

## SECTION 3

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# **IMPLEMENTATION AND PLAN MAINTENANCE**

# INTRODUCTION

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The following section provides a description of how mitigation strategies will be implemented by participating jurisdictions, how the plan will be maintained, including plan monitoring, evaluation and updating, and how the public will continue to be involved in the pre-disaster mitigation planning process over the next 5 years.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Strategies developed by participating jurisdictions may be implemented at the discretion of each jurisdiction, and opportunities for cross-jurisdictional collaboration are also encouraged.

Funding will be the critical factor impacting the implementation of mitigation strategies. Low-cost strategies or those with existing funding through local Capital Improvement Programs or other funding sources offer opportunities for jurisdictions to make immediate progress towards reducing their risk. Projects requiring significant funding or additional planning,

may be accomplished through strong local and County support. The various FEMA hazard mitigation programs along with other funding sources can be leveraged together to complete any level of mitigation actions (see Integration with Existing Plans below). Jurisdictions are encouraged to coordinate with Tooele County, Utah Department of Emergency Management, and FEMA to develop grant projects.

Each action has been assigned to a specific person or local government office that is responsible for implementing that action. Since each jurisdiction has specific mitigation actions that will be implemented, they have adopted their locally specific Community of the plan separately. Jurisdictions may update their specific section of the plan by submitting it to the Planning and Community Development staff at Tooele County. A review will be conducted by the Tooele County staff. Upon their approval, the jurisdiction can then re-adopt the amended plan. Any changes to data, maps, actions, priorities, etc. are welcomed

throughout the next 5-years.

## FUNDING SOURCES

In addition to the various FEMA hazard mitigation grants that communities are eligible to apply for (visit <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation> for more information) there are other funding sources that communities can use independent of the FEMA grants or in addition to the grants. Communities are encouraged to contact Tooele County staff for additional grant sources and resources. In addition, the Utah Rural Coordinating Council provides an extensive inventory of rural resources and assistance opportunities (visit [sites.google.com/utah.gov/rural/resources](https://sites.google.com/utah.gov/rural/resources)).

## INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING PLANS

It will be the responsibility of each participating jurisdiction to determine additional implementation procedures. This includes integrating the plan into other planning documents where appropriate. It is

encouraged that jurisdictions integrate their mitigation strategies into existing planning documents, including, but not limited to:

- General Plan
- Land Use Ordinances and/or Zoning codes
- Subdivision Ordinances
- Capital Improvement Plans
- Economic Development Plans
- Stormwater Management Plans
- Floodplain Management Plans
- Natural resource protection plans
- Wildfire protection plans
- Emergency Operation Plans
- Parks and Open Space Plans

## PLAN MAINTENANCE

### Plan Monitoring

The implementation of the plan will be tracked annually approximately 2 to 3 months before the hazard mitigation grant applications are due. During this time, Tooele County staff will survey the progress of all jurisdictions towards completion of mitigation actions, including which actions have been completed, any obstacles or impediments to implementing actions, any actions that are no longer feasible, and any other comments from them on the plan and their progress. Staff will provide a summary of completed

strategies and community comments to the Tooele County Commissioners for review. The commission will make recommendations based on the review as to changes in monitoring and/or updating the plan.

### Plan Evaluation

The plan will be evaluated on an ongoing basis by the Tooele County staff, with a formal review taking place once a year, in conjunction with the annual plan monitoring review. The formal evaluation will include a review of:

- Natural hazard event that has occurred in the past year and if any action is needed in communities impacted
- Mitigation actions that have been implemented
- Identify any mitigation actions to prioritize for the next year
- Identify communities needing assistance in implementing and/or applying for funding
- Update any changes to funding options and planning policies related to the PDMP process and grants
- Any significant new data or maps that affects the accuracy of the analysis or information in the plan
- Any staff or elected official turnover

### Plan Update

The plan will be updated by Tooele County staff, contingent upon receiving funding for

the planning effort. This effort will take place towards the end of the five year period to ensure that the plan remains compliant with state and federal regulations. In addition, continual data gathering based upon ongoing activities that closely align with other Tooele County programs will take place and be applied to the updated plan.

Tooele County staff will work with individual communities and counties throughout to ensure all hazard mitigation grant applications are pursued based on approved strategies from the plan. If a community needs to change or add mitigation strategies or any other amendment to their community section, they will have to submit changes to Tooele County, County Council for review and approval.

## CONTINUED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Throughout the next 5 years the public will be continuously notified of plan updates and be invited to participate in reviews of the plan evaluation, monitoring and updating. In addition, Tooele County will encourage communities to continue to educate and inform residents about natural hazard mitigation.

Annually, a presentation based on the plan monitoring and evaluation will be given to

the public at an appropriate Tooele County commission meeting. Public comments will be solicited through area newspapers and the Tooele County website. The public will be able to submit comments in-person, over the phone, via e-mail or written response.

The public will be encouraged to provide feedback at any time throughout the 5 year period on the Tooele County website, which will also host the most up-to-date version of the plan. Any new updates to the plan will also be announced through their website. A hard copy will also be available at their Tooele City office.

As mitigation actions become implemented, interesting and inspiring projects will be highlighted through various public and elected official notifications, such as the Tooele County website, the Utah Community Development Office newsletter, the American Planning Association Utah Chapter newsletter, local newspapers, and other public interfacing websites and newsletters. In addition, as tools and other resources become available they will also be advertised by Tooele County via newsletters, e-mail and website posting. In particular, a natural hazard viewer is being developed for the State of Utah for public viewing. Residents and officials will be notified

once this invaluable tool is released.