

# Section 1: Introduction

## Plan Methodology

The following section reflects only the changes to plan methodology. Please see the 2002 NHMP for the full Introduction.

## Phase II Clackamas County NHMP

In 1998, FEMA selected Clackamas County to be a Project Impact Community. The Project Impact grant allowed the County to access federal funds for the development of hazard mitigation model projects. Using these funds, Clackamas County entered into an interagency agreement with the University of Oregon's Community Service Center (CSC) to complete Phase II of the Clackamas County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan takes the Goetell report (Phase I-please see the 2002 NHMP for details) a step further by actually identifying mitigation activities that the County can be involved in to reduce losses from future natural hazards.

The resulting Clackamas County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan was the first FEMA-approved, DMA 2K-compliant plan in the nation. Clackamas as County received many accolades from this effort including a "*Certificate of Recognition from FEMA*", and the "*Western States Seismic Policy Council Award in Excellence*" in 2003.

## Phase III Clackamas County NHMP: Multi-Jurisdictional Process

The third phase of the county's planning process was to incorporate the cities needs into the county plan as addendums. This approach ensures that we are taking a regional approach to mitigation planning. It also allows the cities to build off of the baseline data and information that is already documented in the county plan, thereby streamlining their planning process. This process of incorporating the cities has encouraged partnership development and coordination so that jurisdictions can share information and pool resources to accomplish mitigation projects.

The County utilized Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant funding 2002-2003 to hire staff for providing technical assistance to all incorporated jurisdictions to complete a nine month mitigation planning process. The cities that have completed their DMA 2K-compliant plans have an opportunity to participate in the County HMAAC for providing information about current projects or mitigation needs. All completed city plans are included as addenda in Volume IV. Clackamas County received the Partners for Disaster Resistance and Resilience *2003-2004 Outstanding Natural hazard Mitigation Plan* for this multi-jurisdictional planning effort.

## Phase IV of the Clackamas County NHMP: 2007 Update

Clackamas County has made great strides in implementing the Clackamas County NHMP over the past five years. In an effort to ensure that the plan remain an active and pertinent

document, input was solicited from the HMAC, other stakeholders with a vested interest in mitigation, and the public at large.

***Input from the steering committee:*** Over the past five years, the HMAC has guided plan implementation through a regular quarterly meeting schedule. The HMAC reviewed and updated the action items for the NHMP, updated the risk assessment by including a more robust vulnerability analysis, and updated the hazard-specific sections. In addition, the HMAC was responsible for soliciting input from stakeholders for the for 2007 Plan Update.

***Stakeholder Interviews:*** The HMAC members conducted interviews with the stakeholder groups that were initially surveyed during the NHMP planning process for the 2007 Plan Update. The input from the following stakeholders is incorporated in the 2007 Plan Update:

- Water Providers
- Sewer Providers
- School Districts
- Fire Departments
- Tourism Development Council
- Utility providers
- Local Businesses



*Residents discuss hazards at a community meeting in Sandy, 2005*

***Public Input:*** During the Community Wildfire Planning process in 2005, five community meetings were held to discuss wildfire and other hazard-related issues such as access to homes, evacuation procedures, and community assets (please see Addendum 1: Clackamas Community Wildfire Protection Plan).

A public hearing was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to present the 2007 Plan Update process and solicit input from the public at large. The agenda for the Public Hearing is posted in local newspapers (Oregonian, Clackamas Review and others). The Public Hearing allowed time for questions from the general public, and those that were not in attendance were encouraged to visit the Clackamas Emergency Management website, where the draft plan was located. Contact information was made available for comments and edits from the public from April 19<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>. Input received from the public has been included the 2007 Plan Update.

## **Plan Structure**

### **Volume I: Mitigation Action Plan**

The action plan has been updated to include progress, new strategies, and priorities for implementation.

### **Volume II: Hazard-Specific Information**

Hazard events since 2002 are included in the plan update, as well a more robust hazard analysis.

### **Volume III: Resources**

Clackamas County has partnered with Washington County to develop and maintain a regional resource directory that includes mitigation and emergency response resources previously identified in the NHMP. This document is access via the web, and is updated annually.

### **Volume IV: Mitigation Plans**

Volume IV was added to the NHMP to include the newly developed Clackamas Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and the City Plans.

***Addendum 1:*** Clackamas Community Wildfire Protection Plan

***Addendum 2:*** City of Canby NHMP

***Addendum 3:*** City of Milwaukie NHMP

***Addendum 4:*** City of Lake Oswego NHMP

***Addendum 5:*** City of Gladstone NHMP

***Addendum 6:*** City of West Linn NHMP- *Draft*