

HAZARD MITIGATION

RESPONSIBILITY: The Johnson County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department (JCEMHS) shall have responsibility for the development and maintenance of a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the county. That plan shall be referenced in this Local Emergency Operations Plan and shall be considered an adjunct hereto. The responsibility of the JCEMHS, as defined in K.A.R. 56-2-2 and County Resolution 064-95 and 023-03, is the “identification of mitigation actions necessary to prevent hazards or lessen their impact.” The hazard mitigation strategies and projects undertaken by county departments/ agencies, cities or other public or private entities shall operate under the direction, control, policies and procedures of each of those entities.

ORGANIZATION & POLICIES:

- **General:** Johnson County supports the concept of proactive mitigation, defined as “any action taken to eliminate or reduce the long-term vulnerability of human life and property from hazards”. It is further the policy of the county to identify, advocate and support sound mitigation practices. Johnson County is committed to pursuing objectives for local governments as outlined in FEMA’s National Mitigation Strategy. These objective are: to substantially increase public awareness of hazard risk so that the public demands safer communities in which to live and work; and to significantly reduce the risk of loss of life, injuries, economic costs, and destruction of natural and cultural resources that result from hazards. Likewise, Johnson County accepts its responsibility to support mitigation efforts by developing sustained administrative structures & resources for mitigation programs, to adopt and enforce building codes and land use measures, and to conduct ongoing public information campaigns on hazard awareness and mitigation.
- **National Flood Insurance Program:** The Cities of Olathe and Shawnee in Johnson County participate in the Community Rating System at level nine. All of the cities in Johnson County are participating in, and are in good standing with, the National Flood Insurance Program, except for the city of Lake Quivira and Mission Woods (see Figure Q -1).
- **Planning, Zoning, Building & Fire Codes:** All of the cities and the unincorporated area of Johnson County have comprehensive plans, zoning and building codes. Each city and the county are responsible for planning and zoning within their jurisdictions. All of the cities and the county have active enforcement policies and programs. Although each community has its own plan and zoning regulations, there is a high degree of development coordination. This is particularly true of the rapidly growing cities on the urban fringe (Olathe, Lenexa, Shawnee, Overland Park and Leawood). These communities work together to share information and to comment

on development applications that are near each other's jurisdictional boundaries. The Johnson County Planning, Development, & Codes Department also works with these fringe cities to assure coordination and ensure that development in the unincorporated area will not conflict with respective plans for annexation. Through these various plans & codes, the county and its cities contribute to the furtherance of mitigation objectives.

- **Stormwater Management:** As an element of its Public Works Department, the county operates a Stormwater Management agency which is responsible for distributing the proceeds of a county-wide retail sales tax (1/10 of one percent) for paying the county share of the cost of stormwater management and flood control improvements. The authority to levy this tax was authorized by K.S.A. 19-3311. The moneys are distributed on a cost-share basis, under the specific provisions of executed interlocal governmental agreements. The Stormwater Management agency coordinates the identification of flood control projects, works with a Stormwater Management Advisory Council (SMAC) (comprised of representatives of all cities in Johnson County) to evaluate and prioritize projects, and oversees the allocation of funds to support approved projects.
- **Wastewater:** Johnson County Unified Wastewater Districts has a county funded Sewer Backup Prevention Program (BUPP) to install backup prevention devices in homes which have experienced sewer backup problems. The purpose of this program is to significantly reduce backup problems experienced by county residents during severe rainfall/flooding events.

MITIGATION FUNDING AND PROJECTS: It is the policy of Johnson County to pursue funding for mitigation projects from any sources appropriate, such as state and federal grants or private sector funding. Where a compelling need exists for the use of special or general county fund support for mitigation projects, the county has shown a willingness to provide such funds regardless of external grant availability. The Stormwater Management and BUPP projects are examples. Representatives from the Public Works; Wastewater; Planning, Development, & Codes; Environmental; and Emergency Management and Homeland Security departments, as well as the cities, will be asked annually to identify potential projects for state or federal mitigation funding. Such recommendations will be provided to the appropriate state or federal agency in accordance with the established regulations and procedures of the agency.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Federal Insurance Administration

Johnson County Communities Participating in the National Flood Program

CID	Community Name	County	Date Of Entry	Current Effective
200161#	DESOTO, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	08/01/79(R)	06/17/02
200162#	EDGERTON, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	08/01/79(R)	06/17/02
205185#	FAIRWAY, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	04/23/71(R)	06/17/02
200164#	GARDNER, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	04/15/77(R)	06/17/02
200159#	JOHNSON COUNTY *	JOHNSON COUNTY	08/15/80(R)	06/17/02
200167#	LEAWOOD, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	09/30/77(R)	06/17/02
200168#	LENEXA, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	08/01/77(R)	06/17/02
200169#	MERRIAM, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	05/15/78(R)	06/17/02
200171#	MISSION HILLS, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	09/29/78(R)	06/17/02
200170#	MISSION, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	05/15/78(R)	06/17/02
200173#	OLATHE, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	11/15/78(R)	06/17/02
00174#	OVERLAND PARK, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	09/30/77(R)	06/17/02
200175#	PRAIRIE VILLAGE, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	09/29/78(R)	06/17/02
200176#	ROELAND PARK, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	06/30/76(R)	06/17/02
200177#	SHAWNEE, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	11/15/78(R)	06/17/02
200178#	SPRING HILL, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	09/03/03(R)	06/17/02
200180	WESTWOOD HILLS, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	08/03/84(R)	(NSFHA)
200179	WESTWOOD, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	06/25/76(R)	(NSFHA)

(R) - Indicates Entry In Regular Program
 NSFHA - No Special Flood Hazard Area - All Zone C
 * - Unincorporated areas only

Johnson County Communities Which Have Had Special Flood Hazard Areas Identified -- Not In The Program

CID	Community Name	County	Hazard Area Identified	Date On Which Sanctions Apply
200166#	LAKE QUIVIRA, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	07/26/77(F)	06/05/89(S)
200172#	MISSION WOODS, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	09/27/91(F)	10/01/77

(S) - Suspended Community
 (F) - Effective Map Is A Flood Insurance Rate Map

Program Status as of 04/29/05