



Hinds County
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FOUNDED 1821 * POPULATION 248,643

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN
2015 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Hinds County (Unincorporated)

NFIP Community Number 280070

2015 Floodplain Management Plan Annual Progress Report

The 2015 Floodplain Management Plan Annual Progress Report on the progress made in implementing the Hinds County Floodplain Management Plan.

For credit under the Community Rating System Unincorporated Hinds County participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Rating System (CRS) program. CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program requirements. Hinds County participation in the CRS program requires an annual recertification of the activities that could result in a reduction in flood insurance policy premiums for properties in the unincorporated areas. It is required that this report is prepared in accordance with the annual recertification requirements of the CRS and submitted to FEMA.

The purpose of the Hinds County Mitigation Plan is to:

Protect life, safety and property by reducing the potential for future damages and economic losses that result from natural hazards.

Make communities safer places to live, work, and play

Qualify for grant funding in both pre-disaster and post-disaster environment

Speed recovery and redevelopment following future disaster events

Demonstrate a local commitment to hazard mitigation principles

Comply with state and federal legislative requirements for local multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans

1. Background

The plan reviews a variety of measures that can reduce the problems and/or protect people and property when flooding occurs. Measures reviewed include storm water drainage, flood proofing, flood insurance, emergency response planning, public information, erosion and sediment control and building regulations. The plan recommends 11 action items to reduce or prevent any manmade or natural disasters.

2. A review of the District 5 Regional Mitigation Action Plan items for floodplain management:
Section 9.10

The action items are organized by the measures reviewed in the 2015 – 2019 HCMJHMP (Hinds County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan that can reduce problems that could cause flooding and providing pertinent information to protect people when flooding occurs

1. **Adopt and implement public outreach strategy related to natural hazards.**
 - The County regularly releases information regarding natural hazards through local media outlets. In addition, information regarding flooding concerns in the county is maintained in the local libraries. Staff members from the county also sponsor presentations at health fairs, senior centers, schools and daycares to educate the public regarding preparedness. A local emergency Planning Commission is being started and Community Emergency Response Teams are in the beginning stages of being created. Social media and quarterly news letters are also used to reach the public (in –progress)

2. **Place information on the County’s website specific to hazard preparedness.**
 - Hinds County website contains information to help the county’s residents prepare for natural hazards (in progress with ongoing updates)

3. **Conduct training for Key personnel to become weather spotters.**
 - Hinds County partners with the National Weather Service to Provide storm spotter Training on a regular basis (in progress)

4. **Incorporate mitigation practices into the county’s policies and regulations.**
 - Storm Water Drainage Maintenance Plan implemented April 16, 2008
 - Hind County Zoning Ordinance (Amended March 23, 2004) (Currently being updated)
 - Hind County Storm Water Quality Management Ordinance (Adopted May 2, 2005)
 - Hind County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Adopted October 5, 2009)
 - Hinds County Comprehensive Plan December 12, 2002 (Currently being updated)
 - Hinds County GIS mapping system that identifies Flood Zones (Currently being updated)
 - Hinds County Sub-Division Ordinance
 - Hinds County adopted the 2006 International Building Code (adopted September 2, 2014) (Currently being updated to more recent ICC Code)

5. **Purchase emergency generators for critical facilities.**
 - The County continues to maintain existing generators for select critical facilities
6. **Maintain an effective outdoor warning system**
 - The County maintains 63 outdoor warning systems
7. **Seek Funds for Community safe rooms**
 - Due to limited funding this action is still on-going
8. **Encourage residents to construct family safe rooms**
 - The Emergency Management Director for the County has conducted various weather awareness meetings for schools, churches, civic organizations and businesses. During the presentations residents are encouraged to build safe rooms.
9. **Continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program**
 - Hinds County has maintained compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program and is in good standing.
10. **Look for ways to strengthen development requirements in the Floodplain.**
 - Hinds County enforces a number of regulatory policies
11. **Assist residents who want to participate in the “buy-out” program for repetitive loss structures.**
 - The County has not been approached for assistance with this program at this time citizen’s in Hinds County has been provided information publicly on a regular bases.

Summary

Hinds County has a “class 9” rating under the CRS program criteria. Hinds County is currently working with CMPDD on updating several mitigation projects that weren’t included in the 2015 -2019 District 5 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Significant efforts are currently being implemented to update the on-going Hinds County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.