

Goals, Objectives and Mitigation Strategies: City of Benson

Hazard: Violent Storms and Extreme Temperatures

Goal 1: Safe and accessible storm shelters from violent storms.

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Estimated Cost	Funding Partner	Rank	Reason for Ranking
Educate all residents, especially new residents to the city and visitors, of safe shelters in community.	Increase education to citizens through operation of kiosk- twice a year and advertising on Benson's radio morning show.	6 months	Count/City	Staff Time	City	5	Citizen Safety

Goal 2: Improve severe storm warning system for all city residents.

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Estimated Cost	Funding Partner	Rank	Reason for Ranking
Assess adequacy of existing emergency management sirens.	Purchase two weather sirens and locate them in the northern and southern sections of the city.	5 years	County/City		FEMA/City	6	Citizen Safety

Hazard: Flood

Goal 1: Eliminate nonconforming structures in the identified floodway.

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Estimated Cost	Funding Partner	Rank	Reason for Ranking
Eliminate existing nonconforming private and public structures in the identified floodway.	Continue to work with BNSF to replace the bridge on MN Hwy 9 within Benson city limits.	5 years	All Government Levels	\$3.5 million	All Government Levels	2	Reduce annual flooding.

Goal 2: Improve the readiness of the city in the event of flooding.

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Estimated Cost	Funding Partner	Rank	Reasoning for Rank
Ensure adequate flood fighting materials are on hand throughout the city for quick response.	Create a Sandbagging Engineering Plan to determine appropriate materials for a 100-year flood.	5 years	City	Have \$75,000 of inventory on-hand, available to use for flood fighting/prevention	City	3	Prevent Flooding

Hazard: Hazardous Materials

Goal 4: Improve the city's ability to deal with meth labs.

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Estimated Cost	Funding Partner	Rank	Reasoning for Rank
Implement procedures or programs that address hazardous materials transported through the city.	Improve awareness of hazardous material and handling of hazardous materials. Awareness could include information about reading hazardous material signage and/or knowing/ understanding what to do in an emergency that involves hazardous materials and rail cars.	2 years	City	\$500	BNSF, DOT, Pipeline Safety Personnel	7	Citizen Safety

Hazard: Environmental

Goal 2: Protect the health of residents in the event of an environmental hazard.

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Estimated Cost	Funding Partner	Rank	Reasoning for Rank
Overall protection of utility infrastructure against theft and vandalism.	Increase security with electronic monitoring and physical security.	10 years	City	\$100,000	USDA/ All Gov. Levels	4	Citizen Safety

Hazard: All Hazards

Goal 1: Improve readiness of community for any disaster.

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	Time Frame	Responsible Entity	Estimated Cost	Funding Partner	Rank	Reasoning for Rank
Ensure that homes are easily identifiable.	Encourage homeowners to have visible house numbers. Provide samples of clearly identifiable house numbers.	10 years	City	\$5,000	City	8	Citizen Safety
Electric Power Mitigation *	Underground burial of power lines.	2-3 years	City	\$6 million	City /HSEM /FEMA	1	Protection of life and property

*amended 11-2013 Outages have occurred every year in recent years, causing interruption in critical services. Outages have been caused by a variety of circumstances, including Violent Storms.