may contact Asst. City Engineer Kevin Risch at (262) 653-4148

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael M. Lemens".

Michael M. Lemens, P.E.  
Interim Director of Public Works

Cc: Ald. Jesse Downing, Chairman PS&W Committee  
Kevin Risch

MML

December 6, 2011

City of Kenosha Traffic Engineer  
625 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Kenosha, WI 53140-3480

Dear Sir:

The Board of Directors of the Harbor Park Parcel "I" Homeowners Association wishes to file a complaint regarding the recent change in traffic signs at the intersection of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We believe that the change creates a hazardous situation and that the way in which it was done also creates danger for the residents of our area.

Prior to the completion and occupancy of the last parcel in Harbor Park, the intersection involved a 2-way stop, with 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue having no stop. However, with the increased traffic due to the exiting of residents from both Parcel "H" and Parcel "I" on to 57<sup>th</sup> Street and the high volume of traffic resulting from Kaiser's growth in customers, a number of us became concerned. We saw numerous accidents and near-miss accidents, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings and in times of good weather (late spring through fall). We also were concerned because cars continued to speed along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue despite the greater density of pedestrians and vehicles. As a result, we requested that the intersection be made a 4-way stop. After studying the situation, the city granted this request.

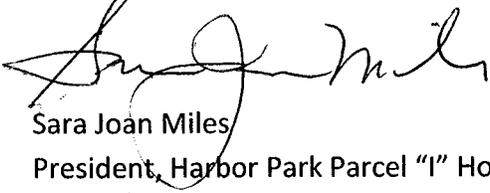
When we noticed the signs were down, the President of the Board of Directors called the alderman. He explained that a neighborhood watch had asked him to put the stop signs on 58<sup>th</sup> Street because of the "difficulty seeing around the brick building." He said that they have been moved for a "90-day trial period." We pointed out to him and we wish to explain to you that

- just because stop signs may be needed at 58<sup>th</sup> does not mean that they are not needed at 57<sup>th</sup>; Parcels "H" and "I" of Harbor Park have 100 units whose cars must exit on to 57<sup>th</sup> Street, and some residents have more than one car; moreover, even with the signs, speeding on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue continued to be a problem;
- the signs should not have been removed without notifying those who raised the earlier concern and sought to have them installed;

- the worst time for problems at 57<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will be after the trial period is over (spring and summer), and therefore it is not a valid trial period; there is much more traffic in the spring-to-fall period, especially on Saturdays when a large number of people use the marina, the park, and attend Harbor Marketplace; and, maybe most importantly,
- it is dangerous to remove signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and not indicate to those on 57<sup>th</sup> Street that it is no longer a 4-way stop; most people who are used to the 4-way stop are not going to notice that signs on the other street are no longer there.

We therefore request that the intersection of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue be returned to a four-way stop. If, for the purposes of the "trial period," that is not possible, the stop signs on 57<sup>th</sup> Street should indicate that it is now a 2-way stop, not a 4-way stop.

Sincerely,



Sara Joan Miles

President, Harbor Park Parcel "I" Homeowners Association Board of Directors  
318 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit #303  
Kenosha, WI 53140-4249

cc: Head of Public Works Department  
Mayor's Office  
All Aldermen on the Public Safety and Welfare Committee

December 6, 2011

City of Kenosha Traffic Engineer  
625 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
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Dear Sir:

As Board Secretary of Harbor Park Parcel "H" Homeowners Association I wish to file a complaint regarding the recent change in traffic signs at the intersection of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I believe that the change creates a hazardous situation and the way in which it was done also creates danger for the residents of our area.

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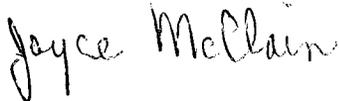
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- Finally, the most important thing is it is dangerous to remove signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and not indicate to those on 57<sup>th</sup> Street that it is no longer a 4-way stop; most people who were used to the 4-way stop are not going to notice that signs on the other street are no longer there.

I therefore request, together with Parcel I, the intersection of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue be returned to a four-way stop. If, for the purposes of the "trial period," that is not possible, the stop signs on 57<sup>th</sup> Street should indicate that it is now a 2-way stop, not a 4-way stop.

Sincerely,



Joyce McClain

Secretary, Harbor Park Parcel "H" Homeowners Association Board of Directors  
420 57<sup>th</sup> St., Unit 308  
Kenosha, WI 53140-4249

cc: Head of Public Works Department  
Mayor's Office



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January 4, 2012

Ms. Sara Joan Miles  
318-57<sup>th</sup> St, Unit 303  
Kenosha, WI 53140-4249

RE: Northbound/Southbound Stop Signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street

Dear Ms. Miles:

There will be action taken regarding the Northbound/Southbound Stop Signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street. It is scheduled to be presented to the Public Safety and Welfare Committee on:

**Monday, January 9, 2011**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Room 202**  
**Kenosha Municipal Building, 625-52nd Street**

You and/or your representative are required to attend this meeting.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Interim Director of Public Works Michael Lemens at 262-653-4050.

Sincerely,

Diane S. Hoff  
Secretary of the Public  
Safety and Welfare Committee

cc: Public Safety and Welfare Committee  
Alderperson Theodore A. Ruffalo - w/a  
Michael M. Lemens, Interim Director of Public Works - w/a  
Kevin Risch - w/a  
Randy LaClaire - w/a  
Joyce McClain, Secretary of the Harbor Park Homeowners Association



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Sara Joan Miles, President of the Harbor Park Homeowners Association



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DATE: December 19, 2011  
TO: Public Safety and Welfare Committee  
FROM: Kevin Risch, P.E., Assistant City Engineer KKR 12-20-11  
SUBJECT: Aldermanic Request to designate one (1) on Street Handicapped Parking Space for the Church at 5900-7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (District 2)

An Aldermanic request has been made for a one (1) on street handicapped parking space be designated for the Church at 5900-7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Staff has reviewed this request, there is a ramp from the sidewalk to the Church on the East Side of the Building. Therefore a 90 day trial is recommended to designate the first (1<sup>st</sup>) space South of 59<sup>th</sup> Street on the West Side of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue-A as handicapped parking only.

KKR:dh

cc: Alderperson Theodore A. Ruffalo - w/a  
Michael M. Lemens, Interim Director of Public Works - w/a  
Kevin Risch - w/a  
Randy LaClaire - w/a



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dhoff@kenosha.org

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## Re: Handicapped Parking

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**From :** Kevin Risch <krisch@kenosha.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Handicapped Parking  
**To :** Randy LeClaire <rleclaire@kenosha.org>  
**Cc :** Diane Hoff <dhoff@kenosha.org>

Mon, Dec 19, 2011 03:22 PM

 1 attachment

Randy,

Please put together the memo for PS&W for this item.

Thanks

Kevin K. Risch, P.E.

Assistant City Engineer,

Facilities, Roadway and Traffic

krisch@kenosha.org

262-653-4148 P

262-653-4056 F

----- Original Message -----

From: "Randy LeClaire" <rleclaire@kenosha.org>  
To: "Kevin Risch" <krisch@kenosha.org>  
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2011 3:16:02 PM  
Subject: Re: Handicapped Parking

Kevin,

I would recommend the 1st space south of 59th st on the west side of 6th av-A[[SEE attached photo]]. There is a ramp there leading to the church....The location will require 2 sign posts to be installed in concrete...

A trial for PSW would be suggested to designate the 1st space south of 59th st on the west side of 6th av-A as 1 handicapped parking space only.

Randy Le Claire  
Public Works  
262-653-4156

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kevin Risch" <krisch@kenosha.org>

To: "Randy LeClaire" <rleclaire@kenosha.org>  
Cc: "Theodore Ruffalo" <tedruffalo@kenosha.org>  
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 12:43:32 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Handicapped Parking

Randy,

Please see request below from Alderman Ruffalo regarding Handicap sign on the road adjacent to church on 7th Ave and 59th Street. Currently the church does not have off street parking. Does our policy allow for a H.C. sign to be placed if no off street parking is available? Let me know how we should proceed with this.

Thanks

Kevin K. Risch, P.E.

Assistant City Engineer,

Facilities, Roadway and Traffic

krisch@kenosha.org

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Theodore Ruffalo" <tedruffalo@kenosha.org>  
To: "Kevin Risch" <krisch@kenosha.org>  
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 11:23:09 AM  
Subject: Handicapped Parking

Kevin,

I had a request from the Church to add a handicapped parking spot some place around it. They really don't care where, but would like one put in someplace and I'll leave it up to you to decide what works best.

Can you take a look at this when you get a chance and make a recommendation?

Sincerely,

~Ted

Begin forwarded message:

From: Theodore Ruffalo <theodore.ruffalo@gmail.com >

Date: December 15, 2011 10:50:40 AM CST

To: Theodore Ruffalo <ted@tedruffalo.com >



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City Plan Division 625 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street Kenosha, WI 53140 262.653.4030	Kenosha City Plan Commission  <b>FACT SHEET</b>	January 5, 2012	Item 8
<b>By the Mayor - Resolution for Adoption of Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2011 - 2015. PUBLIC HEARING</b>			

**LOCATION/SURROUNDINGS:**

Site: City-Wide

**NOTIFICATIONS/PROCEDURES:**

This item will be reviewed by the Public Safety & Welfare, Public Works and Stormwater Utility Committees. Final approval by the Common Council is required.

**ANALYSIS:**

- The Hazard Mitigation Plan is an update to the 2005 plan. FEMA requires that the plan be reviewed and updated every 5 years.
- The adoption of the plan is required to remain eligible for hazard and disaster funds.
- A summary of the plan is attached. The full plan is available online at:  
[http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-278\\_2nded\\_kenoshacountyhazardmitigationplan.pdf](http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-278_2nded_kenoshacountyhazardmitigationplan.pdf).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

A recommendation is made to approve the proposed plan.



Rich Schroeder, Assistant City Planner  
/u2/accl/cp/ckays/1CPC/2012/Jan5/fact-res-haz plan adopt-121511.odt

Jeffrey B. Labahn, Director of City Development

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**SPONSOR: THE MAYOR**

**ADOPTION OF KENOSHA COUNTY HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE: 2011-2015**

**WHEREAS,** the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has prepared an update to the 2005 Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan a copy of which is on file in the Department of City Development; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Plan update was developed under the guidance of the Kenosha County All Hazards Mitigation Task Force which included representatives from the City of Kenosha; and,

**WHEREAS,** the preparation and adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is a requirement for maintaining eligibility for certain hazard mitigation and disaster grant programs funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and administered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City has duly noticed and will hold a public hearing on the proposed Amendment, following the procedures in Section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Kenosha Common Council hereby adopts the Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2011-2015 dated June, 2010.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FACT SHEET: KENOSHA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

### BACKGROUND

The Kenosha County hazard mitigation plan update, which revises the County's initial 2005 hazard mitigation plan, sets forth the most appropriate, feasible, and effective hazard mitigation strategy for Kenosha County and the local units of government within the County over the period 2011 through 2015. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that the plan be reviewed and updated every five years. The updated plan, which was prepared by the staffs of the Kenosha County Division of Emergency Management, the Kenosha County Division of Planning and Development, and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), is documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Report No. 278 (2nd edition), *Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2011-2015*, March 2011.

Preparation and adoption of the updated plan is necessary to retain County eligibility for mitigation funding for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management (WEM). All of the municipalities in the County are covered by the plan.

The plan was developed under the guidance of the Kenosha County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Task Force, which was created by the County specifically for plan development purposes and is comprised of elected and appointed officials; agency and business representatives; and citizens from throughout the County knowledgeable in hazard mitigation matters. Where appropriate, the members of the original Task Force were reappointed for this plan update. In assembling the Task Force, the County Planning and Development Division and Division of Emergency Management sought representatives from a cross-section of community interests. The chief elected official of each municipality in the County was invited to participate. Invitations to participate on the Task Force were sent by to over 47 people, including elected and appointed officials and representatives of law enforcement agencies, fire departments, public health departments, public works departments, and private sector firms. Also, the County issued a news release announcing the formation of the Task Force and inviting participation.

The Task Force met three times during the plan preparation period to provide input on the types of hazards to be considered and appropriate mitigation strategies, and to review the draft report chapters. Copies of draft plan chapters were placed in downloadable form on the website of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and a webpage was available on the website so members of the public could ask questions and submit comment upon the draft plan update. When the draft plan was completed, a public informational meeting was held at the Kenosha County Center on October 28, 2010.

### FOCUS OF THE PLANNING EFFORT

The focus of this planning effort is upon hazard mitigation measures. Such measures generally involve long-term, often permanent, measures designed to reduce the exposure to, probability of, or potential risk to human life and property from hazardous events. Such measures tend to focus on actions related to where and how to build structures, education to reduce losses or injury, and programs to improve the safety of identified hazard areas. A hazard mitigation plan outlines the strategy for mitigating the hazards potentially impacting a county or municipality.

The mitigation plan should be distinguished from, but compatible with, an emergency operations plan. Such a plan is defined as a plan which describes how people and property will be protected in disaster and disaster threat situations; details who is responsible for carrying out specific actions; identifies the personnel, equipment, facilities, supplies, and other resources available for use in the disaster; and outlines how all actions will be coordinated.

### PLANNING ANALYSIS AND PLAN COMPONENTS

The analysis includes three components: 1) profile and analysis of hazard events; 2) community vulnerability assessments; and 3) development of hazard mitigation strategies.

The updated plan reviews implementation of the initial plan and includes revised and updated inventories of:

- Demographic data,
- Existing and planned land use,

- Transportation and utility systems,
- Critical community facilities,
- Existing regulations and programs, and
- Hazard occurrence and expected damages.

The updated plan takes an “all hazards” approach and identifies and provides mitigation strategies for a variety of hazards including both natural hazards and human-induced hazards. Natural hazards identified include:

- Flooding,
- Thunderstorms, high winds, hail, and lightning,
- Tornadoes,
- Extreme temperatures,
- Winter storms,
- Lake Michigan coastal erosion,
- Drought,
- Fog, and
- Wild fires

Human-induced hazards identified include:

- Transportation accidents,
- Contamination or loss of water supply,
- Hazardous material incidents,
- Terrorism, and
- Power outage

The updated plan identifies and recommends priority mitigation strategies for the identified hazards. For flooding, the recommended priority mitigation strategies include:

- Floodland and wetland zoning and zoning review,
- Preservation of open space and sensitive areas,
- Purchase, demolition, and removal or floodproofing of 318 structures,
- Stream channel clearing, maintenance, or rehabilitation,
- Stormwater management planning, regulation, and facility maintenance,
- National Flood Insurance Program map updating,
- Elevation surveys of buildings near flood hazard areas, and
- Restoration of prairies and wetlands.

Recommended priority mitigation strategies for weather-related hazards include:

- Maintaining early warning systems,
- Public information and education,
- Identifying and advertizing shelters,
- Reviewing and enforcing building code requirements, and
- Coordination of local government emergency operations and response plans.

Recommended priority mitigation strategies for human induced hazards include:

- Public information and education,
- Continued coordination of emergency response, and
- Continued support of training, equipping, planning, and preparedness for emergency responders.