

DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – CLEAN COPY

The LMS Working Group reviewed and updated the goals and objectives of the Polk County LMS based on the current conditions and priorities in the County. Unless otherwise stated, the term “County” as used in the following goals and objectives represents Polk County, its 17 municipalities, and the Polk County School Board.

- Goal 1: Protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
 - Objective 1.1: Inform and educate the public about potential hazards and property protection measures.
 - Objective 1.2: Inform and educate the public about the first response to disasters to promote better disaster preparation.
 - Objective 1.23: Ensure new development and redevelopment complies with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
 - Objective 1. 4: Provide sufficient shelter space to satisfy in-County demand.

- Goal 2: Maintain high state of preparedness/coordination to mitigate and respond to disasters.
 - Objective 2.1: Assist business and industry in the preparation of Hazardous Materials Plans.
 - Objective 2.2: Maintain a capability to respond to hazardous material incidents.
 - Objective 2.3: Provide a capability to reduce residential hazardous material waste.
 - Objective 2.4: Support programs under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act.
 - Objective 2.5: Continue to develop the capacity to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from all hazards.

- Goal 3: Reduce the cost of disaster response and recovery.
 - Objective 3.1: Develop and implement guidelines for post-disaster redevelopment
 - Objective 3.2: Advocate property acquisition or retro-fitting for repetitive loss properties.
 - Objective 3.3: Establish and implement a plan for post-disaster temporary housing.
 - Objective 3.4: Efficiently manage all local disasters.
 - Objective 3.5: Conserve and protect historical and cultural resources to minimize the effects of disasters on these resources.
 - Objective 3.6: Assist and encourage new economic development and post-disaster redevelopment through the encouragement of public-private partnerships, economic diversification, and development.

- Goal 4: Encourage the protection of natural resources from potential natural, man-made, and terrorist acts.
 - Objective 4.1: Partner with the State and other agencies in the acquisition of lands and/or development rights for environmental protection.
 - Objective 4.2: Protect and restore wetlands and critical upland habitats.
 - Objective 4.3: Limit discharge and protect natural resources from toxic substances and harmful pollutants.
 - Objective 4.4: Provide and encourage preservation of open space.
 - Objective 4.5: Preserve and encourage planting of native vegetation.

Goal 5: Reduce property damage caused by flooding.

Objective 5.1: Identify and address local flooding conditions.

Objective 5.2: Continue dissemination of flood information to the public.

Objective 5.3: Maintain and improve existing drainage systems to regulate management of storm water runoff.

Objective 5.4: Protect the function of natural drainage features and surficial aquifer recharge areas.

Objective 5.5: Protect and preserve wetlands, floodplains, and riverine systems to reduce the County's flood hazard exposure and maintain economic, aesthetic, and recreational values.

Goal 6: Regulate and prioritize the construction and/or enhance the protection of critical facilities and infrastructure.

Objective 6.1: Maintain or improve critical evacuation routes.

Objective 6.2: Prioritize and retrofit existing critical facilities and infrastructure.

Objective 6.3: Encourage capital improvement expenditures for critical infrastructure.