



MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

I. INTRODUCTION

The City of Cleburne has developed this Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) to comply with the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Section 201.6 – Local Mitigation Plans, of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These regulations were promulgated to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The Mitigation Action Plan describes the goals and activities of the City of Cleburne to reduce the effects of natural hazards to people and property within our City. Completion of this plan also allows the City to qualify to participate in the following grant programs; (1) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) which funds long-term hazard mitigation actions to eliminate or reduce the consequences of future disasters, (2) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM) which was created by the disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and is an annual grant program that assists local communities in implementing long term hazard mitigation strategies, and (3) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) which is a federal grant program that provides funding to help support local emergency management programs. The City currently participates in the EMPG program. In addition, the Mitigation Action Plan will be used by the Floodplain Manager to assist in the Community Rating system (CRS) planning process. The City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), with a CRS of 9.

II. HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGIES

A. Hazard Mitigation Goals

The City of Cleburne performed a risk and vulnerability assessment as part of its Hazard Analysis in 2004. This analysis included an assessment of the risks and vulnerability from natural, technological, and security hazards. The Hazard Analysis was developed by the Office of Emergency Management with assistance from the cities Hazard Mitigation Team. The Hazard Mitigation Team has developed the goals contained in this Mitigation Action Plan. The draft plan will be reviewed by the City Manager and the City Council prior to adoption of the plan. Acquiring public input will be part of the adoption and ongoing review process. The following four mitigation goals were developed based on the hazards identified in our Hazard Analysis as **high priority natural hazards** for our City and include;

Goal 1: Reduce Flood Damage in the City

- Objective 1.1: Minimize future damage from flooding from Buffalo & McAnear Creek.
- Objective 1.2: Minimize future damage from storm runoff

Goal 2: Increase Community Preparedness for Tornadoes

- Objective 2.1: Improve Early Warning System
- Objective 2.2: Increase community awareness

Goal 3: Reduce Damage from Severe Thunderstorms (wind, hail)

- Objective 3.1: Protect critical infrastructure
- Objective 3.2: Protect power lines

Goal 4: Reduce Impact from Severe Drought

- Objective 4.1: Conservation of water
- Objective 4.2: Protect water resource

For more input or more information about the City of Cleburne Mitigation Action Plan contact the Emergency Management Coordinator at 817-645-0964.