

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 Watonwan 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- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Clarification of state land management issues. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is responsible for operating all state lands within Watonwan 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, Watonwan 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-** 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 Watonwan 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- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Utilization of zoning ordinances to help prevent damage to built areas due to wildfires. Watonwan County, as well as staff in communities thereof, 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- Watonwan County planning/zoning department and all city planning/zoning staff would be responsible for implementation of this project.

Possible Funding- This mitigation project would be funded as a part of staff time for city and county staff that may work on the project.

Priority Level- 3

- **Mitigation Project-** Provide public education regarding disaster preparedness as it relates to wildfire events. Providing such education would increase the public knowledge of what to do prior to, during, and after a wildfire event, and help protect them from the hazard itself or secondary hazards associated with a wildfire event. This project may involve websites and/or educational brochures and could be included with existing city correspondence (such as water billing) that is sent to residents.

Timeframe- Some communities currently provide such education, and this should be continued, but those that do not should undertake education on disaster preparedness in the near future. This may come in the form of community classes that may be offered annually or bi-annually, or other forms of educational outreach that communities may deem appropriate.

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

Possible Funding- Funding for wildfire 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

- **Mitigation Project-** Creation and maintenance of an evacuation plan by all cities. All Watonwan 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- All communities should create this project as soon as possible. This 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 Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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 at the local (city) level and city councils of all Watonwan County 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 Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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. This would serve to reduce risks of diseases that 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- Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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. Watonwan 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- Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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- May already be in progress, but if not it should be increased and utilized as needed on an ongoing basis.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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 Watonwan County residents, particularly children. Identify and utilize programs for vaccinating 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- Watonwan 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.

Possible Funding- Funding for this project could be provided by Watonwan 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 in order 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. Watonwan 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-** Undertake aggressive increased training of fire department personnel in the cities of Butterfield, LaSalle, Madelia, and St. James in the near future. These cities can collaborate on efforts to train emergency response personnel in proper methods and equipment usage.

Timeframe- This increased training would begin in 2007 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-** Mutual aid agreements will be created and maintained by the City of Butterfield. Butterfield and neighboring 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 city (primarily the city administrator, and fire/police personnel) 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.

Possible 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- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** All Watonwan County cities should adopt and maintain building and fire codes if they have not already done so, which will work towards making structures increasingly fire-resistant and less hazardous should they ever be subjected to a fire hazard.

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

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

Possible 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-2

- **Mitigation Project-** Consider offering specialized fire training classes. Local Watonwan County 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- 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. Review and updating of local zoning ordinances to mitigate fire hazards is recommended for all Watonwan County cities.

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

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- It is recommended that all Watonwan County cities review and update their ordinances. Cities, likely through planning/zoning staff 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-** Ensure adequate warning/safety lighting at all railroad crossings, particularly those located in Butterfield, Odin, Ormsby, St. James, and Madelia. This may assist in preventing or limiting accidents involving trains that may carry hazardous materials (chemicals)

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

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- This would involve city staff of the aforementioned communities, including city administration, public works, and police departments where applicable.

Possible Funding- Possible funding could come from any proper sources available to the cities.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** The cities of Butterfield, Odin, Ormsby, St. James, and Madelia should create reroute plans for trains to use should a hazardous material incident occur. This may also be combined with rerouting plans of passenger vehicles so that they may bypass and avoid contaminated areas.

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- City staff from these communities, including administrators, public works directors, and city engineers would work with train operators and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) on this project.

Possible Funding- Funding for this project would likely be covered by city funds, and may possibly be supplemented by some form of hazard mitigation grant. Railway companies may also be involved to some extent.

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. This would be primarily through print and public presentations.

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

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Watonwan 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, Watonwan County and local city funds.

Priority Level- 1

- **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- Watonwan County officials and staff would have a lead role in this project. City staff from specifically concerned communities may also be interested in monitoring legislative activity.

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

Priority Level- 1

- **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- Watonwan County emergency officials, city 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- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Watonwan 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, Watonwan 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- Watonwan 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, Watonwan 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

- **Mitigation Project-** Ensure proper storage of hazardous materials throughout Watonwan County. Proper storage, labeling, and securing of all possible hazardous materials will help to maintain safety and prohibit exposure to the materials.

Timeframe- If not already in progress, should be undertaken immediately in all applicable areas and should be considered as an ongoing project.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- Local public works, Watonwan County officials, and possibly State agencies could all work together on this mitigation project. Lead roles would likely emerge via the county.

Possible Funding- Funding for secure storage of hazardous materials would most likely come at the expense of the business, organization, agency, or individual that maintains such material in their possession or on their premises.

Priority Level- 2

Hazard: Wastewater Treatment Plant Failure/Water Supply Contamination

- **Mitigation Project-** Securing water systems and implementing safety measures in the City of LaSalle and the City of Lewisville.

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

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The City of LaSalle and the City of Lewisville city staff will 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-** Education and training of city staff, particularly planning/zoning departments, in techniques for minimizing water-related hazards. This includes creation and maintenance of ordinances designed to protect these systems.

Timeframe- This mitigation project should be undertaken as soon as possible and should be considered ongoing.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- This project could be led by city staff in all Watonwan County communities.

Possible Funding- Funding for this mitigation project would come from any proper and available funds available to the cities.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Ensuring appropriate use and preservation of wetlands throughout Watonwan County. County departments (including planning and zoning staff) will work with cities to create wetland development and protection standards. The county will also review development in unincorporated areas to ensure wetlands are maintained and preserved.

Timeframe- This mitigation project should be undertaken as soon as possible and should be considered ongoing. Any enacted ordinances will require periodic review and possibly updating.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- This project would be led by Watonwan County planning/zoning staff, and would also include city staff of applicable communities.

Possible Funding- Funding for this mitigation project would come from any proper and available funds available to the county and cities.

Priority Level- 2

- **Mitigation Project-** Require and monitor certified operators and inspections for all public wastewater systems in Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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 Watonwan County dams and reservoir capabilities to ensure dam stability and safety. These reports indicate whether the dams are in adequate condition for flood events and springtime runoff.

Timeframe- This project should be considered for the near to moderate future. The threat of dam failure within Watonwan 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 Watonwan County, communities which own or operate dams within Watonwan County, or by the Minnesota DNR or US Army Corps of Engineers as part of their operations.

Priority Level- 1

Hazard: Terrorism

- **Mitigation Project-** Consider implementing additional security measures at chemical and fertilizer facilities in the City of LaSalle. The community has indicated that they have some concern regarding an event focusing on such facilities. Using additional security measures (such as improved lighting, additional security staffing, and improved or added locking and other security provisions) as needed would assist in minimizing this threat.

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, or may possibly be considered as an ongoing and permanent strategy as the facilities deem appropriate.

Responsible Jurisdictions/Agencies- The owners of the facilities would be the primary responsible party for the implementation of this mitigation project, and they may be assisted by city staff as needed.

Possible Funding- Funding for this project would likely come from the companies themselves since they are privately owned.

Priority Level- 1

- **Mitigation Project-** Develop increased protection measures for residential water supplies, specifically wells throughout Watonwan County, particularly in the City of LaSalle and the City of Lewisville. All communities should consider protection and monitoring of their water systems and treatment plants to prevent tampering. Additionally, external safety measures such as increased lighting and fencing may be utilized. This mitigation project 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- Individual communities throughout Watonwan County 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 Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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-2

- **Mitigation Project-** Design new facilities that may face an increased terrorism threat with these dangers in mind, particularly governmental buildings such as the Watonwan County Courthouse. 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, Watonwan County, architects, engineers, 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 Watonwan 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 Watonwan 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 Emergency Management, 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 and Program Maintenance

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

April-May, 2007 - Jurisdiction review and adopt approved mitigation plans by FEMA and State of Minnesota. The Watonwan County Emergency Manager (or equivalent staff position) 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 will coordinate with the multi-department committee a Hazard Mitigation Community Task Force for the purpose of reviewing and monitoring implementation progress.

NAME	TITLE	FUNCTION
Zenk, David	City Councilman	City Level: Lewisville
Salsbury, Scott	Land Use Planner	County Level: Critical Facilities Maps
Schumann, Lisa	City Clerk	City Level: Darfur
McCabe, Joe	City Administrator	City Level: Madelia
Heffele, Leslie	City Clerk	City Level: Butterfield
Loewen, Harold	Acting Mayor	City Level: Butterfield
Riser, Roger	County Highway Department	County Level
Hanson, Rochelle	Police Officer	City Level: St. James
Johnson, Bruce	County Planning and Zoning	County Level
Muetzel, Keith	City Manager	City Level: St. James
Wolle, Scott	City Clerk	City Level: Odin
Becthold, Jeff	Light Department	City Level: St. James
Sturm, Mark	Water Department	City Level: St. James
Peterson, Julie	County Emergency Management Dir.	County Level
Carvatt, Mark	Police Officer	City Level: St. James
Hector, Ray	Street and Park Department	City Level: St. James
Etter, Carol	Hospital and Ambulance	City Level: Madelia
Noerenberg, Jon	Region Nine Development Commission	Regional Staff: Planner
Hoeschen, Duane	HSEM	County Level
Frederickson, Doug	Water Department	City Level: Madelia
Havely, Ryan	Minnesota State University	Staff: Editor

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

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 Watonwan 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. Watonwan 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 Watonwan County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Region Nine staff will work with Watonwan 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. Watonwan 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 were completed to inform the public of information sessions during the planning process.
C.	Information Meetings	Information meetings were conducted in order to provide an opportunity for the public to hear and comment on the plan/plan process.
D.	Task Force	A diverse group of professionals were

		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.
E.	Board Public Meetings	Elected officials passed resolutions to participate, which the general public were welcomed. This was another opportunity to provide information to those who might not use the website or unable to attend a specific meeting.
F.	Flyers	Information pieces were developed and distributed to educate the public and professionals on hazard mitigation planning and process.
G.	Brochures	Information pieces were developed and distributed to educate the public and professionals on hazard mitigation planning and process.
H.	City Websites	Plans were used by jurisdictions on their websites, but none in Watonwan County. However, all jurisdictions in the County will be able to have a plan on their website or link to the county or region website.
I.	Region Website	Plans were made available on Region Nine's website including steps during the planning process. Therefore, the public could access the draft plan and gather information on steps in the planning process.

APPENDICES

Appendices to the Watonwan County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan include returned community questionnaires, community critical facilities maps, and the full set of Watonwan County informational maps as prepared by and/or for Region Nine Development Commission.