

Amendment to the
Dallas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard
Mitigation Plan

City of Van Meter

July 8, 2024

General Background:

The City of Van Meter seeks to advance mitigation measures and improve public warning through use of outdoor warning sirens and to obtain back up power/generator for the public safety building or city hall. For a mitigation objective to qualify for federal funding through mitigation related grant programs, the city must include the proposed mitigation action within the current adopted mitigation plan. Recent annexation has created additional need for outdoor warning based on the existing threat of severe weather and tornadoes as referenced in the Risk Assessment section of the Dallas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan “Plan.” Amendments to the Plan are permitted provided they follow the maintenance strategy identified within the Plan.

Plan Maintenance Process

Evaluation of mitigation progress can be achieved by monitoring changes in vulnerabilities identified in the plan. Changes in vulnerability can be identified by noting:

- Decreased vulnerability as a result of implementing recommended actions,
- Increased vulnerability as a result of failed or ineffective mitigation actions, and/or
- Increased vulnerability as a result of new development (and/or annexation).

Reviews and updates to this plan will:

- Consider changes in vulnerability due to action implementation,
- Document success stories where mitigation efforts have proven effective,
- Document areas where mitigation actions were not effective,
- Document any new hazards that may arise or were previously overlooked,
- Incorporate new data or studies on hazards and risks,
- Incorporate new capabilities or changes in capabilities,
- Incorporate growth and development-related changes to inventories, and
- Incorporate new action recommendations or changes in action prioritization.
- Pursuant to 44 CFR §201.6(c)(4)(iii): [The plan maintenance process shall include a] discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process.

Updating of the plan will be by written changes and submissions, as the Dallas County HMPC deems appropriate and necessary, and as approved by the Dallas County Board of Supervisors and the governing boards of the other participating jurisdictions.

Mitigation Action Summary, Continuing and New Actions for the City of Van Meter:

Mitigation Action Implementation Strategy—New Actions

Mitigation Action	Outdoor Warning Siren
Description	Improve Outdoor Warning Siren Network
Hazard(s)	Tornado and Windstorms
Estimated Cost	\$45,000-\$80,000
Funding	City General Fund, HMA
Timeline	Waiting for funding
Priority	High
Lead Agency	City Council
Status	Not started.

Action Prioritization—New Actions:

Action ID	Mitigation Action Title / Description	Lives Saved?	Reduced Property Damages?	Reduce need for response actions?	Will benefits exceed cost?	Social	Technical	Administrative	Political	Legal	Economic	Environment	Score	Priority
						0-unlikely, 1-maybe, 2-probably, or 3-definitely								
Van Meter (NEW)	Improve Outdoor Warning Siren network	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	High

Mitigation Action	Generator
Description	Back up Power at the public safety building
Hazard(s)	All Hazards
Estimated Cost	\$100,842.00
Funding	City General Fund, HMA
Timeline	Waiting for funding
Priority	High
Lead Agency	City Council
Status	Not started.

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Van Meter (NEW)	Generator	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	High

RESOLUTION 2024-85

WHEREAS, The City of Van Meter regularly considers mitigation actions to reduce the loss of life and damage to property within corporate limits, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Van Meter recognizes a need for additional mitigation measures based on the existing threat of severe weather and related absence of outdoor warning capabilities based on the annexation of additional land, and

WHEREAS, if not addressed, the community may be at increased vulnerability to severe weather or tornado due to a lack of warning, and,

WHEREAS, use of outdoor warning sirens are successful at providing advanced notice of severe weather for those outdoors, and,

WHEREAS, it is proposed that along with an outdoor siren, a generator be added to ensure continuous functionality during power outages, and,

WHEREAS, upon approval of this resolution and related amendment a copy shall be sent to the Dallas County Board of Supervisors for adoption and subsequently Dallas County Emergency Management Agency for filing, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 44 CFR §201.6(c)(4)(iii) a public hearing was held on August 12, 2024 at 7:00pm to hear comments from the public and,

WHEREAS, the City of Van Meter, seek to amend the Dallas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by adding mitigation action item “Van Meter” (as attached.)

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City of Van Meter to ADOPT THE AMENDMENT TO THE DALLAS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Passed and approved this 12th day of August, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk