

CITY OF WAMEGO

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021/22 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

The City of Wamego is a participant in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) thereby allowing property owners within its jurisdiction to purchase flood insurance through the agency. In addition, the City is an approved Community Rating System (CRS) community. The CRS program allows owners within approved communities to receive a discount on flood insurance premiums since the community conducts activities and programs that go beyond minimal NFIP requirements in protecting residents from flood hazards in its jurisdiction. This year, Wamego will move from a Class 9 to a Class 8 CRS Community, thus allowing Wamego jurisdiction property owners to receive a 10% reduction on flood insurance premiums.

The Wamego jurisdiction under the NFIP includes not only the City itself, but also the Wamego Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction, an irregular shaped area that extends up to 1.6 miles outside the City limits.

One of the activities that helps the City qualify for the CRS program is floodplain management planning. To receive CRS credit for this activity, a community is not required to prepare its own plan, but may rather participate in a multi-hazard, multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. The City of Wamego has opted to participate in the Central Kansas (Region I) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, prepared under the directive of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The City adopted the initial Plan on August 16th, 2016, and adopted the July 2020 version of the Plan on June 15th, 2021.

An annual report of progress toward implementation of the Plan is required to be made available to the Wamego Governing Body, the media and public, in order to maintain CRS credit for this activity. This Progress Report has been prepared to meet the requirement.

The referenced Hazard Mitigation Plan is a lengthy document that may be accessed on-line at: <https://www.pottcounty.org/443/Hazard-Mitigation-Plan>

Page 6-35 of the Plan (attached) lists three hazard mitigation action items the City proposed to undertake. Following is the 2021/22 update regarding each item:

Wamego-1 – Continued participation and compliance with the NFIP.

This remained an on-going commitment throughout 2021 and 2022, as was the City's commitment to maintaining participation in the CRS.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has now finalized flood hazard determinations for Pottawatomie County and incorporated areas, which includes the City of Wamego and surrounding Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction. It is anticipated that the Flood Insurance Study

(FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) will become effective November 17th, 2022. Prior to this, the City will adopt a revised Floodplain Management Ordinance to incorporate the new study and maps, as required for continued participation in the NFIP.

Also, the City's move from a Class 9 to a Class 8 CRS community will occur October 1st, 2022.

Wamego-2 – Assess flood prone areas and implement flood reduction measures. (NFIP).

The City is committed to assessing areas which would be prone to future flooding given the scenario of full development buildout within the watersheds feeding into the City. Since more stormwater runoff would be generated in the future, these areas would be more extensive than the special flood hazard areas depicted on the FIRMs, as these only reflect current flood hazards. Consequently, extensive study of the watersheds passing through the recently annexed Kaine Addition area north of Say Road was required, and resulted in the recommendation to plat two large lots for stormwater detention basins. These will reduce the potential for future flooding downstream. The final plat for the first phase of the Addition includes one of the lots. A future phase will include the second lot.

The City will continue to examine flood mitigation requirements on a case by case basis as proposals for subdivision and/or development of other properties are reviewed.

Wamego-3 – Construct a community safe room.

The current status remains on-going due to lack of available funding to date. The completion timeframe is proposed as July 2025 for this project, estimated at \$300,000. Note that this action item does not appear to have a direct bearing upon protecting residents from flood hazards, as the stated hazards addressed would be a tornado or windstorm.



Table 6.8: Potawatomi County Mitigation Actions

Action Identification	Description	Hazard Addressed	Responsible Party	Overall Priority	Goal(s) Addressed	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Source	Proposed Completion Timeframe	Current Status
St. Mary's-4	Seek funding to initiate a weather radio program by purchasing and subsidizing radios.	All Hazards	City Administrator	Medium	1,2	\$5,000	Local, State, Federal	Five years	Not started, lack of funding
St. Mary's-5	Supplement existing public works equipment to better respond to severe weather.	All Hazards	City Administrator	Low	1,2	\$25,000	Local, State, Federal	Five years	Not started, lack of funding
St. Mary's-6	Conduct an assessment of cities water supply system to evaluate potential hazard exposure, develop a plan to upgrade, and secure and protect the water supply. Seek funding to implement study results.	Utility/ Infrastructure Failure	City Administrator	Low	1,2	Dependent on study results.	Local, State, Federal	Five years	Not started, lack of funding
St. Mary's-7	Purchase and install generators at critical facilities.	Utility/ Infrastructure Failure	City Administrator	Low	1,2	\$50,000	Local, State, Federal	Five years	Not started, lack of funding
St. Mary's-8	The City will fund and repair deficiencies noted by the KDA-DWR dam inspection report for College Park Dam (FRD No. 2).	Dam and Levee Failure	City Administrator	Low	1,2	\$300,000	Local, State, Federal	Five years	Not started, lack of funding
Wamego-1	Continued participation and compliance with the NFIP.	Flood	NFIP Administrator	High	1,2	Staff time	Local	Continuous	In progress
Wamego-2	Assess flood prone areas and implement flood reduction measures. (NFIP).	Flood	City Administrator	High	1,2	Staff time, per project cost	Local	Three years	Not started, lack of staff and funding
Wamego-3	Construct a community safe room.	Tornados, Windstorm	City Administrator	High	1,2	\$300,000	Local, State, Federal	Five years	Not started, lack of funding
Westmoreland -1	Construct a community safe room.	Tornados, Windstorm	City Clerk	High	1,2	\$300,000	Local, State, Federal	Five years	On-going, funding not available
Wheaton-1	Construct a community safe room.	Tornados, Windstorm	Mayor	High	1,2	\$300,000	Local, State, Federal	Three years	Not started, lack of funding
USD #320-1	Construct safe rooms for all USD #320 facilities	Tornados, Windstorm	Superintendent	High	1,2	\$1,000,000 per shelter	Local, State, Federal	Three years	Not started, lack of funding

