

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION

CRS Activity 510

Annual Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

Which Plan is this for (use separate templates for each credited Plan):

- ☒ **Floodplain Management Plan (Hazard Mitigation Plan)**
☐ **Repetitive Loss Area Analysis**
☐ **Floodplain Species Plan**
☐ **Substantial Damage Plan**

Name of Community: City of Wichita Falls

Date this Annual Progress Report was prepared (not the date of adoption of the credited Plan): October 9, 2024

Name of Plan: Wichita County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Date of Adoption of Plan: July 16, 2024

5 Year CRS Expiration Date: June 30, 2029

1. How can a copy of the credited Plan be obtained:

A copy of the credited plan is available on the city's website under the department of Emergency Management. Here is a link to the plan:

<https://www.wichitafallstx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/43487/Wichita-County-HMAP---Public-Copy---07292024---FINAL>

The plan is also available on Wichita County's website at the link below:

<https://wichitacountytx.com/download/wichita-county-hazard-mitigation-plan/?ind=1722278925011&filename=Wichita-County-HMAP-Public-Copy-07-29-2024-FINAL-compressed.pdf&wpdmdl=7785&refresh=670499b9a525f1728354745>

2. Describe how *this annual progress report* (not the credited Plan) was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public:

This annual progress report was prepared by the Public Works Engineering Office. Preparation of this report is a requirement of the city's annual recertification in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. This progress report will be distributed to the Wichita Falls City Council members and to the local media. This progress report will also be available to the public on the city's floodplain management webpage:

<https://www.wichitafallstx.gov/1035/Floodplain-Management>.

3. Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:

The Wichita County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan provides proposed action items for all of the communities within Wichita County. The table of proposed action items below apply specifically to the City of Wichita Falls. Under the Hazard(s) Addressed column, "Multiple" means any combination of two or more of the following hazards: dam failure, drought, extreme heat, earthquake, flood, hail, lightning, thunderstorm wind, tornado, wildfire, or winter storm.

Action Item	Description	Hazard(s) Addressed	Implementation Schedule	Comments
1	Stream Evaluation	Flood	Within 2 years of plan adoption	Pending implementation
2	Development of Lake Ringgold	Drought	Ongoing	Project is in the permitting phase
3	Continuing use of water conservation and safety procedures	Drought	Ongoing	Some water conservation measures are in effect at all times and measures are increased during drought restrictions
4	Continue annual Vegetation Removal Project to Control Flooding along the Wichita River	Flood	Ongoing - annually	Continuation of existing activity
5	Tornado "Safe Room" Construction	Tornado	Within 1 to 5 years of plan adoption, pending grant approval	A FEMA Safe Room Grant has been received from the State and the County has completed at least one round of accepting residential safe room rebate applications. CWF residents were able to apply.
6	Implement education and awareness programs	Multiple	Ongoing	Continuation of existing activity
7	Retrofit power poles to critical facilities	Multiple	Within 60 months of plan adoption, or as funding becomes available	Pending implementation
8	Acquire and install generators at all critical facilities	Multiple	Within 60 months of plan adoption, or as funding becomes available	Pending implementation
9	Harden/retrofit critical facilities to hazard-resistant levels	Multiple	Within 60 months of plan adoption, or as funding becomes available	Pending implementation
10	Implement fuel reduction program at critical facilities	Wildfire	Within 24 months of plan adoption	Pending implementation
11	Develop and maintain a community wildfire protection plan	Wildfire	Within 24 months of plan adoption	Pending implementation
12	Implement policy to bury power lines in new and existing subdivisions	Multiple	Within 24 months of plan adoption	Pending implementation

4. Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:

The current plan was adopted in July 2024, so there has not been sufficient time for the implementation of most action items. Most action items have an implementation schedule in the plan that provides for implementation within 24 months or 60 months of plan adoption, or as funding becomes available. Therefore, based on the plan's implementation schedule, no actions can be currently considered as behind schedule. The action items that were already occurring with regularity or that were already underway have been identified as ongoing in the previous item's table.

5. What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations?

Again, the current credited plan was only recently adopted in July 2024. There are no recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations at this time. The plan will be monitored and evaluated on an annual basis by a Planning Team to determine if mitigation actions need to be revised or updated starting in 2025.