

New Durham Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2010

Second Meeting

August 12, 2010 at 5pm

Present at this second Hazard Mitigation meeting were: Marcia Berry (Custodian NDS), Terry Jarvis, Mark Fuller (Road Agent), Tom Goss (Department Emergency Manager), Catherine Orlowicz (Town Historian), Barbara Reed (Principle of the Elementary School), Alison Rendinaro (Administrative Consultant), Ken Quigley (EMD), Peter Varney (Fire Chief) Kyle Pilmental, and Michelle Auen.

Catherine Orlowicz gave information on New Durham's history to put into this updated plan. The team also updated current and future development trends. The team identified critical facilities in the area including: three new day care facilities, two new helipad locations, food and retail areas that people could use in an emergency. The team also identified essential emergency response facilities, the Solid Waste facility/ Highway Department Facility.

The team also agreed that the 36" by 42" base map should be set up in grid so that critical facilities can be easily identified in an emergency. There will be a zoom in box in the Town Center so that the information is visible. The base map will have critical facilities, major routes, and a Mylar overlay identifying past and potential hazards. There will be four base maps located in Town Hall, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and Highway Department.

It was agreed that thru the process of updating the plan the goals or mitigation strategies would be conveyed. Some of the mitigation strategies the group identified were: generators for the Town hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Elementary School, and Solid Waste Facility. The Ridge Road fire hydrant is not functioning and a potential strategy was the Town purchase of an easement to get the hydrant back in service. Another strategy is outreach to the school system, and using the reverse call system to contact the general public. Another strategy is to upgrade the Town's flood maps. An additional goal was to increase public awareness during natural or manmade hazards by putting information on the Town website. The team also suggested that the Town utilize an AM radio tower during emergencies. The group also worked on Chapter 8 Mitigation Measures identifying existing laws, regulations, and programs.

In general there was a lot accomplished at the second meeting: New Durham's history and past development trends, Chapter 7. Mitigation Goals, Chapter 8. Mitigation Measures, and Chapter 9. Mitigation Action Implementation. The homework for the next meeting was to pinpoint how much grant funding was given to the Town for previous events. The next meeting was set to follow August 26, 2010 at 5 pm at Town Hall.