

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Cities would primarily be responsible for educational outreach regarding disaster preparedness for summer storms in their jurisdiction. Information and assistance may also come from Le Sueur County, the State of Minnesota, and Federal agencies such as FEMA.

Funding- Funding for summer storm preparedness education could come from city funds as well as by grant money available for such projects, assuming the community qualifies to receive such grant funding.

Priority Level- 3

Hazard: Flooding

- **Mitigation Project-** Focus on eliminating or limiting effects of a flood event on flood-prone areas, particularly flood-prone areas located in Kasota, Le Sueur, New Prague, and Waterville. By working to eliminate flood-prone areas before a flood occurs, the impact will not be as great at the time of the flood. Acquisition, relocation, or flood-proofing structures should be considered.

Timeframe- This project should be considered as ongoing until all flood-prone areas have been mitigated to as much a degree as can be considered reasonable.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Could include Le Sueur County and all communities within Le Sueur County that have areas that are particularly flood-prone.

Possible Funding- Funding for this mitigation project could come from any source available to Le Sueur County or communities thereof, including disaster mitigation grants.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Encouragement and careful review of wetland projects in all Le Sueur County areas. Wetland projects help to alleviate the potential for flooding as they provide an area for waters to retreat to, rather than flooding streets and homes. Cities should encourage projects that protect or create wetlands as much as possible.

Timeframe- This mitigation project, if not already being performed, should be undertaken immediately and be considered as an ongoing project.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Review and encouragement of wetland projects can be accomplished via Le Sueur County environmental and planning/zoning personnel, as well as by planning/zoning staff at the local level. Private developers may also be involved.

Possible Funding- Would likely be funded through available county funds and city government funds, probably through use of staff time.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Education of key personnel, particularly in the communities of Le Center and Le Sueur. Community personnel that are likely to be involved with the immediate effects of a flooding event (such as fire department and police department staff) should undergo continuing training to ensure that they have the newest and best knowledge and resources available to them so that they may be more effective in dealing with flood emergency.

Timeframe- This mitigation project is already in place in many communities, but it should be ongoing for all of them. Education workshops, seminars, conferences, etc. are held occasionally and applicable training should be considered at all times.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- City fire department and police staff would be the most likely to be involved with ongoing education regarding winter hazard events. County officials may be involved as well. Some of the training may be conducted State of Minnesota agencies, federal agencies such as FEMA, and the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Possible Funding- Funding for education of key personnel can come from local city governments, from fire department or police department funds, and grants for emergency preparedness.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Coordination of preparations for and response to a flood emergency with other agencies, including any applicable Le Sueur County, State of Minnesota, and federal agencies.

Timeframe- Already in progress and should be considered an ongoing project.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County officials and cities within Le Sueur County should be responsible for the implementation of this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- This mitigation project should not require extensive funding, and most of the costs would probably be incurred due to use of staff time from coordination activities. This may be funded by any proper means available to the responsible agencies.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Creation and maintenance of a communications plan for use in the event of a flood emergency. Le Sueur County, as well as all cities within the county, should have a communications plan in place to direct methods and lines of communications in the event of a flood emergency, such as points of contact for different agencies and assignments of radio frequencies for electronic communications devices.

Timeframe- This mitigation project could be prepared and implemented relatively rapidly, likely within a few months time.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- County emergency management officials, sheriff and law enforcement departments at the city and county levels, fire departments, and city public works may all be involved to some degree.

Possible Funding- Establishment of a communications plan would not be very costly, and would rely more on coordination with other local agencies, but any required funding could come from the cities or Le Sueur County.

Priority Level- 3

- **Mitigation Project-** Utilization of Le Sueur County water management program to reduce flood hazard areas and limit possibility of floods.

Timeframe- This mitigation project is already being utilized and should be continued as an ongoing strategy.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County would be the primary responsible agency for implementation of this mitigation strategy, but all communities within Le Sueur County, in which case city staff would be responsible, could also utilize it.

Possible Funding- Funding would likely be provided through Le Sueur County government operating funds or through any funding available to cities for such projects.

Priority Level- 3

Hazard: Wildfire

- **Mitigation Project-** Provision of proper equipment to adequately fight wildfires for all Le Sueur County fire departments. The rough terrain and remote locations associated with wildfires can only be reached by dedicated off-road vehicles that not all fire departments have. Arrangements to share equipment may also be considered and is discussed as an earlier mitigation project.

Timeframe- Agreements to share off-road capable equipment can be made quickly and easily, but significant time may be required to raise funds needed to purchase proper off-road equipment if this is considered.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Individual Le Sueur County community fire departments would be responsible for this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- Funding for new equipment can come out of fire department funds and can be assisted by grants or fund-raising activities and even private donations (such as those sometimes provided by local non-profit civic groups).

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Encourage fire department participation in annual DNR-provided training classes specific to wildfires, and any other relevant training exercises as needed.

Timeframe- Can be undertaken as soon as possible in not already being utilized by all Le Sueur County fire departments. This mitigation project is likely to be performed on an annual or bi-annual basis.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Local level fire departments would be primarily responsible for this project.

Possible Funding- Could be provided as part of fire department operating costs, if needed. Emergency management grants may available to pay for some costs.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Participation by all Le Sueur County cities in the national FireWise wildfire education program, which provides tools for risk assessment/reduction to interested communities.

Timeframe- Depending on the amount of time required to become involved with the FireWise program, could be implemented over the course of 6 months – one year. May be continued on an annual basis or any other reasonable set schedule as deemed appropriate.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Local city governments and fire departments would be involved and would oversee this project, which is administered by the Minnesota State DNR. The FireWise program itself is a national program so it may have some federal oversight.

Possible Funding- Participation if FireWise could be paid for by city funds and could also possibly be offset by some grant opportunities.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Clarification of state land management issues. The DNR is responsible for operating all state lands within Le Sueur County, and clearing brush and vegetation in fire-prone areas can be an effective strategy. Who is responsible for clearing brush and fighting wildfires in these areas should be clearly understood by all fire departments involved.

Timeframe- This project can be undertaken immediately. This project would operate on a short timeframe and can be easily achieved.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The Minnesota DNR, Le Sueur County environmental officials, and local fire departments would all be involved in this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- This project should not require extensive funding as it relies more on basic communication between agencies, and costs would primarily be limited to staff time used by different agencies.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Utilization of zoning ordinances to help prevent damage to built areas due to wildfires. Le Sueur County, as well as staff in communities, should review and revise local zoning ordinances as needed to ensure that adequate distances are being maintained as a buffer from wildfire-prone areas.

Timeframe- This project can be utilized immediately and should be reviewed occasionally, perhaps yearly, to update as necessary.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County planning/zoning department and all city planning/zoning staff would be responsible for implementation of this project.

Possible Funding- Funded as a part of staff time for city and county staff who may work on the project.

Priority Level- 3

- **Mitigation Project-** Coordination between fire departments and fire districts in times of increased need for assistance. Fire departments respond to any wildfires within their own district, but they may coordinate and assist each other in the event of a large wildfire.

Timeframe- This coordination between fire departments and districts is already in place and should be continued indefinitely, and revised occasionally to ensure the best possible use of services.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- All county fire departments may be considered as responsible agencies for the implementation of this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- This mitigation project requires minimal costs, if any, but any associated costs would likely be provided by local fire department funds.

Priority Level- 3

- **Mitigation Project-** Creation and maintenance of an evacuation plan by all cities. All Le Sueur County communities should have such a plan in place describing and depicting appropriate routes out of the community in case of a large fire that poses an imminent threat to the community. Also considered a strategy for urban or structural fire.

Timeframe- Should be created by all communities as soon as possible, project could be accomplished within several months in most cases.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Each community would be responsible for the creation of their own specific evacuation plan.

Possible Funding- Funding for this mitigation project could come from any source available to the community, including disaster mitigation grants if applicable.

Priority Level- 3

Hazard: Extreme Temperature

- **Mitigation Project-** Broadcasting of National Weather Service issues heat advisories by local radio and television stations in times of extreme heat. Issuance of heat advisories serves to warn residents of dangers imposed by extreme heat.

Timeframe- This mitigation project is already being consistently utilized and should be considered an ongoing project.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The National Weather Service makes the decision as to when and where heat advisories are issued, but it is up to local broadcast media to decide how they wish to disseminate this information.

Possible Funding- This mitigation strategy should not require any funding on the part of local government or any other Le Sueur County agencies.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Broadcasting of National Weather Service issues wind chill/extreme cold advisories by local radio and television stations in times of extreme cold or wind chill. Issuance of these advisories serves to warn residents of dangers imposed by extreme cold and/or wind chill.

Timeframe- This mitigation project is already being consistently utilized and should be considered an ongoing project.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The National Weather Service makes the decision as to when and where extreme cold/wind chill advisories are issued, but it is up to local broadcast media to decide how they wish to disseminate this information.

Possible Funding- This mitigation strategy should not require any funding on the part of local government or any other Le Sueur County agencies.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Closing of public and private schools when necessary for safety of students and staff in times of extreme temperatures. In Minnesota, this is more likely to occur during times of extreme cold, due to many schools not being in session during the summer months when extreme heat events are more likely to occur.

Timeframe- This mitigation strategy is already in use as conditions necessitate and should be considered an ongoing project.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The Governor of Minnesota has the power to close all schools in the state in times of extreme temperatures, and has done so several times in the past. It is more common that school district officials make this judgment. Local television and radio station are usually responsible for disseminating information regarding school closures.

Possible Funding- This mitigation strategy does not require any funding on the part of Le Sueur County officials or any local government officials of communities within the county.

Priority Level- 2

Hazard: Drought

- **Mitigation Project-** Utilization of water conservation strategies as needed. Water conservation provisions and use restrictions in times of drought are usually included in city ordinances. These ordinances should be put in place if they do not currently exist, reviewed periodically to ensure they are appropriate, and enacted if deemed necessary due to a drought event.

Timeframe- Review and/or additions to water conservation strategies may take from several months to a year or more for many cities.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Planning/zoning staff and city councils of all cities would be the primary responsible parties for review and adoption of new ordinances, if necessary. They would also be responsible for deciding when to enact the water restrictions these ordinances authorize and for what duration.

Possible Funding- This mitigation project would be funded through city funds in most cases, as it would mainly require staff time for review/additions of ordinance.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Identification of water access points for human and animal consumption that may be utilized in the event of a drought. An inventory of these water access points should be created, maintained, and updated as needed.

Timeframe- This mitigation project would take considerable time, due to the sheer volume of water access points located throughout Le Sueur County. A proper inventory and cataloging of them all may take at least a year. Updates should occur every 3-5 years.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The County and city members of the hazard mitigation task force would work cooperatively on this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- This project would likely be funded primarily through any appropriate funding available to Le Sueur County and individual communities.

Priority Level- 3

Hazard: Infectious Disease

- **Mitigation Project-** Creation of safe handling processes and facility structures for livestock and utilization of zoning and inspections to properly design and maintain livestock operations to reduce risks of diseases which can ultimately affect humans.

Timeframe- This mitigation project is already in effect to some degree but its use could be extended gradually over the course of several years, particularly in times of increased concern for livestock disease outbreaks.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County planning/zoning officials and health department would collaborate on this project, with assistance from local city planning/zoning staff when applicable.

Possible Funding- This mitigation project would be funded primarily through county and city funds, but some funding may also be available through state or federal programs aimed at negating diseases among livestock.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Media outreach should be conducted via radio, television, and print media in the event of an infectious disease outbreak to ensure that proper and factual information is being distributed throughout Le Sueur County communities. This may assist in calming fears that may lead to negative secondary effects.

Timeframe- This mitigation project should be utilized as deemed necessary, but should be prepared well in advance of an actual event so that it is ready to be implemented immediately if need be.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The State Department of Health, local clinics and hospitals, and local media would all have roles in a media outreach campaign in the event of an infectious disease outbreak.

Possible Funding- A media outreach project would primarily come at the expense of local media, as it is largely considered a news event.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Provision of health education material detailing the impacts and risks of infectious diseases to youth and parents. Le Sueur County and school public health nurses can provide these materials to students.

Timeframe- Can be implemented immediately, may already be in place to some extent. This project can be considered as an ongoing mitigation strategy.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County health officials can coordinate with local clinics/hospitals for materials to distribute to local schools and youth functions.

Possible Funding- Funding for this project could come from Le Sueur County funds available for maintaining public health, local school districts, and possibly applicable state and federal health agencies.

Priority Level-2

- **Mitigation Project-** Provide health education to private businesses where the risks of infectious diseases are a concern, such as food-processing facilities and restaurants. County public health department will provide educational material and periodic site visits.

Timeframe- Already in progress and would be increased and utilized as needed on an ongoing basis.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The Le Sueur County health officials would coordinate with private businesses on these health education matters. The State of Minnesota Department of Health may also be involved.

Possible Funding- This project would be paid for by funds available for use by Le Sueur County health officials. Participating businesses may contribute some funding as well.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Encourage and facilitate countywide cooperation with the Minnesota State Health Department to share information regarding infectious disease occurrences. This information flow will assist in alerting proper agencies to the possibility of an outbreak event.

Timeframe- This mitigation project has been and will continue to be ongoing.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- All Le Sueur County clinics and hospitals will coordinate and share information with the State Health Department and the National Center for Disease Control (CDC) when needed.

Possible Funding- This mitigation strategy is integrated into the operations of all clinics, hospitals, and the State Department of Health.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Encourage and facilitate participation in vaccination programs for all Le Sueur County residents, particularly children. Identify and utilize programs for vaccinating the uninsured or low-income residents.

Timeframe- This should be considered an ongoing mitigation project. Vaccination programs may be already in place but they should be identified and well-publicized, especially in times of concern of a particular disease that is preventable by vaccination.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County health officials, the State of Minnesota Health Department, numerous federal and non-profit organizations may all be involved to some degree with this mitigation project.

Funding- Funding for this project could be provided by Le Sueur County, the State Department of Health, private donations, non-profit organizations, and perhaps state or federal grants.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Utilization of a quarantine/isolation plan in extreme cases of an infectious disease outbreak, to protect the public health.

Timeframe- Quarantines and isolations are designated by the State of Minnesota and are therefore subject to the regulations and timeframes that the State already has in place.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Quarantines and isolations are designated by the State of Minnesota and are therefore subject to the regulations and timeframes that the State already has in place. Le Sueur County emergency personnel (fire, police, emergency management) would support the role of the State in a quarantine/isolation event.

Possible Funding- Funding for a quarantine/isolation event would be handled primarily by the State of Minnesota.

Priority Level- 2

Hazard: Urban Fire

- **Mitigation Project-** The cities of Le Center, New Prague, Kasota, and Kilkenny should adopt and maintain building and fire codes, which will work towards making structures increasingly fire-resistant and less hazardous should they ever burn.

Timeframe- Adoption of building and fire codes can be achieved relatively quickly, within 6 months to one year. The codes must be continually enforced and maintained thereafter.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- City administrators and planning staff will work to have the Council incorporate the code within the plans of the above-mentioned cities.

Funding- The adoption of building and fire codes would have to be funded by the adopting cities, primarily through the costs of associated staff time needed for the project.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Aggressive and increased training of fire department personnel in the cities of Elysian, Kasota, Le Center, New Prague, and Waterville in the near future.

Timeframe- This increased training would begin in the year 2006 and be ongoing from this point.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The above-mentioned city fire departments would be the primary responsible entity for implementing this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- Funding would likely come from each city fire department fund, or if necessary any other proper and available source of funding.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Offer specialized fire training classes. Local fire departments could offer classes for residents regarding topics which often lead to fires, such as chimney cleaning and holiday-time hazards.

Timeframe- Classes could be prepared and offered at any time, but may focus on times of increased fire risk, including the holiday season and 4th of July weekend.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- City fire departments would be responsible for the creation and use of such specialized classes. They may also partner with a program such as FireWise, which is run by the Minnesota DNR.

Possible Funding- Funding sources for specialized training classes could come from city funds, payment for classes by residents, state or federal funds/grants, or contributions by private individuals or local civic non-profit groups.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Mutual aid agreements will be created and maintained among the cities of Le Center, Waterville, Cleveland, and Montgomery. These cities will work together to share equipment capacity, resulting in increased effectiveness and efficiency.

Timeframe- These mutual aid agreements could be delineated and put into effect within a few months time.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The above-mentioned cities would be responsible for designing and agreeing to the terms of mutual aid agreements, as well as for utilization and updating of the agreements as necessary.

Funding- This mitigation project should not require much funding to execute but any required funding would be handled by the funds available to the fire departments.

Priority Level- 3

- **Mitigation Project-** Utilization of local zoning ordinances to regulate building density, use, bulk, height, and setbacks to assist in preventing fires from “jumping” from one structure to the next.

Timeframe- Can be implemented gradually by cities and should be considered an ongoing project.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- It is recommended that all Le Sueur County cities review and update their ordinances. Cities would be responsible for the creation/updating/enforcement of their own ordinances.

Possible Funding- Funding would be provided by any applicable funds available to the cities. The most likely cost is the requirement for planning/zoning staff time.

Priority Level- 3

Hazard: Hazardous Materials

- **Mitigation Project-** Train all fire department personnel in the cities of Le Center, Kasota, and Elysian in proper hazardous material procedures so they are ready for a hazardous material event should one ever occur.

Timeframe- Should be implemented immediately as training may take a considerable amount of time, and should be considered as ongoing for all fire department personnel, particularly new members.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Fire departments in the above-mentioned cities would be primarily responsible for implementing this mitigation project, but they may be assisted by the State of Minnesota, which may provide such training.

Possible Funding- Funding would likely come from city fire department funds or also possibly hazard mitigation funds/grants, should they be available.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Le Center should create a public evacuation plan to increase their preparedness for a hazardous material event.

Timeframe- This mitigation project should be completed as soon as possible, and should be reviewed periodically to ensure it is still effective.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Center city staff, such as public works, fire department personnel, and police personnel, will create a plan to be reviewed both internally and externally.

Possible Funding- Funding for this project would likely be covered by city funds, and possibly supplemented by some form of hazard mitigation grant.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Increase countywide public education regarding methamphetamine labs. Educational material in print and presentation formats will be distributed to youth, communities at risk, and vulnerable people.

Timeframe- This project should be implemented over the span of the next year and administered as needed or continually thereafter.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County officials, city emergency responders, the State of Minnesota public health/Department of Public Safety, regional emergency management officials, and non-profit organizations can work together as needed to implement this project.

Possible Funding- Funding for this mitigation project could come from many sources, including the State of Minnesota, grants, Le Sueur County and local city funds.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Utilization of Emergency Warning System by local radio and television stations if the need to warn people of a major and dangerous hazardous material release event occurs.

Timeframe- Emergency Broadcast System is already in place and is tested regularly. This mitigation project is ready to be utilized but should only be used when absolutely necessary.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- City and Le Sueur County emergency officials, and possibly State agencies, would be involved with utilization of this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- This project is already in place and should not require additional funding.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Monitoring of legislative actions that provide resources to effectively deal with the damages of methamphetamine labs, such as how to pay for associated cleanup costs of properties used for clandestine labs.

Timeframe- This mitigation project can be implemented immediately and should be considered ongoing.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County officials should monitor legislative activity, as should New Prague officials (due to their expressed concern over methamphetamine labs).

Possible Funding- This project should not require any specialized funding to implement.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Continued enforcement of on-site safety procedures and maintenance of an accurate Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) list for the cities of Le Center, Montgomery, and Le Sueur.

Timeframe- This mitigation project has been and should continue to be ongoing.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- This would involve businesses or other entities that utilize hazardous materials in their operations. The local fire chief or an appointment would continue enforcement of these procedures.

Possible Funding- Possible funding could come via city funds or by surcharges for businesses for inspections.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Le Sueur County should coordinate and cooperate with appropriate State agencies to address the needs for responding to and mitigating the impacts of a hazardous material release event. In the event of a serious hazardous material event, Le Sueur County alone will not be able to adequately deal with the effects and must work directly with the State of Minnesota.

Timeframe- This mitigation project should already be taking place, and should be considered an ongoing project.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Le Sueur County and applicable State of Minnesota agencies would be responsible for implementation of this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- While this project should not require extensive funding, Le Sueur County would likely be responsible for any costs involved. Disaster mitigation grants or funds may also be used if they are available.

Priority Level- 2

Hazard: Wastewater Treatment Plant Failure/Water Supply Contamination

- **Mitigation Project-** Securing water systems, implementing safety measures, and eliminating of low window in New Prague water systems.

Timeframe- This mitigation project will likely take at least one year.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The City of New Prague public works department and police chief will work together to assess water system safety and implement measures as needed.

Possible Funding- Funding would likely be provided via any available city funds.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Development of new and safe structures in New Prague, including water towers, wells, and water treatment systems to replace existing low-capacity systems.

Timeframe- This project will likely take several years to be fully completed.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The New Prague city staff and city council will have to work with an engineering firm to develop appropriate structures.

Possible Funding- This mitigation project would likely be paid for by any available and proper New Prague city funds.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Require and monitor certified operators and inspections for all public wastewater systems in Le Sueur County. Operators of such systems are required to have state training to maintain their certified operator status.

Timeframe- This mitigation project is already in place and should be considered ongoing. Monitoring and inspections should always be up-to-date.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- All Le Sueur County wastewater plant operators and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) both have roles in this project.

Possible Funding- This project is funded through state and city funds.

Priority Level- 3

Hazard: Dam Failure

- **Mitigation Project-** Inspection of all Le Sueur County dams and reservoir capabilities to ensure dam stability and safety.

Timeframe- This project should be considered for the near to moderate future. The threat of dam failure within Le Sueur County is not considered very serious.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The Minnesota DNR and the US Army Corps of Engineers perform these inspections.

Possible Funding- Funding would be provided via Le Sueur County or by the Minnesota DNR or US Army Corps of Engineers as part of their operations.

Priority Level- 1

Hazard: Terrorism

- **Mitigation Project-** Developing increased protection measures for residential water supplies in Le Center and Kilkenny. These two communities should increase protection and monitoring of their water systems and treatment plant to prevent tampering. This has the added benefit of reducing the possibility of an accident, particularly when children could possibly access the area.

Timeframe- This mitigation project should be undertaken as soon as feasibly possible, and it may take a year or more to be completed by the communities.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The cities of Le Center and Kilkenny would be responsible for implementation of this mitigation project within their respective water systems.

Possible Funding- Funding for these projects would primarily be provided by city funds and perhaps some form of disaster mitigation grants.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Consider limiting pedestrian/civilian access to government buildings throughout Le Sueur County. Government buildings may wish to limit access to either entire buildings or specified areas within these buildings, as officials may deem necessary (such as at times of an increased terror alert level).

Timeframe- This mitigation project should be considered for implementation in the near to moderate future, as circumstances warrant. This strategy should always be available for utilization in times of increased or imminent danger due to terrorism events.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- This would depend on the nature of the building, and whether it is a city, county, or state building within Le Sueur County. Workers in different buildings may not be able to make these decisions for themselves, and may have to receive some form of authorization to undertake this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- Funding for limiting access to governmental buildings could come from a very wide variety of funds, including city and county funding or law enforcement funding.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Design new facilities that may face an increased terrorism threat with these dangers in mind, particularly governmental buildings such as the Le Sueur County Courthouse in Le Center. These facilities may wish to incorporate design and building elements such as blast-resistant materials and fire suppression systems that can help minimize damage from an attack.

Timeframe- This mitigation project should be considered whenever new buildings are created (or existing buildings are renovated/altered) which may be deemed as facing an

increased threat due to their specific nature (such as being a governmental building), and should be considered as ongoing.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Cities, Le Sueur County, architects and builders may all have a role in the implementation of buildings designed and constructed to minimize effects of a terrorist attack.

Possible Funding- Funding for this mitigation project would most likely have to be provided via city funds (for municipal buildings) or Le Sueur County funds (such as changes made to the County Courthouse). Private buildings designed to withstand terrorist attacks would have to be privately funded.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Countywide coordination and cooperation with State of Minnesota and Federal officials and agencies for continued preparation efforts to face a domestic terrorism event.

Timeframe- This project has been and will continue to be ongoing.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- All Le Sueur County public safety personnel (fire, police, etc.), State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety and other applicable state agencies, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, and any other applicable federal agencies would work cooperatively on this mitigation project.

Possible Funding- Funding for this mitigation project may come from any and all available funds to any of these agencies.

Priority Level- 2

Plan Evaluation, Adoption, and Program Maintenance

Community Planning, evaluation and program maintenance to the Le Sueur County Hazard Mitigation Plan are as follows:

April-May, 2007 - Jurisdiction review and adopt approved mitigation plans by FEMA and State of Minnesota. The Le Sueur County Emergency Manager (or equivalent staff thereof) will be responsible for ensuring that this plan is included as an aspect of various applicable county and city documents.

November, 2007 – 2011

County establishes a multi-department review committee to review the goals and implementation aspects of the plan. The Emergency Manager (or equivalent staff thereof) will coordinate with the multi-department committee as a Hazard Mitigation Community Task Force for the purpose of reviewing and monitoring implementation progress.

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Vosejpka, Mark	Chief of Police	City Level: New Prague
Ploog, Gwyn	City Clerk	City Level: Cleveland
Collins, Chris	City Clerk	City Level: Le Center
Almisch, Richard	City Administrator	City Level: Le Sueur
Sickler, Rosie	City Clerk	City Level: Kasota
Jones, Roberta	City Clerk	City Level: Kilkenny
Germescheid, Ron	Emergency Manager	County Level
Odenthal, Millie	City Clerk	City Level: Heidelberg
Hayes, Terry	City Official	City Level: Montgomery
Sery, Bonnie	Deputy Clerk	City Level: Montgomery
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April/May, 2008 – 2012

Annual Review Meeting reminder notices and surveys will be sent to community officials to update progress and offer assistance to communities, if needed. The purpose of this is to prompt jurisdictions to take action and assess the progress of those actions. During this time jurisdictions may identify the impact of hazards on new facilities.

August, 2008– 2012

The County would call Annual Review Meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Community Task Force. In addition to task force notification, this meeting would be posted at city halls, county courthouse, and websites to notify the public of the meeting.

At this meeting, members will discuss in more detail the development of mitigating hazards, action steps taken over the 12 month period). Initial ideas would be included in a two page, progress report to review and revise criteria of mitigating hazards, which would be forwarded back to all jurisdictions within the county.

Each entity's regulating authorities will consider adoption of plan revisions made at the Annual meeting. Cities will have reviews and conduct revisions with their Planning Commissions and City Council. The Le Sueur County Emergency Manager and Administrator (or equivalent staff

position) would forward Plan revisions to appropriate departments (i.e., Public Works, Sheriffs, Faculties and Health). Ultimately, the County Board considers final revisions to the Plan. Applicable plans such as zoning ordinances, lakeshore ordinances, building codes, staff development plans, and waste water treatment policies will be amended to incorporated related changes. These amendments will be handled by local government entities (city council, planning commissions) at the city level. Le Sueur County officials, as well as city-level officials within the county, will be responsible for the integration of this All-Hazard Mitigation Plan into other applicable plans or planning mechanisms that they may already maintain or may be currently undertaking

The County, cities and region will also use their website for general updates to the public. Newsletters and public meetings would also be considered with the same intentions.

Five Year Update – The above-mentioned process would allow the county and jurisdictions within to modify and document changes in the plan annually. Toward the end of each year those revisions can be rolled into an ongoing five-year update planning process. Region Nine Development Commission will be responsible for these updates to the Le Sueur County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Region Nine staff will work with Le Sueur County emergency management staff on five-year plan updates. The five-year update planning process would culminate with public presentations and jurisdiction adoptions at city-level meetings, likely to be city council meetings in most jurisdictions. Additionally, city and county comprehensive plans will be amended during simultaneous five-year reviews.

In order to keep the public engaged and informed with Hazard Mitigation efforts the following methods will continue to be employed:

Number	Public Communication/Engagement Method	Comments
A.	County Website	Plans were used by some counties on their website. Le Sueur County did not have the plan on their site. However, all jurisdictions in the County will be able to have a plan on their website or link to the county or region website.
B.	Newspaper	Public notices or press releases will be completed to inform the public of information sessions during the planning process.
C.	Informational Meetings	Informational meetings, when appropriate, will be conducted in order to provide an opportunity for the public to hear and comment on the plan/plan updating process.
D.	Task Force	A diverse group of professionals has coordinated in order to help develop, review and comment on the plan. Two representatives from the general public will be added to the task force to increase citizen participation. They will be continually engaged when updates occur.
E.	Board Public Meetings	Public meetings of elected officials regarding