



# DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023 Annual Evaluation Report

## Overview

The *DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan (Plan)* was developed by the DeKalb County Hazard Mitigation Committee as a multi-jurisdictional plan in January 2008 and updated in June 2013 and March 2021. The *Plan* meets the mitigation planning requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). An adopted mitigation plan is required by FEMA, along with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), in order for a community to be eligible for hazard mitigation grant funds.

The *Plan* examines the natural and manmade hazards facing DeKalb County, establishes mitigation goals, evaluates existing mitigation activities throughout the County, and recommends additional mitigation steps that are appropriate to protect people, property, and other assets of DeKalb County. Chapter 11 of the *Plan* provides an “Action Plan” for implementation and maintenance.

Action Item 3 calls for an annual evaluation report to be developed by the DeKalb County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (Mitigation Committee). The report is to be submitted to the County Board and other pertinent agencies to ensure appropriate plan monitoring and maintenance. Annual evaluation reports are intended to provide a review of the *Plan* direction and recommendations, a summary of natural disasters that impacted DeKalb County in the reporting year, and a review of the action items implemented since the *Plan* adoption, as appropriate.

The Mitigation Committee met on June 1, 2023, to develop this 2023 annual evaluation report. The agenda for the annual meeting is provided in Appendix A to this report. This report is based on information collected from County departments, municipalities, townships, and the Committee discussion at the 2021 Annual Report Meeting.

## Natural Disaster Declarations for DeKalb County Since *Plan* Development

No State emergencies or federal disaster declarations were made for DeKalb County since the 2017 annual report was developed. There were three tornados on August 9, 2021, in Sycamore and Malta also in Kirkland (no disaster declaration)

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## Status of Action Items

The Action Plan (Chapter 11) in the *DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan* contains 23 action items. These action items were taken from the hazard mitigation recommendations made in Chapters 5 through 10. They are identified as administrative, project, or public information action items. The status of the implementation of the action items are summarized below.

**Action Item 1 - Plan Adoption -** Adopt this *DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan* by resolution.

Status: The County of DeKalb has adopted the FEMA-approved Plan. Table 1 shows all of the communities that have also adopted the Plan.

**Action Item 2 - Mitigation Planning Committee -** The DeKalb County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will continue as a permanent advisory body in the County.

Status: This Action Item is ongoing.

**Action Item 3 - Plan Monitoring and Maintenance -** A Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee meeting will be held *at least* once a year to evaluate and monitor progress on implementation. At the annual meeting, along with an assessment of the implementation efforts, the Committee will determine if other mitigation issues or efforts, based on any natural or manmade hazard occurrences or input from communities or the public, should be added to the *Plan*.

Status: The Committee met on June 1, 2023, and 22 people attended from DeKalb County, DeKalb County municipalities and townships, and Northern Illinois University (NIU).

The agenda is provided on the last page of this report.

**Action Item 4 - Building Code Improvements**

Adopt the latest series of International Codes. Residential and commercial code revisions should be pursued to strengthen new buildings against damage by high winds, tornadoes hail, and earthquakes.

Status: DeKalb County & City of Sycamore adopted the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code and the 2014 Illinois Plumbing Code.

The Village of Hinckley and the City of DeKalb adopted the 2015 International Building Code and the City of DeKalb has adopted the International Plumbing Code.

DeKalb County handles building inspections for Franklin Township & smaller townships.

NIU follows the State Building Code and the DeKalb County Health Codes.

Kirkland 2017 electric 2014 IL Plumbing & 2018 International building code

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Sandwich is in the process of updating its codes.

**Action Item 5 - Participation in StormReady:**

DeKalb County, municipalities, other agencies, universities, and colleges should join, or maintain their status in the National Weather Service’s StormReady program.

Status: The City of DeKalb community and WeatherReady National Ambassadors for the program.

The City of Sandwich and the Town of Cortland are considering joining the program.

NIU is considering whether or not to continue as a StormReady community.

**Action Item 6 - Critical Facilities Design with All Hazards Protection**

Offices responsible for the design, construction, or permitting of critical facilities, including federal, state, county, and municipal agencies and institutions should ensure that the design or modification of critical facilities accounts for natural and manmade hazards and adjacent land uses.

Status: DeKalb County completed the expansion of the County Jail in Sycamore in 2018.

The City of Sandwich completed the construction of a new Police Department.

Northwestern Medicine Group hospital has been updated (cancer center) and other improvements have been made. Updated their emergency room as well as outside improvements.

Genoa is looking into this program and is interested in feedback from other communities / NIU and why they are not continuing the program.

**Action Item 7 - Mitigation for Floodplain Properties and Critical Facilities**

Repetitive flood loss areas within the mapped 100-year floodplain should be identified, investigated, and mitigated, including critical facilities in the floodplain. The number of structures within the 100-year floodplains should be determined in detail, and mitigation opportunities for those structures should be identified.

Status: DeKalb County completed the acquisition of the Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park located in the floodplain and floodway in unincorporated DeKalb County near Sycamore in 2015. As a result of this project, a new sixty-acre preserve (Sycamore Forest Preserve) opened on October 16, 2017. The former Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park was subject to overbank flooding from the East Branch Kishwaukee River. A FEMA grant helped acquire the property, relocate residents, remove roadways, remove the mobile homes and other structures, and remove a sewage treatment plant. Floodplain prairie habitat was planted in the back 30 acres and the front 30 acres will provide recreational areas. The Great Western Trail has been extended another half

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mile west into this new preserve and will be the new trailhead area.

Kirkland mitigated residential properties in the floodplain. Detention ponds were added around the Kirkland Subdivision (completed in 2021).

Highway Department suggests property owners consider a LOMA / LOMR. This could impact the number of properties within the floodplain. There are many unstudied floodplains in the County.

### **Action Item 8 - Include the All Hazards Mitigation Plan into Other Plans**

As the county and municipalities develop or revise comprehensive land use plans, emergency operations plans, and ordinances, the goals and guidelines of this *Plan* should be incorporated into those efforts.

Status: This Action Item is ongoing.

The City of DeKalb adopted a 2025 Strategic Plan in February 2016.

### **Action Item 9 - Continued NFIP Compliance**

Floodplain management is the cornerstone of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Communities that participate in the NFIP are expected to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations.

Status: No community assistance contacts or visits were conducted by FEMA or the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR-OWR) since the 2013 Plan update.

The City of DeKalb and the City of Sycamore participate in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) Program.

The Village of Kirkland is now in compliance with the NFIP.

### **Action Item 10 – Grant Funding for Safe Rooms**

Pursue grant funding for the construction of safe rooms in homes, businesses, critical facilities, health care facilities, and schools. The first priority for any available funding should be schools.

Status: This Action Item is ongoing.

Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding for safe rooms is available to local governments. A BRIC NOI was provided to all communities. The deadline to submit the NOI to IEMA is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Action Item 11 - Watershed Studies**

DeKalb County should pursue the study of the County's watersheds for purposes of stormwater management, flood control, and water quality concerns. This effort will

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foster an understanding of the impact of development on existing flood problems and identify ways to reduce future flood problems.

Status: FEMA's Risk MAP has completed a study of the East Branch South Branch of the Kishwaukee River, where there is also a Watershed-Based Plan that was adopted in 2014 as an amendment to the DeKalb County Stormwater Management Plan. The Watershed-Based Plan was adopted and the Upper South Branch of the Kishwaukee River has been completed in 2020. The Little Rock Creek in Sandwich has been completed and approved by the IEPA.

Kirkland, Kingston, Genoa and surrounding agricultural areas are starting a watershed-based plan of the Upper Central South Branch of the Kishwaukee River.

### **Action Item 12 - Mapping of Hazards**

Natural and manmade hazard mapping should be developed on a countywide basis, as part of the County's GIS mapping effort.

Status: This Action Item is ongoing. The County's Information Management Office (GIS Department) has updated its website. The new site offers a web-based application that provides the ability to view, query and print various maps and data (see: <http://dekalbcounty.org/IMO/gisweb.html>) Update the link. Natural hazards mapping was updated in 2021 as part of the 5-year update to the All-Hazards Plan.

There were three tornados in August 9, 2021, in Sycamore and Malta also in Kirkland (no disaster declaration)

### **Action Item 13 - Structural Flood Control Projects**

DeKalb County and/or municipalities should support and cost-share on feasible structural flood control projects as they are identified in watershed plans.

Status: Communities continue to improve the enforcement of erosion and sediment control requirements.

[www.dekalbcountywatersheds-il.org](http://www.dekalbcountywatersheds-il.org)

Communities can apply for a BRIC Technical Assistance Grant for FEMA to help identify flood control projects. The BRIC NOI is due June 30, 2023, and was provided to all Committee Members.

### **Action Item 14 - Drainage System Maintenance**

The South Branch and the East Branch of the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River, and their tributaries, are in need of stream maintenance in both rural and urban areas.

Status: This Action Item is ongoing.

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The Cities of DeKalb, Sandwich, Sycamore, and the Town of Cortland are continuing their drainage maintenance programs.

The County Highway Department has performed miscellaneous projects that include roadway drainage improvements including open ditches and pipes.

While the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River does flood in Genoa, homes and roads are not impacted, only open space.

### **Action Item 15 - NOAA Weather Radios All Hazards for Critical Facilities, Homes, and Businesses**

Ensure that all critical facilities (as defined by this *Plan*) in the County, municipalities, institutions, and animal care facilities, have enhanced NOAA Weather Radios All Hazards that include additional media alerts, and encourage homes and businesses to have weather radios.

Status: DeKalb County has provided weather radios to nursing homes, hospitals, and the State Park.

The County Health Department provided NOAA weather radios to local food pantries and to community members throughout the county at public libraries.

### **Action Item 16 - Improved Threat Recognition**

DeKalb County, municipalities, and Kishwaukee College should seek funding for improved outdoor warning sirens.

Status: As part of the recovery from the 2015 tornado, a new siren was installed in Fairdale. The City of Sandwich replaced two old sirens and the Sandwich Park District installed lightning detectors at ball fields.

The City of DeKalb and Malta are working to join systems to dispatch sirens for Malta.

Sycamore High School and middle school have lightning detectors at ball fields.

### **Action Item 17 - Improved Emergency Response**

Working through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), DeKalb County and the municipalities should update all state and federal required emergency response plans for natural and manmade hazards.

Status: The LEPC continues to meet quarterly. In 2015 the County adopted a launch and recovery plan (an initiative that followed the Fairdale tornado in 2015).

Cortland is considering updating its emergency operations plan (EOP).

NIU continues to submit its EOP to IEMA annually. This Action Item is ongoing.

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### **Action Item 18 - Property Protection Checklist**

A checklist should be prepared for use by all agencies throughout the County for evaluating properties that are exposed to flood damage and to examine property protection alternatives.

Status: No progress made on this Action Item.

Sycamore notifies repetitive loss properties as part of CRS annual outreach.

The City of DeKalb is also notifying RL properties annually.

Look for a grant to develop a property protection checklist that could be used throughout the County.

### **Action Item 19 - Information for Floodplain Property Owners**

Due to their particular vulnerability to damage, properties in floodplains should be provided with information and advice on property protection measures. Special attention should be given to repetitive loss and high-hazard areas.

Status: The City of DeKalb and the City of Sycamore conducted annual outreach to floodplain residents as part of their participation in the CRS.

The City of Sandwich also provides mitigation information through various platforms, including social media. This Action Item is ongoing.

Properties within Zone A floodplains should consider getting LOMAs and LOMRs if they have been inadvertently included in the floodplain.

### **Action Item 20 - Educate Property Owners on Safe Rooms**

Use available brochures and other information to educate residents, businesses, schools, and other property owners about safe rooms for tornados. Encourage retrofitting of existing buildings to include safe rooms and the construction of safe rooms in new building designs.

Status: FEMA's Safe Room brochures were provided to all Committee Members for use in their communities.

### **Action Item 21 - Public Information Hazard Mitigation Materials**

Prepare background information, articles, and other explanations of hazard mitigation topics.

Status: Communities continue to offer hazard mitigation information on websites and through social media, annual mailings, and press releases regarding health, safety, and property protection. Funding is needed for this effort. This Action Item is ongoing.

Communities can apply for a BRIC Technical Assistance Grant for FEMA to help identify flood control projects. The BRIC NOI is due June 30, 2023, and was provided to all Committee Members.

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## **Action Item 22 - Public Information Outreach Projects**

Prepare and disseminate outreach projects based on the materials provided under action item 20. Such projects should include articles in newsletters, news releases, directed mailings, handouts, websites, and displays.

Status: CRS communities conduct outreach projects annually. This Action Item is ongoing.

Health Department has outreach at libraries and YMCAs. Radios have been distributed at these events. National Preparedness Month (September).

## **Action Item 23 - Property Protection References**

Provide building departments, libraries, and other interested offices with a list of references on property protection that can be ordered for free from state and federal offices. Include a request that they make the references available for public use.

Status: This Action Item is ongoing. Sycamore works with the public library to have materials available to residents. DeKalb County will look into adding resources to the County website.

### **Town of Cortland:**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption (FEMA indicated Cortland has adopted the approved plan)
- Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady
- Action Item 9. Continued NFIP Compliance
- Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance
- Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects

### **City of DeKalb**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption (FEMA indicated the City of DeKalb has adopted the approved plan)
- Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)
- Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance
- Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance
- Action Item 19. Information for Floodplain Property Owners
- Also: Encourage underground utilities for new construction
- Continue Participation in the CRS
- Improve the capacity of drainage systems

### **City of Genoa**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption (FEMA indicated Genoa has adopted the approved plan)
- Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)
- Action Item 4. Building Code Improvements / Higher Regulatory Standards (Updated in 2022)
- Action Item 8. Include the All-Hazards Plan in Other Plans



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- Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance
  - Action Item 11. Watershed Studies (awaiting IEPA funding)
  - Action Item 13. Structural Flood Control Projects (will address through watershed planning and associated grant funding)
  - Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance
  - Action Item 15. NOAA Weather Radios (The City of Genoa’s municipal building has a weather radio and also relies on communication from the DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office for weather events. The City of Genoa also encourages residents and businesses to have weather radios. Additional information regarding weather radios will be posted on the City’s website.)
  - Action Item 16. Improved Threat Recognition
  - Action Item 17. Improved Emergency Response (Genoa’s City Council adopted its Emergency Response Plan in 2022.)
  - Action Item 18. Property Protection Checklist (Awaiting update from County-possible grant funds)
  - Action Item 21. Public Information - Hazard Mitigation Materials
  - Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects
  - Action Item 23. Property Protection References (Will link County’s website when it’s complete)
  - Also: Encourage underground utilities for new construction
    - Continue or Consider Participation in the CRS
    - Review of Critical Facilities
    - Provide alternative power sources at critical structures and shelters (complete - generators installed)
    - Development of Flood Stage Maps
    - Urban Forestry - Tree City USA (complete- since 1994)
    - NIMS Compliance (working on training by 2024)
    - Establish an emergency response assessment team (Responsible individuals identified in EOP)
    - Establish a system of cooling/warming centers (complete - generators installed)
    - Improve the capacity of drainage systems (completed- Walnut Street and Derby Line Road 2022, and will address under watershed planning)

### **Village of Hinckley**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption
- Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)
- Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance
- Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance
- Also: Encourage underground utilities for new construction
  - Urban Forestry – Tree City USA

### **Village of Kingston**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption (FEMA indicated Kingston has adopted the approved plan)
- Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)
- Action Item 4. Building Code Improvements / Higher Regulatory Standards
- Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady

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- Action Item 8. Include the All-Hazards Plan in Other Plans
  - Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance
  - Action Item 10. Grant Funding for Safe Rooms
  - Action Item 15. NOAA Weather Radios
  - Action Item 16. Improved Threat Recognition
  - Action Item 18. Property Protection Checklist
  - Action Item 19. Information for Floodplain Property Owners
  - Action Item 20. Educate Property Owners on Safe Rooms
  - Action Item 21. Public Information - Hazard Mitigation Materials
  - Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects
  - Action Item 23. Property Protection References
  - Also: Consider Participation in the CRS
    - Seek Mitigation Grant Funding
    - Provide alternative Power Sources at Critical Structures and Shelters
    - NIMS Compliance
    - Improve Capacity of Drainage System
    - Generators for the wells

#### **Village of Kirkland**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption
- Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)
- Action Item 4. Building Code Improvements / Higher Regulatory Standards
- Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady
- Action Item 6. Critical Facility Design with All Hazards Protection
- Action Item 7. Mitigation of Floodplain Properties
- Action Item 8. Include the All-Hazards Plan in Other Plans
- Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance
- Action Item 13. Structural Flood Control Projects
- Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance
- Action Item 16. Improved Threat Recognition
- Action Item 17. Improved Emergency Response
- Action Item 19. Information for Floodplain Property Owners
- Action Item 20. Educate Property Owners on Safe Rooms
- Action Item 21. Public Information - Hazard Mitigation Materials
- Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects
- Also: Establish system of cooling/warming centers
  - Improve the capacity of drainage systems

#### **Village of Lee**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption (FEMA indicated Lee has adopted the approved plan)
- Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)

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- Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady
  - Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance
  - Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance
  - Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects

### **Village of Malta**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption
  - Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)
  - Action Item 4. Building Code Improvements / Higher Regulatory Standards
  - Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady
  - Action Item 6. Critical Facility Design with All Hazards Protection
  - Action Item 7. Mitigation of Floodplain Properties
  - Action Item 8. Include the All-Hazards Plan in Other Plans
  - Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance
  - Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance
  - Action Item 16. Improved Threat Recognition
  - Action Item 17. Improved Emergency Response
  - Action Item 18. Property Protection Checklist
  - Action Item 20. Educate Property Owners on Safe Rooms
  - Action Item 21. Public Information - Hazard Mitigation Materials
  - Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects
- Also: Encourage Underground Utilities for New Construction
- Safety Requirements for Manufactured Homes
  - Consider Participation in the CRS
  - Review Critical Facilities
  - Urban Forestry – Tree City USA
  - Provide alternative Power Sources at Critical Structures and Shelters
  - NIMS Compliance
  - Establish an Emergency Response Assessment Team
  - Establish a System of Cooling/Warming Centers
  - Improve Capacity of Drainage System

### **City of Sandwich**

- Action Item 1. Plan Adoption
- Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)
- Action Item 6. Critical Facility Design with All Hazards Protection
- Action Item 8. Include the All-Hazards Plan in Other Plans
- Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance
- Action Item 10. Grant Funding for Safe Rooms
- Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance
- Action Item 16. Improved Threat Recognition

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Action Item 17. Improved Emergency Response  
Action Item 18. Property Protection Checklist  
Action Item 20. Educate Property Owners on Safe Rooms  
Action Item 21. Public Information - Hazard Mitigation Materials  
Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects  
Action Item 23. Property Protection References  
Also: Safety Requirements for Manufactured Homes  
    Review Critical Facilities  
    NIMS Compliance  
    Establish an Emergency Response Assessment Team

### **Village of Shabbona**

Action Item 1. Plan Adoption  
Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)  
Action Item 4. Building Code Improvements / Higher Regulatory Standards  
Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady  
Action Item 6. Critical Facility Design with All Hazards Protection  
Action Item 8. Include the All-Hazards Plan in Other Plans  
Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance  
Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance  
Action Item 19. Information for Floodplain Property Owners  
Action Item 21. Public Information - Hazard Mitigation Materials  
Also: Encourage Underground Utilities for New Construction  
    Review Critical Facilities  
    Provide Alternative Power Sources at Critical Structures  
    NIMS Compliance  
    Establish an Emergency Response Assessment Team

### **Village of Somonauk**

Action Item 1. Plan Adoption  
Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)  
Action Item 4. Building Code Improvements / Higher Regulatory Standards  
Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady  
Action Item 9. Continued NFIP Compliance  
Action Item 16. Improved Threat Recognition  
Action Item 17. Improved Emergency Response  
Also: NIMS Compliance,

### **City of Sycamore**

Action Item 1. Plan Adoption (complete January 2021) (FEMA indicated Cortland has adopted the approved plan)

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Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)  
Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance  
Action Item 11. Watershed Studies  
Action Item 19. Information for Floodplain Property Owners  
Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects  
Also: NIMS Compliance  
    Establish an emergency response assessment team  
    Establish system of cooling/warming centers  
    Improve the capacity of drainage systems

### **Village of Waterman**

Action Item 1. Plan Adoption (FEMA indicated Cortland has adopted the approved plan)  
Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)  
Action Item 4. Building Code Improvements / Higher Regulatory Standards  
Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady  
Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance  
Action Item 14. Drainage System Maintenance  
Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects

### **Northern Illinois University**

Action Item 1. Plan Adoption  
Action Item 2. Hazard Mitigation Committee (On-going)  
Action Item 5. Participation in StormReady  
Action Item 6. Critical Facility Design with All Hazards Protection  
Action Item 8. Include the All-Hazards Plan in Other Plans  
Action Item 9. NFIP Compliance  
Action Item 10. Grant Funding for Safe Rooms  
Action Item 15. NOAA Weather Radios  
Action Item 16. Improved Threat Recognition  
Action Item 17. Improved Emergency Response  
Action Item 21. Public Information - Hazard Mitigation Materials  
Action Item 22. Public Information - Outreach Projects  
Also: Seek Mitigation Grant Funding  
    Review Critical Facilities  
    Provide alternative Power Sources at Critical Structures and Shelters  
    Development of Flood Stage Maps  
    NIMS Compliance  
    Establish an Emergency Response Assessment Team  
    Establish County Natural Hazard Mitigation Emergency Response Team

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## Plan Evaluation

Progress has continued on action items by the County and municipalities. No changes to the *DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan* are necessary at this time.

## Summary

This 2023 annual evaluation report of the *DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan* provides a status of the implementation of the action items by participating communities and institutions. Municipalities and the County continued to implement floodplain regulations and building codes to address flood, tornado, and severe storms. All agencies continue to implement drainage improvement projects and other projects to reduce the potential of flood damage from riverine flooding and severe summer storms. The Mitigation Committee has begun the 2026 plan update effort.

Table 1.  
Status of Adoption and Approval of the DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan

Attended the June 1, 2023 Meeting	Community Name	Adoption Resolution Date
x	Town of Cortland	
x	City of DeKalb	January 25, 2021
x	Village of Genoa	
	Village of Hinckley	-
x	Village of Kingston	
x	Village of Kirkland	-
	Village of Lee	
	Village of Malta	-
	Maple Park	-
x	City of Sandwich	-
	Village of Shabbona	-
	Village of Somonauk	January 20, 2021
x	City of Sycamore	
	Village of Waterman	
x	DeKalb County	
	Kishwaukee College	-
x	Northern Illinois University	-
	Township of Kingston	-
	Township of Pierce	-
	Township of Shabbona	-
	Township of Squaw Grove	-
	Township of Sycamore	-

Others Attending the Meeting		
x	Township of Franklin	
x	Soil & water conservation district	
x	Local residents	
x	Stormwater Committee	
x	Health Department	

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Appendix A.



**DeKalb County  
Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee**

**2023 Annual Report**

**June 1, 2:00 p.m.**

**DeKalb County**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Status of 2021 “DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan”
  - Approved March 8, 2021, and will expire March 7, 2026
4. Discussion of 2021 Mitigation Plan Annual Report (Planning Step 10)
  - Action Item 1 - Plan Adoption
  - Action Item 2 - Mitigation Planning Committee
  - Action Item 3 - Plan Monitoring and Maintenance
  - Action Item 4 - Building Code Improvements / Higher Regulatory Standards
  - Action Item 5 - Participation in StormReady
  - Action Item 6 - Critical Facilities Design with All Hazards Protection
  - Action Item 7 - Mitigation for Floodplain Properties
  - Action Item 8 - Include the All Hazards Mitigation Plan into Other Plans
  - Action Item 9 - Continued NFIP Compliance
  - Action Item 10 – Grant Funding for Safe Rooms
  - Action Item 11 - Watershed Studies
  - Action Item 12 - Mapping of Hazards
  - Action Item 13 - Structural Flood Control Projects
  - Action Item 14 - Drainage System Maintenance
  - Action Item 15 - NOAA Weather Radios All Hazards for Critical Facilities, Homes, and Businesses
  - Action Item 16 - Improved Threat Recognition
  - Action Item 17 - Improved Emergency Response
  - Action Item 18 - Property Protection Checklist
  - Action Item 19 - Information for Floodplain Property Owners
  - Action Item 20 - Educate Property Owners on Safe Rooms
  - Action Item 21 - Public Information Hazard Mitigation Materials
  - Action Item 22 - Public Information Outreach Projects
  - Action Item 23 - Property Protection References
5. Community-Specific Action Items (for those communities present)
6. Project and Grant Updates
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjourn



