



APPENDIX C: ACTION ALTERNATIVES AND PRIORITIZATION

1. Comprehensive List of Mitigation Alternatives Considered

During the final meeting, the committee worked through a brainstorming process to develop the actions to include in the plan. Prior to the meeting, several actions had been submitted to AMEC as ideas. These submitted actions were presented by each participating jurisdiction and additional actions were brainstormed and discussed. In addition, all actions that had been incorporated in the draft MitigationPlan.com™ were reviewed to determine if the planning committee wanted to carry them over to the new plan. The following list represents the broad range of alternatives considered in the development of the final list of actions submitted to the plan. Some of these action ideas were not carried through into the plan and others were refined and split in to one or more actions to be implemented by one or more jurisdictions.

- Promote Neosho County Hazard Mitigation Plan to the public
- Conduct an outreach program to local schools to promote the Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Educate builders, land developers, financial institutions, and business owners on programs to reduce or eliminate the impact of flooding
- Ensure that the Neosho County Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed and kept current
- Ensure that elected and appointed officials are aware and supportive of hazard mitigation activities
- Develop and implement building codes that will minimize tornado/high wind damage
- Develop and implement codes or guidelines that will encourage developers, builders, and citizens to minimize flood hazards
- Increase promotion of NOAA weather radios
- Provide a NOAA weather radio incentive program to the citizens of Neosho County
- Join or Continue participation in the NFIP
- Encourage adoption of city codes discouraging development in flood-prone areas
- construction of safe rooms in Neosho County (school saferooms and community saferooms)
- Installation of additional severe weather warning sirens
- Conduct regularly scheduled testing of all severe weather warning sirens
- Evaluate school tornado shelter locations
- Utilize utility bills to notify residents of tornado shelter/cooling center locations
- Upgrade power lines-utilize Twisted pair conductor for 1/10 and larger conductors
- Install generators for back-up power
- Bury secondary power lines
- Upgrade system to allow for increased capacity during peak times
- Public education on theft prevention during mandatory evacuation
- Bottled water distribution plan
- Surge protectors for businesses and schools
- Develop school crisis plans
- Buyout floodprone properties
- Utility line clearance/maintenance programs
- Drainage improvement projects

2. Comparison of Prioritization of Action Categories

Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee: 48 total planning committee votes cast

Disaster Planning Resource Fair Survey: 90 total public votes cast

Action	HMPC Votes	HMPC Ranking	Public Vote	Ranking
Continued Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program	0	Low	12	High
Floodprone Property Buyout	1	Low	5	Low
Indoor/Outdoor Warning	9	Moderate	11	High
Installation of Generators	6	Moderate	12	High
Planning	0	Low	9	Moderate
Power line Maintenance/Upgrades	7	Moderate	12	High
Public Education	12	High	9	Moderate
Saferoom Construction	11	High	20	High
Wildfire Mitigation	2	Low	0	Low

