

4.0 ACTION PLAN [GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES]

Eliminating or reducing the risks to persons, property, and the environment is the focus of the Todd County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The goals and objectives presented within this section are intended to address natural, human-caused and technological hazards within the County before they occur through the use of local, state, and federal resources. To clarify the following action the following terms are defined:

GOAL: the overall desired effect including both long term and ongoing and terminal effects. For the purpose of this Section, goals are identified with a number.

COSTS: The estimated cost to achieve the corresponding objective. The costs are identified by using the following table:

Description	Approximate Low	Approximate High
Low	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Moderate	\$5,001.00	\$50,000.00
High	\$50,001.00	\$250,000.00
Very High	\$250,001.00	And up

OBJECTIVE: Actions or steps that will be taken to achieve the goal or desired effect. For the purpose of this plan, objectives are identified with a letter.

TASK LEADER: Is an individual or collective responsible agency, department, organization, group, or person that will carry out the corresponding objective. Contact information for all Task Leaders is as follows:

Emergency Management Director Bob Blessing (320) 533-4697	Highway Department Engineer Loren Fellbaum (320) 732-2722
Planning & Zoning Administrator Andrew Dahlgren (320) 732-4420	Public Health Director Cheryl Schneider (320) 732-4444
Sheriff Department Sheriff Pete Mikkelson (320) 732-2157	Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Sandy Rohr, Manager (320) 732-2644
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Gloria Stevens (320) 732-4248	

TIMELINE: Date or timeframe the objective will be achieved. If an objective is ongoing or no specific date can be set to carry out the objective then it is labeled as “ongoing”.

Prioritization of Action Items

Assigned Value

This section outlines the prioritization of the action items presented within this plan. Each action item or objective contained within this plan is assigned a prioritization value based on the following table. These values are ranked 1 to 6 with 1 being the “highest priority” value and 6 being the “least priority” value.

Priority	Category
1.	Policy Improvements: Includes making changes to any policy(ies) maintained by Todd County.
2.	Process Improvements: Includes making changes to any programs or processes conducted by Todd County.
3.	Physical Improvements: Includes any projects related to improvement of structures or physical terrain to minimize or eliminate hazards.
4.	Information Gathering: Includes any action related to the inventorying or gathering of information.
5.	Outreach Projects: Includes the dissemination of information to the public.
6.	Communication Efforts: Includes ongoing cooperation and communication with organizations/agencies external to Todd County.

Prioritization by Time Schedule

Each action item presented within this section is scheduled for completion according to a specified timeline. All items of the same assigned value will be implemented according to the time schedule provided depending on the prioritization by costs.

Prioritization by Costs

Each action item is assigned an estimated cost. This estimate is purely a figure used to assess potential costs associated with the action item to be carried out and is not intended to represent an exact value or project cost. Cost benefit estimates were made on all action items during the development of this action plan. All action items of the same assigned value will be implemented contingent upon Todd County securing necessary funding. This means that if an action item is a #1 priority, it is scheduled to be completed in 2007, but funding cannot be secured until 2009, the item must be held until 2009 to be completed.

A thorough cost benefit analysis to determine the cost benefit ratio will be conducted by the implementing agency prior to the implementation of each project derived from this plan.

4.1 Natural Hazard Goals, Objectives and Strategies

Natural hazard mitigation measures presented throughout this planning process have been divided into the following groups:

- Tornado 4.1.1
- Winter Storms 4.1.3
- Severe Summer Storms 4.1.5
- Extreme Heat 4.1.7
- Infectious Disease 4.1.9
- Flooding and Flash Flooding 4.1.2
- Drought 4.1.4
- Sustained Wind Storm 4.1.6
- Wildfire 4.1.8

4.1.1 Tornado Mitigation

Goal: To adequately be prepared for and minimize the damage caused by tornado activity.

Resources: USDA Storm Resources & Info

Objective 1: Minimize the impacts of tornadoes on life and property

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Require storm shelters for all mobile home parks and multiple family dwellings Task Leaders: Planning & Zoning Administrator	County, Long Prairie, Osakis, Browerville, Staples	1							x	Moderate
Continue to upgrade and improve Emergency Warning Systems Task Leaders: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	3							X	High
Require all warning systems to be radio activated by dispatch and have battery back-up Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	3			x					Moderate
Seek supplementary warning systems i.e. NWS weather radio, TV, etc... Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	6							x	Low

Objective 2: Proactively work towards an educated, informed and responsive public on how to protect themselves during tornado activity.

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Continue to provide Posters, brochures, and media materials Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							x	Low
Distribute educational materials with County mailings Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							X	Low

4.1.2 *Flooding and Flash Flooding*

Goal: To adequately be prepared for and minimize the damage caused by floods.

Resources:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Objective 1: To reduce the number of structures located in the 100-year flood plain, including critical public infrastructure such as wastewater and water treatment plants.

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage development of parks and open space areas along floodplain areas that consistently flood Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator, Planning & Zoning Administrator or Commission for cities identified in jurisdiction column	Countywide, Clarissa, Browerville, Long prairie, Hewitt	5							X	Moderate
Restrict building in floodplain areas that consistently flood – Includes cities Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator, Planning & Zoning Administrator or Commission for cities identified in jurisdiction column	Countywide, Clarissa, Browerville, Long prairie, Hewitt	1							X	Low
Explore possible opportunities to purchase land within the flood plain in more populated areas of Todd County. Task Leaders: County Engineer, Planning and Zoning Administrator, County Commissioners	Countywide	4							x	Low

Objective 2: Protection of life and property from flood events.

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage municipalities to require the development of new storm sewer infrastructure capable of handling a ten to twenty year rain event in new subdivisions Task Leaders: Planning & Zoning Administrator, Emergency Management Director	Bertha, Browerville, Burtrum, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Grey Eagle, Hewitt, Long Prairie, Osakis, Staples, West Union	1				x				High
Maintain county ditches, keep free of debris, and culverts well maintained Task Leader: County Ditch Inspector, County Engineer, City Public Works Departments, and Townships	Countywide	2							x	Moderate
Construct a listing of high and medium priority ditch projects within the County. Implementation of these projects in a timely manner after being identified Task Leader: County Ditch Inspector, Planning & Zoning Administrator	Countywide	2			x					Moderate

Objective 3: Promote an educated, informed and responsive public on how to prevent damage during a flood event.

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Continue to update the Emergency Operations Plan yearly Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	1							X	Low
Encourage early participation of individual landowners in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program by persons within floodplain areas Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	1							X	Low
Provide public education on dangers of flash flooding Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							x	Low
Educate property owners on landscaping methods Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator, County SWCD	Countywide	5			x					Low

4.1.3 Winter Storms

Goal: To adequately be prepared for and minimize the damage caused by winter storms throughout the County.

Resources:
NOAA

Objective 1: Minimize the impact of winter storm activity and cold weather events on life and property.

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe								Cost
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Ongoing	
Encourage through education, event preparedness; i.e. Furnace inspection Task Leader: Public Health Director, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							x	Low
Continue to promote the need for emergency supplies and blankets in traveling vehicles Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Public Health Director, Sheriff	Countywide	5							X	Low
Encourage the elderly and those that care for the elderly, to keep an ample supply of medication Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Public Health Director	Countywide	5							X	Low
Draw upon local and hazard mitigation funding to ensure power infrastructure can withstand ice storm conditions Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	2							x	Low

Objective 2: Prevent or minimize the impacts of winter storm activity and cold weather events on infrastructure including individual septic treatment systems

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Provide information on building materials and practices that increase structural safety, and increase energy conservation in cold weather conditions Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator	Countywide	5							X	Low
Encourage the planting of trees and natural vegetation and/or snow fencing in new developments to minimize snow accumulation Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator, Todd County SWCD	Countywide	5							X	Moderate
Provide information to landowners with Individual Septic Treatment Systems on ways to protect their systems from extreme cold Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator	Countywide	5							X	Low

Objective 3: Minimize the impacts of winter storm activity and cold weather events on roadways

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage the review of winter driving techniques Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Public Health Director, Sheriff	Countywide	5							x	Low
Continue to provide exceptional snow removal, salting, and sanding to minimize the impacts of snow/ice accumulations on roadways Task Leader: Highway Engineer	Countywide	3							X	Moderate

4.1.4 Drought

Goal: To adequately be prepared for and minimize the damage caused by droughts.

Resources:

NOAA Drought Info Center
 National Drought Mitigation Center
 U.S. Drought Monitor
 USDA Drought Resources & Info

Objective 1: Minimize the impacts of drought on agriculture

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage the wise utilization of water resources regardless of time of year Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	5							x	Low
Encourage crop rotation and planting crops according to water needs Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	5							X	Low

Objective 2: Minimize the stress that drought causes to farmers

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Promote area support groups Task Leader: Public Health Director	Countywide	5							x	Low

Objectives 3: Minimize the impact of drought on livestock

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Promote shelter belts Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	5							x	Low
Recommend sprinklers to cool animals Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	5							X	Moderate

4.1.5 Severe Summer Storms

Goal: To adequately prepare for and minimize the damage from severe summer storms.

Resources: USDA Storm Resources & Info

Objective 1: Minimize the impact of severe summer storms on life and property

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Continue to provide Posters, brochures, and media materials Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							x	Low
Provide information on making structures safer; materials, building storm shelters, etc. Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator, Emergency Management Director, Planning & Zoning Administrator or Commission for the jurisdictions identified in the next column	County, All Cities (Bertha, Browerville, Burtrum, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Grey Eagle, Hewitt, Long Prairie, Osakis, Staples, West Union)	5							x	Low

Require storm shelters for all mobile home parks and multiple family dwellings Task Leader: County Planning & Zoning Administrator, Planning & Zoning Administrator or Commission for the jurisdictions identifies in next column	Countywide, Browerville, Clarissa, Long Prairie, Staples	1										x	Moderate
Encourage NWS weather radio use Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5										x	Low
Continue to upgrade and improve Emergency Warning Systems Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	3										x	Moderate
Encourage cities to participate in state programs Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	6										x	Low
Provide education on causes storm damage Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5										x	Low
Recommend the use of windbreaks in all new development where natural or man-made windbreaks do no exist Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	5										x	Moderate

Objective 2: Minimize the impacts of severe summer storms on roadways

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost		
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing	
Identify and improve potential and historical areas of road washout Task Leader: Highway Engineer, Township Boards	Countywide, Townships	4								x	Moderate

4.1.6 Windstorms

Goal: To adequately prepare for and minimize the damage caused by violent wind storm(s).

Resources:
National Weather Service

Objective 1: Minimize the impact of sustained wind storms on property

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage property owners to trim trees that are near buildings Task Leader: County Planning & Zoning Administrator, Planning & Zoning Administrator or Commission for the jurisdictions identified in the next column	Countywide	5							x	Low
Encourage property owners to remove dead and diseased trees Task Leader: County Planning & Zoning Administrator, Planning & Zoning Administrator or Commission for the jurisdictions identified in the next column	Countywide	5							X	Low

Objective 2: Minimize the impact of sustained wind storms on lakeshores

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage the preservation and enhancements of natural lake vegetation, examples: bulrush, weed lines, etc... Task Leader: Planning & Zoning Administrator	Countywide	5							x	Low

4.1.7 Extreme Heat

Goal: To adequately be prepared for and minimize the effects of extreme heat throughout the County.

Resources:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Objective 1: Lessen the impact of extremely high temperature on the people of Todd County

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Publish a special section with emergency information on extreme heat; include the phone numbers of emergency services offices and hospitals Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Public Health Director	Countywide	5							x	Low

4.1.8 Wildfire

Goal: To adequately be prepared for and minimize the damage caused by wildfires.

Resource:
 National Interagency Fire Center
 FEMA Wildfire Information
 Minnesota DNR Wildfire
 USDA Fire Resources & Information

Objective 1: Minimize the risk of wildfires starting or spreading

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Continue to provide public education materials related to the prevention of forest fires and wildfires Task Leader: Local Fire Warden, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							x	Low
Continue to conduct controlled burns as necessary to prevent the spread of wildfires Task Leader: Local Fire Warden, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	3							x	Low
Ensure the strong coordination between local fire departments and associations as well as those from outside areas to provide fire protection, which will reduce the spread of wildfires Task Leader: Local Fire Warden, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	6							x	Low

Objective 2: Work to promote preventative measures to reduce risk of wildfires

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Promote positive forestry management techniques including the removal of dead, dry vegetation and trees which may ignite as a result of lightning or human related causes Task Leader: Local Fire Warden, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							X	Low
Encourage the use of landscape design that will minimize the risk of wildfire Task Leader: Local Fire Warden, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							X	Low
Continue to monitor the removal of trees and vegetation around electrical lines and if possible bury electrical lines Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Electric Service Providers	Countywide	6							x	Moderate

4.1.9 *Infectious Disease*

Goal: To be prepared for and minimize the outbreak of infectious diseases.

Resources:

Minnesota Department of Health
 Infectious Disease Epidemiology
 Prevention and Control Division
 Centers for Disease Control
 Emergency Preparedness and Response

Objective 1: Foster and support health related programs related to the mitigation or planning for infectious disease

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe								Cost
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Ongoing	
Encourage the continued cooperation between Todd County Public Health Department and the Minnesota Department of Health Task Leader: Public Health Director	Countywide	6							x	Low
Provide public education materials related to the prevention/treatment of infectious disease(s). Task Leaders: Todd County Public Health Department, School Administrators, local community centers	Countywide	5							x	Low

4.2 Human Cause/Technological Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

Human caused and technological hazard mitigation measures presented throughout this planning process have been divided into the following groups:

- Groundwater Depletion
- Groundwater Contamination
- Hazardous Material (Transport and Train)
- Hazardous Material (Fixed facilities)
- Power Grid Failure
- Computer Viruses
- Terrorism
- Railroad Interference with Emergency Response

4.2.1 Groundwater Depletion

Goal: To adequately be prepared for and minimize the impact of ground water depletion.

Resources:

Todd County Comprehensive Local Water Plan
USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report

Objective 1: Avoid depletion of Todd County's groundwater aquifers

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe								Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Ongoing		
Support Goals and Objectives of the Todd County Comprehensive Local Water Plan Task Leader: Todd County SWCD, Planning & Zoning Administrator	Countywide	6								x	Low
Continues to Monitor levels on Lakes and Rivers in the County Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	6								X	Moderate
Distribute information on how to reduce water consumption Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	5								X	Low
Establish irrigation scheduling program and promote water mark blocks Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	5			x						Low

4.2.2 *Groundwater Contamination*

Goal: To adequately be prepared for and minimize the impact of groundwater contamination.

Resources:

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Minnesota Department of Health

Objective 1: Eliminate or reduce as much as feasible, risks associated with groundwater contamination

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage the development of local wellhead protection plans with the assistance of the Minnesota Department of Health Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	6							x	Moderate
Support by providing public education and assistance to existing programs designed to provide support and education to landowners for individual well testing Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	6							X	Low

Objective 2: Eliminate or reduce as much as feasible, risks associated with surface water contamination

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Provide support and assistance to local governments, property associations, lakes associations or similar groups in the development and implementation of local surface water management plans and in water quality related public education Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	6							x	Moderate
Implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the Todd County Water Plan Task Leader: Todd County SWCD	Countywide	6							X	Moderate

4.2.3 Hazardous Material Transportation

Goal: To be prepared for and minimize the damage caused by hazardous material spills during transportation.

Resources:

National Response Center
 Department of Transportation
 Disaster Help
 Minnesota Emergency Planning and Community
 Right-to-Know Act Program

Objective 1: Ensure safe transportation of materials through pipelines in Todd County

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe								Cost
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Ongoing	
Educate and encourage the use of Gopher State One Call. "Call before you dig" Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Planning & Zoning Administrator or Commission for the jurisdictions identified in the next column	Countywide	5							X	Low
Ensure that proper measures pertaining to pipeline integrity are being followed Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Pipeline Companies	Countywide	6							X	Low
Encourage pipeline companies to maintain an unobstructed right-of-way Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	6							x	Low

Objective 2: Ensure the safe transportation of hazardous materials on roadways within Todd County

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe								Cost
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Ongoing	
Enforce laws regarding the transporting of hazardous materials Task Leader: Sheriff, City Police	Countywide, All cities	6							x	Low
Support effort to increase funding for rural road safety programs Task Leader: Highway Engineer	Countywide	6							X	Low
Ensure that the roadways within Todd County can safely accommodate the vehicles hauling hazardous material Task Leader: Highway Engineer	Countywide	2							x	High

4.2.4 Hazardous Material (Fixed)

Goal: To prepare for and minimize the damage caused by hazardous material spills within fixed facilities.

Resources:

National Response Center
 Department of Transportation
 Disaster Help
 Minnesota Emergency Planning and Community
 Right-to-Know Act Program

Objective 1: Ensure the safe operation, storage, and maintenance of facilities holding, distributing, or using hazardous material substances

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe								Cost
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Ongoing	
Maintain an updated list of all hazardous materials sites as required by the Minnesota Emergency Response Commission Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	4							x	Low
Ensure all fire, police, and medical emergency response professionals are trained and equipped to respond to hazardous material incidents Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	2							x	High
Provide public education on hazardous material incidents in the form of media releases, articles, Todd County Website, etc... Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							x	Low
Encourage local businesses with hazardous materials to have/develop an emergency response plan. Task Leader: Emergency Management Director,	Countywide	4							x	Low

4.2.5 Power Grid Failure

Goal: To prepare for and minimize the impacts of a power grid failure.

Resources:
Local power companies

Objective 1: Eliminate or reduce as much as feasible, the threat of a power loss in Todd County

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe								Cost
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Ongoing	
Encourage the building of generation sources within Todd County Task Leader: Electrical Service Providers, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	6							x	Very High
Continue with power management programs where there is a voluntary control of electrical use by individual users Task Leader: Electrical Service Providers, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	6							x	Low
Continue education efforts focused on conservation Task Leader: Electrical Service Providers, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	6							X	Low

Objective 2: Eliminate or reduce as much as feasible, the impact of a power failure in Todd County

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage critical facilities to install back-up generators Task Leader: Emergency Management Director	Countywide	3							x	Moderate
Educate citizens on steps to take in case of failure Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Electrical Service Provider	Countywide	5							X	Low

4.2.6 *Computer Viruses*

Goal: To prepare for and minimize the damaging effects of computer viruses within the County.

Resources:
Todd County MIS

Objective 1: Decrease the impact of computer viruses on response facilities, public health facilities, transportation industry, HAZMAT facilities, schools, etc...

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Encourage all agencies to regularly update virus protection software Task Leader: Todd County MIS	Countywide	3							X	Moderate
Support efforts to ensure that emergency response departments are adequately funded for technology updates and upgrades Task Leader: Emergency Management Director, Todd County MIS	Countywide	6							X	Moderate
Continue strategies for comprehensive back-up of electronic data and systems Task Leader: Todd County MIS	Countywide	2							x	Low

4.2.7 *Terrorism*

Goal: To prepare for and minimize the loss of life associated with terrorism.

Resources:
Todd County Sheriff's Department
Local Law Enforcement throughout the County

Objective 1: Eliminate or reduce the crime and terrorism threat

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Continue to support local, state and federal anti-terrorism programs Task Leader: Sheriff, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	6							x	Moderate
Continue to provide educational information on what to be aware of Task Leader: Sheriff, Emergency Management Director	Countywide	5							X	Low

4.2.8 Railroad Interference with Emergency Response

Goal: To prepare for and minimize the impact of railroad interference during emergencies within the County.

Resources:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)
Todd County Sheriff's Department

Objective 1: Eliminate or reduce the threat of death or injury due to delayed emergency vehicles

Strategies	Jurisdiction	Timeframe							Cost	
		PRIORITY	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		Ongoing
Promote duplicated emergency services in both sides of the railroad tracks Task Leader: City Emergency Management Director	Staples	2							x	High
Increase and maintain communication with railroad during an emergency Task Leader: Police Department, City Emergency Management Director	Staples	6							X	Low
Examine the feasibility of building an under or over pass Task Leader: Highway Engineer	Staples	3							X	Very High

4.3 Potential Funding Sources

Implementation of the mitigation strategies is often dependent on funding assistance from Federal and State sources. FEMA provides funding for structural projects through hazard mitigation grant programs, such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Assistance Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. Strategies that qualify for FEMA assistance include structural improvements to dams, bridges, culvert replacement, as well as emergency generators and warning sirens. Financial support for other mitigation strategies proposed in this plan may be sought through alternative funding sources. Projects may be implemented with the assistance of non-profit organizations or funds secured from Community Foundations. There are many State and Federal programs, in addition to private funding sources, that are available.

Many communities believe they are unable to take steps in preventing damage from hazards due to lack of funding. Appendix XI is intended to provide some examples of funding options. This list is not comprehensive and should be added to, when new funding programs are created and recognized.