

# 6 Bedford 2021 MJ-HMP Jurisdictional Annual Report

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**Annual Reporting Year:** 2021

**Background:** Cook County and participating municipalities in the county developed a hazard mitigation plan to reduce risk from all hazards by identifying resources, information, and strategies for risk reduction. The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal disaster grant assistance. To prepare the plan, the participating partners organized resources, assessed risks from natural hazards within the county, developed planning goals and objectives, reviewed mitigation alternatives, and developed an action plan to address probable impacts from natural hazards. By completing this process, these jurisdictions maintained compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act, achieving eligibility for mitigation grant funding opportunities afforded under the Robert T. Stafford Act.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this report is to provide an annual update on the implementation of the action plan identified in the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The objective is to ensure that there is a continuing and responsive planning process that will keep the Hazard Mitigation Plan dynamic and responsive to the needs and capabilities of the partner jurisdictions. This report discusses the following:

- Natural hazard events that have occurred within the last year
- Changes in risk exposure within the planning area (all of Cook County) Mitigation success stories
- Review of the action plan
- Changes in capabilities that could impact plan implementation
- Recommendations for changes/enhancement.

## Hazard Analysis

Hazards that represent a county-wide risk are addressed in the Risk Assessment section of the 2019 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. This section only addresses the hazards and their associated impacts that are **relevant** and **unique** to the municipality.

**Thunderstorm Wind:** Bedford Park has experienced numerous thunderstorm wind events throughout the village. Impacts have included damage to property (particularly in the industrial areas of the village), trees, and power lines.

**Flood:** Urban flooding incidences have occurred frequently within Bedford Park. Bedford Park is located within a very high urban flooding susceptibility zone, so mitigation actions for this hazard are of high priority to the Village.

**Drought:** Drought is a hazard that impacts the entire region, and even though a significant drought has not been experienced in Bedford Park within the last decade, the effects of climate change make this more of a risk worth mitigating going forward.

## Natural Hazard Events in 2021

**Instructions:** Please use the **Edit** Tool to describe new hazard occurrences/incidents from the past year that have impacted your jurisdiction and had a measurable impact on people or property. (Example: A tornado occurred on [Date] and impacted [insert area] and caused damage to [insert damages]). You may also use the Edit Tool to suggest any modifications/improvements to the hazards unique to your community, as described below from the 2019 plan.

Describe 2021 Natural Hazard Events Here: The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has affected the village financially. The village continues to recover from lost revenue of sales taxes and hotel taxes. So far in 2021, hotel rooms are still 20% under the 2019 (pre-pandemic) occupancy rates. However, they are much better than 2020 which saw a reduction of room taxes of 60%. We are hoping that 2022 will bring back the occupancies to pre-pandemic rates.

2021 also saw significant snowfall in the January and February. Two snowstorms in excess of 12" hit the southside region in back-to-back weekends. Bedford Park was luckier than most of our neighbors as we had ordered extra salt due to the supply chain issues. While the snowfall was heavy the overtime required to clear the streets and provide safe travel was not overburdening.

## Mitigation Strategies and Actions

The heart of the mitigation plan is the mitigation strategy, which serves as the long-term blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment. The mitigation strategy describes how the community will accomplish the overall purpose, or mission, of the planning process.

## New Mitigation Actions

Please submit [here](#)

## Ongoing Mitigation Actions

The following are ongoing actions. During the 2019 update, these "ongoing" mitigation actions and projects were modified and/or amended, as needed. Reviewers of this report should refer to the Hazard Mitigation Plan for more detailed descriptions of each action and the prioritization process. Address the following for each mitigation action:

- Was any element of the action carried out during the reporting period?
  - If no action was completed, why?
  - Is the timeline for implementation or the action still appropriate?
  - If the action was completed, does it need to be changed or removed from the action plan?
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**TABLE: HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN MATRIX**

**Completion status legend:**  
**N** = New      **O** = Action Ongoing toward Completion  
**C** = Project Completed      **R** = Want Removed from Annex      **X** = No Action Taken

2021 Status	2020 Status	2019 Status	Hazards Mitigated	Objectives Met	Lead Agencies	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Timeline/Projected Completion Date (a)
<b>Action B4.1</b> —Upgrade emergency alert system								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
-	-	Completed	Flood, Severe weather	1, 5	EM	\$20,000; Low	General fund	Completed
<b>Action B4.2</b> —Assist vulnerable populations by providing temporary shelter locations								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	All Hazards	1, 8, 12	EM/Park District	\$1,000; Low	General fund	Short-term
<b>Action B4.3</b> —Adopt policies to reduce storm water runoff - basin maintenance								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
-	-	Completed	Flood	2, 4, 9, 10	Planning/Public Works	Low	Capital fund	Completed
<b>Action B4.4</b> —Educate property owners about flood insurance and mitigation techniques								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
-	-	Completed	Flood	2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10	EM	\$500; Low	EM budget	Completed
<b>Action B4.5</b> —Conduct tornado awareness activities								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Tornado	6, 8, 10	EM	\$500; Low	EM budget	Short-term
<b>Action B4.6</b> —Adopt and enforce building codes								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
-	-	Completed	All Hazards	2, 3, 4, 8, 10	EM/Planning	Low	EM budget	Completed
<b>Action B4.7</b> —Increase earthquake risk awareness								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Earthquake	6	EM	Low	EM budget	Short-term
<b>Action B4.8</b> —Protect power lines (bury overhead lines)								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
-	-	Completed	Severe Weather, Severe Winter Weather	2, 4, 8, 10	Building/Planning	\$25,000; High	General fund, FEMA Mitigation Grants	Completed
<b>Action B4.9</b> —Where appropriate, support retrofitting, purchase, or relocation of structures in hazard-prone areas to prevent future structure damage. Give priority to properties with exposure to repetitive losses.								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	All	7, 13	Bedford Park	High	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants	Long-term (depending on funding)
<b>Action B4.10</b> —Continue to support the countywide actions identified in this plan.								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	All	All	Bedford Park	Low	General Fund	Short- and long-term
<b>Action B4.11</b> —Actively participate in the plan maintenance strategy identified in this plan.								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	All	3, 4, 6	DHSEM/Bedford Park	Low	General Fund	Short-term
<b>Action B4.12</b> —Consider participation in incentive-based programs such as the Community Rating System, Tree City, and StormReady.								
<b>Status Description:</b>								

No action	No Action	Ongoing	All	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13	Bedford Park	Low	General Fund	Long-term
<b>Action B4.13</b> —Continue to maintain compliance and good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program by implementing programs that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Such programs include enforcing an adopted flood damage prevention ordinance, participating in floodplain mapping updates, and providing public assistance and information on floodplain requirements and impacts.								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Flooding	4, 6, 9	Bedford Park	Low	General Fund	Short-term and ongoing
<b>Action B4.14</b> —Where feasible, implement a program to record high water marks following high-water events								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
-	-	Removed	Flooding, Severe Weather	3, 6, 9	Bedford Park	Medium	General Fund; FEMA Grant Funds (Public Assistance)	Removed
<b>Action B4.15</b> —Integrate the hazard mitigation plan into other plans, programs, or resources that dictate land use or redevelopment.								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
-	-	Completed	All	3, 4, 6, 10, 13	Bedford Park/Building Department	Low	General Fund	Completed
<b>Action B4.16</b> —Improve stormwater management planning.								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	New	Flood	2, 3, 4, 9, 10	Bedford Park FD	\$20,000; Medium	Local Funds	2021
<b>Action B4.17</b> —Educate residents on water saving techniques								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	New	Drought	6	Bedford Park FD	\$1,000; Low	Local Funds	2020
<b>Action B4.18</b> —Require water conservation during drought conditions								
<b>Status Description:</b>								
Ongoing	Ongoing	New	Drought	13	Bedford Park FD	\$300; Low	Local Funds	2020
(a) Ongoing indicates continuation of an action that is already in place. Short-term indicates implementation within five years. Long-term indicates implementation after five years.								

**Mitigation Success Stories:** Examples of mitigation success stories include, but are not limited to: received a Grant, completed a major mitigation project, etc.

**Future Needs:** Examples of future needs include, but are not limited to: receiving training to better understand the mitigation grant application process, studies that may be needed to better understand hazards/risks, etc.