

V. Plan Maintenance

The OCHM Team will monitor the plan to measure effectiveness and recommend future changes that may need to be incorporated. Following plan adoption, it is important to continually track the progress of the action items and evaluate how the mitigation strategies contained in the plan work. The OCHM Team will meet on an annual basis in October of each year to evaluate the plan and ensure any necessary changes are made. Orange County's Planning Director shall take the lead in ensuring that an on-going process of monitoring the Hazard Mitigation Plan occurs. The Planning Director will be responsible for tracking progress as implementation occurs and submitting an annual report to the Hazard Mitigation Team prior to the annual meeting.

The Director of Orange County's Planning Department will also serve as Mitigation Coordinator of the plan. It shall be the responsibility of Orange County's Planning Director to convene the OCHM Team for the purposes of plan review on at least an annual basis, as described above. The OCHM Team will also meet when the Orange County Planning Director deems necessary to review, update and prepare a report of the status of the mitigation progress. This report should include: a review of the goals, accomplishments, revisions, discussions on why any goals are not met, why projects may be behind schedule, recommendations for new projects and review new disasters that may have occurred. Prior to finalization of the report, the public will be invited to comment. Public comments will be solicited via the local government websites, on which the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be posted, and via a public notice published in the relevant newspaper(s). The OCHM Team will ensure the following questions are adequately addressed at the annual meetings and included in the resultant update report:

1. Do the goals and objectives address current and expected conditions?
2. Has the nature or magnitude of risks changed?
3. Are the current resources appropriate for implementing the plan?
4. Are there implementation problems, such as technical, political, legal, or coordination issues with other agencies?
5. Have the outcomes occurred as expected?
6. Did the agencies and other partners participate in the plan and planning process as proposed?

Additionally, a formal update of the plan shall be completed every 5 years. Orange County's Planning Director will be responsible for convening the OCHM Team to undertake the formal update. At a minimum, the formal update will include an analysis of changes in development within the county and the participating municipalities and an analysis of any changes in vulnerability to natural hazards and appropriate mitigation strategies that can be enacted to address vulnerabilities.