

Chapter 4. Goals

Goals are needed for this planning effort to guide the review of the possible mitigation measures. This Plan needs to make sure that the recommended actions are consistent with what is appropriate for Kankakee County. Mitigation goals need to reflect community priorities and be consistent with other plans for the County.

4.1. County Plan Goals

The County adopted its current Comprehensive Plan on November 8, 2005. The plan includes five elements that cover land use/growth management, transportation, economic development, public facilities, and environmental resources. The Plan sets general policy guidelines and principles for future development.

The 2005 Plan has several long range goals for each element of the plan. Each has more specific statements. The goals and the statements relevant to natural hazards mitigation planning are listed here:

1. Provide locations for adequate urban development in Kankakee County while minimizing impacts to natural resources (prime agricultural soils, forests, and riparian areas) and maximizing available public services (roads, sewer, water, and police and fire protection).
 - Preserve the rivers, floodplain and forested areas of the County for recreational use, open space, and compatible commercial and residential use
 - Limit development to areas of suitable soil types and support agriculture by limiting non-agricultural uses
2. Promote a range of housing choices throughout Kankakee County
 - Encourage programs that support rehabilitating housing stock
 - Encourage “infill” development
 - Encourage energy efficient and water conserving construction
3. Maintain and enhance the existing County transportation system
 - Integrate multi-modal transportation planning with land use and economic development
 - Improve corridor access
4. Preserve the integrity of the Kankakee River as a sustainable source of water and as an environmental, recreational, and economic resource
5. Safeguard the County’s environmental features and natural resources
 - Manage storm water, floodplains and wetlands
6. Provide adequate water and wastewater facilities that support new development
 - Ensure a supply of high-quality drinking water
7. Achieve a stable economy that includes business diversity

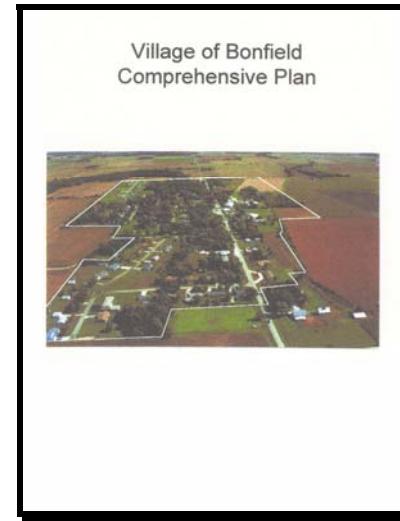
4.2 Municipal Plan Goals

Several municipalities have their own comprehensive plans which reflect similar concerns. For example, Bonfield's 1998 plan includes the following goal and action statements:

Land Use...

Goal: Provide adequate development opportunities while recognizing environmental constraints such as soil types with severe development limitations...

- Action #3: Require the submission of a comprehensive drainage plan provided by the developer for proposed subdivision developments...



Economic Development...

- Action #4: Update and enforce zoning and building regulations to ensure high quality developments and safe buildings...

Housing...

Goal: Maintain a quality housing stock...

- Action #3: Explore the possibility of a Village sponsored housing rehabilitation program to encourage the updating of the existing housing stock...
- Action #5: Develop an effective code enforcement program to ensure the preservation and rehabilitation of the existing housing stock...

Community Resources and Public Facilities

- Action #6: The Village will require developers of land to financially participate in ... road and drainage improvements, to and from their development

As another example, the City of Kankakee's 1997 Comprehensive Plan has the following:

Land Use Goals

- c. Maintain and rehabilitate existing housing stock.

Transportation Goals

- 7. Promote traffic safety.

Community Facility Goals

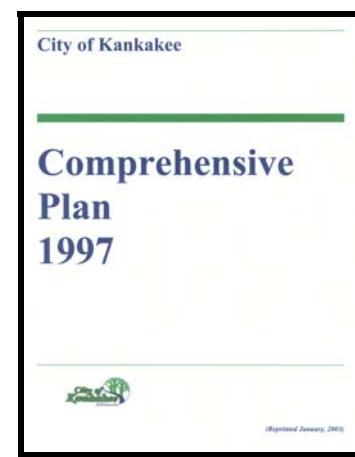
- 6. Review and upgrade sewer system treatment and storm drainage.

Housing Goals

- 1. Maintain the quality of existing housing stock.

Economic Development Goals

- 7. Maximize the Kankakee River as a recreational resource.



As this mitigation plan was being updated, a new comprehensive plan for the City of Kankakee is being completed.

4.3 Goal Setting

At its June 21, 2013 meeting, the Mitigation Advisory Task Force members were given two handouts. The first was designed to help set the stage for mitigation planning. It asked “What would you most like to see in Kankakee County’s future?” The second handout asked “What should be the goals of our mitigation program?”

Each handout had a list of possible answers plus space for the respondent to add others. These two handouts appear on the next two pages. Each Task Force member checked off his or her top five choices on the handout. The next two pages show the number of members who selected each response.

These handouts were used in the original plan and the top answers given this time were similar to the ones given in 2005. As seen by the tallies on the next two pages, many of the possible responses were selected. A few subjects had a lot of support:

- Educating children and keeping them in the area
- Improving businesses and job opportunities
- Protect people’s lives
- Protect critical facilities
- Protect public services
- Protect utilities

Several of these priority areas coincide with the 2005 Comprehensive Plan’s goals and goals stated in municipal comprehensive plans.

Goals Exercise 1.

What would you most like to see in Kankakee County's future?

Here are possible answers to this question, listed in alphabetical order. Pick the five that you think are most important. You may reword them or add new ones if you want.

- 8 Educated children
- 0 Improved air quality
- 3 Improved roads and transportation
- 1 Improved water quality
- 7 Improved/more businesses
- 1 Improved/more cultural facilities
- 0 Improved/more housing
- 9 Improved/more job opportunities
- 0 Improved/more open space
- 1 Improved/more public transportation
- 1 Improved/more recreation facilities
- 0 Improved/more shopping
- 1 Improved/stronger agricultural sector
- 0 Less new development
- 0 Less traffic congestion
- 3 More knowledgeable residents
- 1 New development confined to areas already developed
- 3 Preserved historical/cultural sites
- 2 Special attention given to elderly/disabled
- 1 Special attention given to farmers
- 2 Special attention given to lower income areas
- 0 Special attention given to minority neighborhoods
- 0 Special attention given to newer shopping areas
- 3 Special attention given to older business areas
- 2 Younger people staying/moving into the area
- 1 Other: Natural Resources-Improve & Promote
Other: _____
- Other: _____

Goals Exercise 2.

What should be the goals of our mitigation program?

Here are possible answers to this question, listed in alphabetical order. Pick the five that you think are most important. You may reword them or add new ones if you want.

- 2 Help people protect themselves
- 3 Make sure future development doesn't make things worse
- 0 Maximize the share paid by benefiting property owners
- 3 Maximize use of state and federal funds
- 2 Minimize property owners' expenditures
- 0 Minimize public expenditures
- 1 New developments should pay the full cost of protection measures
- 0 Protect businesses from damage
- 0 Protect cars and other vehicles
- 1 Protect centers of employment
- 6 Protect critical facilities
- 1 Protect farms, crops and livestock
- 0 Protect forests
- 1 Protect homes
- 0 Protect new/future buildings
- 7 Protect people's lives
- 3 Protect public health
- 6 Protect public services (fire, police, etc.)
- 2 Protect repetitively flooded areas
- 2 Protect roads, streets and bridges
- 0 Protect scenic areas, greenways, etc.
- 3 Protect schools
- 0 Protect shopping areas
- 5 Protect utilities (power, phone, water, sewer, etc.)
- 1 Protect wetlands/environmentally sensitive areas
- 1 Restrict development in hazardous areas

Other: _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

4.4. Goals

Based on the comprehensive planning goals and the input from the Mitigation Advisory Task Force members, and surveys from the municipalities and citizens the Task Force determined that the goals from the original plan were still relevant. The following goals statements were adopted by the Task Force:

1. Protect the lives, health, safety, and welfare of the people of Kankakee County from the dangers of natural hazards.
2. Place a priority on protecting public services, including critical facilities, utilities, roads, and schools.
3. Educate people about the hazards they face and the ways they can protect themselves, their homes, and their businesses from those hazards.
4. Manage future development to minimize the potential for damage from natural hazards and adverse impacts on other properties.
5. Preserve and protect the rivers and floodplains of the County.