



Hazard Mitigation Bi-Annual Steering Committee Meeting

October 23, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Glen Dempsey, Jerry Hancock, Mike Kennedy (absent), Jennifer Lawson (absent), Brett Lenart (absent), Molly Maciejewski (absent), Paul Matthews (absent), Sydney Parmenter, Brian Steglitz (absent), Skye Stewart, Missy Stults (absent).

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIONS	IN PROGRESS	COMPLETE
34	13	0

2024 Meeting Schedule:

1. May 23, 2024, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams
2. October 23, 2024, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

1. Action 17 – Vulnerable Populations – EM, OSI, Housing Commission

- Community Asset Mapping:
 - May 2023: Study and pilot development are underway with OSI and EM in collaboration with the reDirect fellowship program. Three reDirect Fellows will be working with the city over the summer.
 - October 2023: Nourishing Neighborhood network pilot program launched on September 26, 2023. An initial neighborhood-wide meeting was held on October 8th, 2023, and approximately 80 people attended. Will be working with the neighborhood champions to identify the next steps.
- Bryant Community Center Resilience Hub went live and an unveiling/block party event is scheduled for June 9
- OSI and the Housing Commission applied for a \$2.5 million community center grant in September to improve resilience, sustainability, and accessibility at city facilities, including housing commission sites.
- Avalon Housing launched an emergency preparedness engagement subgroup, which EM/OSI is a member of.
- EM/OSI are developing an emergency preparedness/emergency kit distribution plan with Ann Arbor Public Schools. We have a scheduled event with Washtenaw County Community College on November 6th.

2. Action 14 – Hazard Response Training Events – EM

- Lessons learned events:
 - May 2023: Hosted Oakland County Emergency Management to share lessons learned from Oxford High School Shooting on April 11

- October 2023: Hosted Midland County Emergency Management to share lessons learned from 2020 Midland Dam Failures on September 18
- Two exercises scheduled for 2023:
 - Completed our Annual Dam Seminar/Exercise on October 4
 - Election Day Emergency Exercise is scheduled for December 5
- Developing an exercise plan for 2024:
 - Partnering with Ann Arbor Public Schools, AAPD, and AAFD to conduct an active shooter drill
 - Partnering with Ann Arbor Public Schools on a full-scale exercise

3. Action 11 – Dam Safety Program EAP Exercises – EM and WTP

Description Summary: Enhance EAP exercises and close the gaps identified in the after-action reports.

- Annual FERC Dam Drill was hosted on October 4, 2023
- EM will be conducting a Dam Notification Drill on November 9, 2023
- Planning meetings to review after-action items and develop the October exercise are scheduled with EM, WTP, and Stantec.
- Stantec has updated the EAPs for Argo and Geddes and are under review by EM and the WTP.

4. Action 8 – EOP and COOP Update - EM

- May 2023: EM has convened a planning team inclusive of city and county representatives to develop a debris management plan, which will serve as an annex in the City's EOP.
- October 2023: Public Works has received a proposal from Tetra Tech to develop a Disaster Debris Management Plan

5. Action 23 – COVID Response Debrief – EM

- Turnover in staff internal to the city and with partnering agencies (i.e., the University of Michigan and County Health Department) has created challenges.

6. Action 9 – Create Community Resilience Networks – EM and OSI

- Community Resilience Network:
 - May 2023: OSI submitted a grant proposal to develop a regional resilience network through the EPA's Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) program.
 - October 2023:
 - OSI and EM hosted a Community Resilience Network meeting on July 27, 2023, with local community-based organizations and municipal partners that provide resilience-based services to the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County
 - The City's EJG2G grant proposal has been selected. OSI and EM are working through completing the next steps.

7. Action 1 – Comprehensive Stormwater Plan – Systems Planning

- The budget for this project has been approved and Systems Planning is working on hiring a contractor through the RFP process.
- October 2023: RFP is drafted and should be posted by the end of the month.

8. Action 33 – Acquire at Risk Properties – Systems Planning

- May 2023: Systems Planning has submitted a HMGP grant application through FEMA (administered by MSP-EM) to acquire and demolish two properties located at 124 Felch St. and 112 Depot St.
- Unofficial word came from MSP-EM yesterday (10/13/23) that this grant will be approved, but they asked for updates on three documents.

9. Action 29 – Floodplain Studies – Systems Planning

- May 2023: Systems Planning is hiring a contractor to re-map the Allen Creek area due to changes made with the Allen Creek Railroad Berm Opening Project.
- OHM Advisors are under contract to re-map the entire Allen Creek floodplain. The project has kicked off. The consultant is currently preparing the revised floodplain model. The LOMR application is expected to be submitted to FEMA in spring 2024.

10. Action 3 – Swift Run Marsh Weir – Systems Planning

- This project is underway in collaboration with the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission
- As part of this project, Engineering will be updating infrastructure (Storm, sanitary, water, and roads). This is currently in the RFP phase.

11. Action 16 – Expand Green Space and Green Infrastructure – Systems Planning

- A staff meeting has been scheduled to evaluate the city's Green Streets Policy for possible revisions to increase opportunities for green infrastructure on public street projects.

12. Action 27 – Energy Assurance Strategy – EM and OSI

- EM and OSI submitted an NOI for the FY23 BRIC grant program to install a microgrid at Fire Station 3 and Vets Park. MSP-EMHSD has invited us to complete a grant application in FEMA GO, which is due for initial review on December 10.

13. Action 2 – Flood Information Campaign – Systems Planning

- Allen Creek Berm Project – public engagement <https://planetdetroit.org/2023/10/ann-arbor-builds-climate-resilience-with-long-term-funding-and-planning-2/>

New Actions:

- The Water Treatment Plant will be developing a Risk and Resilience Plan in FY 2024
- The City is updating the following plans:
 - a. Surface Water Protection Plan (SWIPP) and Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP)
 - i. Putting together a point source pollution video for upstream communities
 - b. Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC)
 - c. Pollution Incident Prevention Plan (PIPP)
- Heat Mitigation:
 - a. Public Works is conducting an update to the Urban Forest Management Plan - in draft.
 - b. EM, OSI, and Parks are developing a cool pavement pilot program.