

4.6 - County Emergency Management Plan

The Wyoming County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan outlines “a general all-hazards management guidance, using existing organizations and lines of authority to allow the county to meet its responsibilities before, during, and after an emergency occurs. (*Wyoming County Emergency Management Plan*, ii) The plan stipulates that specific annexes such as this flood mitigation action plan can be attached as a “hazard-specific” annex.

Flooding was determined to possess a significant potential for the creation of hazards within the county. While the plan makes no specific mention of the Village or Town of Arcade, flood-related risks received a high ranking for concern in the county’s hazard analysis.

The plan defines the chain of command and hierarchy under which emergency management operation in Wyoming County take place. The primary responsibility to prevent, respond, and aid in recovery during an emergency rests with the municipality. The local jurisdiction must fully utilize all of its own resources before requesting the aid and services of the County Emergency Management Department.

5. – Flood Mitigation Action Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal

- ◆ To develop a planning process and adopt a plan that identifies the most effective means of implementing measures to eliminate or reduce the impacts of flood hazards associated with Cattaraugus and Clear Creeks in the Village and Town of Arcade.

Objectives

- ✓ Identify flood hazards and assess the risks associated with those hazards.
- ✓ Involve the public and create awareness and understanding of flood hazards and risks that lead to support for actions to mitigate those risks.
- ✓ Identify and evaluate appropriate mitigation activities to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insurable under the NFIP.
- ✓ Identify and evaluate alternative incentives and resources available to encourage flood mitigation activities.
- ✓ Develop a model planning process that can be used by the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council to assist other communities in the watershed and region in developing flood mitigation action plans.
- ✓ Adopt the flood mitigation action plan and secure approval of the plan by SEMO and FEMA