

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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Recent fires in Oregon and across the western United States have increased public awareness of the potential losses to life, property, and natural and cultural resources. In June of 2004, the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners (BCC) directed the County Departments to work with state and federal agencies, fire agencies, and community organizations to develop an integrated Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The BCC adopted this plan in 2005 in a commitment to reduce wildfire risk to citizens, the environment, and quality of life within Clackamas County. This 2012 Update was adopted in 2012 to ensure that the CCWPP remain an up-to-date and relevant document.

### **CCWPP Mission Statement**

The mission of the Clackamas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP) is to provide a consolidated reference documenting wildfire hazards, prevention and response efforts, and resource-sharing information for all participating local, state, and federal fire agencies. The CCWPP improves upon historical fire planning efforts by providing a more localized and accurate approach for determining wildfire hazards and implementing best practices for wildfire protection in balance with sustainable ecological management and economic activities throughout Clackamas County.

### **2005-2012 CCWPP Accomplishments & Action Plan**

The 2005 CWPP included an action plan to address the following focus areas: Risk Assessment, Fuels Reduction & Biomass Utilization, Emergency Operations, Education & Outreach and Structural Ignitability. The CCWPP Action Plan has been updated and revised to ensure that actions are clear, implementable and relevant (Table 1-1. 2012 CCWPP Action Plan).

The CCWPP enabled CCWPP partner agencies to be more competitive for grant funds to build capacity for implementing projects. These accomplishments are illustrated in Table 1-2. CCWPP Grant-Funded Projects 2005-2012. The total grant-funded accomplishments are as follows:

- Fuels Reduction: \$1,710,968
- Education/Outreach: \$982,013
- **Total Funding Generated from the CCWPP: \$2.5 Million**

### **Fire District Coordination**

The 2012 CWPP Update focused on taking a more localized approach to wildfire planning by creating individual CWPP's for each fire agency. *Chapter 10: Fire Agencies* has been expanded to include a brief description of wildfire hazards, emergency operations, structural ignitability, community outreach and education and fuels reduction priorities for each local fire agency. Local Communities at Risk were also identified. Each local CWPP is complete with an action plan to address wildfire issues specific to the community.

### **CCWPP Planning Process**

A Wildfire Planning Executive Committee (WFPEC) guided the development of the CCWPP, identifying the primary issues to be addressed and assembling technical subcommittees to develop priorities for action. The CCWPP Action Plan includes over fifty actions that can be taken to reduce wildfire hazards and improve response efforts. The following chapters of the CCWPP document the objectives of the CCWPP and highest priority strategies for action:

CCWPP Focus Area	Priority Actions
<i>Wildfire Risk Assessment (Chapter 4)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Maintain and update the Fuels Reduction and Communities at Risk maps and databases.</li> <li>2.) Continue to track structural vulnerability data throughout the County through structural triage assessments.</li> <li>3.) Update the Overall Wildfire Risk Assessment as new data becomes available.</li> </ol>
<i>Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Biomass Utilization (Chapter 5)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Develop and maintain an inventory of potential and successful FR projects by meeting with parks and natural lands managers quarterly.</li> <li>2.) Continue securing funding to implement projects/ hire seasonal ODF staff.</li> <li>3.) Coordinate a Fuels Reduction Project Tour.</li> </ol>
<i>Emergency Operations (Chapter 6)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Include 12 hour operation period in FDB Fire Mutual Aid Agreement.</li> <li>2.) Develop an FDB Communications Work Group.</li> <li>3.) Conduct a Conflagration Exercise.</li> </ol>
<i>Education and Community Outreach (Chapter 7)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Develop Firewise toolkit for CAR's.</li> <li>2.) Create incentives for fuels reduction.</li> <li>3.) Update and distribute the Burn Permitting and Fire Restrictions Brochure.</li> <li>4.) Implement a Burn Barrel Program.</li> <li>5.) Continue to improve address signage throughout the County.</li> </ol>
<i>Structural Ignitability Policies and Programs (Chapter 8)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Identify a DTD representative for the WFPEC.</li> <li>2.) Improve coordination with Rural Fire Agencies.</li> <li>3.) Integrate WUI into Plan Map and include a public outreach strategy.</li> </ol>

## Community Involvement

The WFPEC partnered with the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Wildfire Management Plan team to engage the public in the 2012 CWPP Update process. A website was established to provide wildfire resources and two neighborhood workshops were conducted to educate the public about wildfire risk and provide an opportunity for citizens to give input on the 2012 CCWPP. The ODF also created the County's first Firewise Communities in Zig Zag Village and Government Camp in the Hoodland Corridor.

## Sustaining Fire Plan Efforts

The Wildfire Planning Executive Committee (WFPEC) is responsible for guiding CCWPP implementation and is comprised of representatives from the Clackamas Fire Defense Board, Clackamas County, and public land management agencies. This oversight committee meets quarterly to facilitate a collaborative approach to CCWPP implementation.