

# HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Schuyler, Nebraska

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## DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT PROJECT

The City of Schuyler began a planning effort to develop a “Hazard Mitigation Plan” for the City in coordination with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR), Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in fall, 2007.

The hazard mitigation plan will be a community-guided document that will identify the community’s vulnerability to natural disasters such as flood, drought, earthquake, wildfire, winter storm, tornado/high wind storm, dam failure, etc. The plan will set goals for the community, establish mitigation alternatives, and prioritize projects which can alleviate potential damages to property and life when future disasters occur. Proactive hazard mitigation planning allows a community to take actions to reduce or eliminate these threats.

In order to reinforce the importance of hazard mitigation planning and to emphasize planning for disasters before they occur, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) legislation was signed into law on October 10, 2000 (Public Law 106-390). This act established that a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program would be required before funding post-disaster mitigation projects. According to the DMA 2000, a community must have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan in order to receive project grant funds. Once a hazard mitigation plan is developed and adopted, the City will also be eligible for pre-disaster mitigation project grants to implement the mitigation solutions identified in the plan.

JEO Consulting Group, Inc., in coordination with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) and NEMA will provide professional services for this planning project. Plan development will take approximately one year, with final completion and approval of the plan anticipated for late fall, 2008. A Planning Committee representing the public and private sectors will help guide the development of the mitigation plan. Public meetings have been held to seek input, comments and concerns to identify hazard areas that are most important to the community and to develop a mitigation plan to reduce or eliminate the hazard risk. Upon completion, the hazard mitigation plan will need to be formally adopted by the community. This plan also must be submitted to NEMA and FEMA for review and approval.

For more information on this planning effort contact Mary Peschel, Schuyler City Clerk/Administrator, at (402) 352-3101 or [mkpschuyler@hotmail.com](mailto:mkpschuyler@hotmail.com).