

Appendix E

Existing Plans, Policies, and Programs in Wasco County

The following appendix summarizes the existing plans, policies and programs in Wasco County. The first section covers plans and policies on the books for the County and the second section covers social service providers.

Existing Plans and Policies

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that communities identify a process where the requirements of the mitigation plan get incorporated into other planning mechanisms. The purpose of this appendix is to document those existing plans and policies in an effort to assist the community in identifying potential means to better integrate mitigation into the day-to-day decisions of local governments.

Communities often have existing plans and policies that guide and influence land use, land development, and population growth. Such existing plans and policies can include comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, and technical reports or studies. Plans and policies already in existence have support from local residents, businesses, and policy makers. Many land-use, comprehensive, and strategic plans get updated regularly, and can adapt easily to changing conditions and needs.¹

The Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan includes a range of recommended action items that, when implemented, will reduce the county's vulnerability to natural hazards. Many of these recommendations are consistent with the goals and objectives of the county's existing plans and policies. Linking existing plans and policies to the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan helps identify what resources already exist that can be used to implement the action items identified in the Plan.

Implementing the natural hazards mitigation plan's action items through existing plans and policies increases their likelihood of being supported and getting updated to remain current, and maximizes the county's resources.

Below is a table of the plans and policies that currently exist in Wasco County. For each plan or policy, the table provides information on its author, its purpose, and how it relates to natural hazard mitigation. The information provided in the table can also be used to complete action item worksheets by identifying rationale and potential ideas for implementation.

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Name	Date of Last Revision	Author/Owner	Description	Relation to Natural Hazard Mitigation
2005 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	June 2006	Mid-Columbia Economic Development District / Wasco County Department of Economics?	This document is an economic vision for the Mid-Columbia counties with actionable agenda items for 05-06.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goals and vision developed for the entire Mid-Columbia region can be used as the rationale or need for mitigation activities aimed at protecting the local economy.
National Scenic Area Land Use and Development Ordinance	January 2006	Wasco County Planning & Development Office	This land use ordinance pertains to the protection of land use and development in the county and specifically the Columbia Gorge Natural Scenic Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ordinance outlines various land use and development ordinances. • The ordinance includes a disaster response procedures and guide that details emergency action plans for disaster recovery and community reconstruction strategy.
Transportation Improvement Program	May 2005 (updated every 3 years)	Wasco County Public Works Department	This program is an advance road planning program that helps identify the priority of road repairs/construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation systems assist in evacuation and response in the event of a natural hazard. • Can be linked to action items aimed at making the county's transit system more disaster resistant to reduce potential damage and risk.
Wasco County Comprehensive Plan	December 1981	Wasco County Planning Commission	The plan coordinates policies for orderly development of the county.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides land use within the county. • Goals of preserving resource and protecting life from hazards can be linked to action items that guide development to reduce the county's risk to natural hazards. • Can be linked to action items for how the County will implement Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 7 requirements.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Wasco County Land Use and Development Ordinance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January 2005</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wasco County Planning and Economic Development Office</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">This plan outlines how land within Wasco county is zoned and regulated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides growth and development. • Can be linked to action items that shape growth and development so that they do not increase the county's risk to natural hazards. • Can be linked to action items that protect natural and historic areas and areas subject to natural hazards. • Can be linked to action items for how the County will implement Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 7 requirements.
<p style="text-align: center;">Wasco County Transportation Needs Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 1995</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wasco County</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">This study reviews federal, state, and local transportation documents for methods of improving transportation services in the county.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic inventory of street systems in the community can help identify hazard prone routes or emergency routes for an evacuation of the community.

Existing Social Service Providers

Social systems can be defined as community organizations and programs that provide social and community-based services, such as health care or housing assistance, to the public. In planning for natural hazard mitigation, it is important to know what social systems exist within the community because of their existing connections to the public. . Often times, actions identified by the plan involve communicating with the public, or specific subgroups within the population (e.g. elderly, children, low income). The County can use existing social systems as resources for implementing such communication related activities because these service providers already work directly with the public and have already established a trusted method for communicating with these subgroups. On a daily basis social service providers work and communicate directly with the public on a number of issues, one of which could be natural hazard preparedness and mitigation.

The following is a brief explanation of how the communication process works and how the community's existing social service providers could be used to provide natural hazard related messages to their clients.

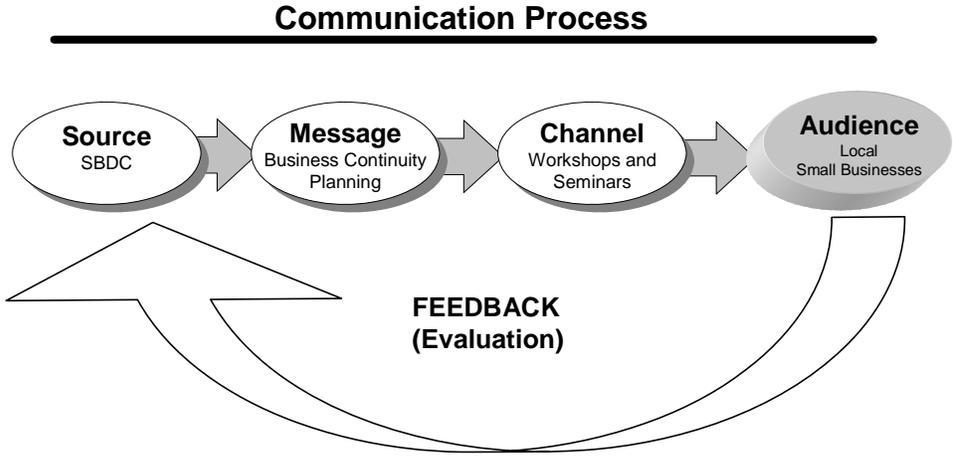
There are five essential elements for communicating effectively to a target audience:

- The **source** of the message must be credible,
- The **message** must be appropriately designed,
- The **channel** for communicating the message must be carefully selected,
- The **audience** must be clearly defined, and

The recommended action must be clearly stated and a **feedback** channel established for questions, comments and suggestions.

An example of an existing social system whose communication system can be linked to natural hazard mitigation is the Columbia Gorge Community College's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The SBDC (the source) provides local businesses (the audience) with information on business contingency planning (the message) through workshops and seminars (the channel). To target small businesses, (insert name) County can provide the SBDC with information on developing business continuity plans and strategies for recovering from a natural hazard. When local small businesses attend the SBDC's workshops and seminars they can pick up this natural hazard mitigation information. This example communication process is graphically presented in *Figure X.2*:

Figure X.2 Communication Process



Source: Adapted from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Radon Division’s outreach program

The following table provides a list of existing social systems within Wasco County. The table provides information on each organization or program’s service area, types of services offered, populations served, and how the organization or program could be involved in natural hazard mitigation. The three involvement methods identified in the table are defined below:

- Education and outreach – organization could partner with the community to educate the public or provide outreach assistance on natural hazard preparedness and mitigation.
- Information dissemination – organization could partner with the community to provide hazard related information to target audiences.
- Plan/project implementation – organization may have plans and/or policies that may be used to implement mitigation activities or the organization could serve as the coordinating or partner organization to implement mitigation actions.

The information provided in the table can also be used to complete action item worksheets by identifying potential coordinating agencies and internal and external partners.

¹ Burby, Raymond J., ed. 1998. *Cooperating with Nature: Confronting Natural Hazards with Land-Use Planning for Sustainable Communities*.

Wasco County
Social Service Providers

Name and Contact Information	Description	Service Area	Populations Served						Potential Involvement in Natural Hazard Mitigation
			Businesses	Children	Disabled	Elders	Families	Low Income	
American Red Cross Tel: 541-386-6000	Collect and provide blood and plasma to the community.	Hood River County		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Arc of the Mid-Columbia P.O Box 521 The Dalles, Oregon, 97508 Website: http://community.gorge.net/arcofmidcolumbia	Provides help to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in education, health, finance, employment, housing, and legal matters.	Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, and Gilliam Counties			✓				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Bambinos Bilingual Learning Center Tel: 509-493-8525	Provide bilingual preschool and after-school childcare programs.	Hood River and Wasco Counties		✓				✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Boy Scouts of America - Mid Columbia District Tel: 541- 298-5022	Provides youth programs.	Mid-Columbia Region		✓				✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Campfire Boys and Girls - Mt. Hood Council Tel: 360-816-0570 Fax: 503-656-6356 5427 Glen Echo Ave. Gladstone, OR 97027	Provide youth programs.	Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties		✓					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Columbia Gorge Center 2940 Thomsen Road Hood River, Oregon, 97031 Tel: 541-386-3520 Fax: 541-386-7788 Website: www.cgc-direct.com	Provides various services from health to employment issues for individuals. Also provides commercial services and residential services.	Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman Counties	✓		✓	✓	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation

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Department of Human Services 700 Union Street The Dalles, Oregon, 97058 Webpage: http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/	Provide self-sufficiency, medical, mental health, services and assistance for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.	The Dalles		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage P.O Box 329 Hood River, OR 97031 Tel: 541-387-3600 Fax 541-387-2999 Website: www.eossb.org	Provides consulting and self-sufficiency services to individuals with developmental disabilities.	Umatilla, Morrow, Wallowa, Malheur, Union, Baker, and Harney Grant Counties		✓	✓		✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Gorge Kids P.O Box 1233 Hood River, Oregon, 97401 Tel: 541-386-6250 Fax: 541386-6241 Email: info@gorgekids.com Website: www.gorgekids.com	Provides child-related information, events, and activities.	Columbia River Gorge		✓				✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Haven - Domestic Violence Help P.O Box 576 The Dalles, Oregon, 97058 Website: www.dhs.state.or.us/abuse/domestic/gethelp.htm	Provides a twenty-four hour crisis line for women and children counseling. Also provides temporary shelters, legal advice and transportation services.	The Dalles		✓					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Haven - Domestic Violence Help P.O Box 576 The Dalles, Oregon, 97058 Website: www.dhs.state.or.us/abuse/domestic/gethelp.htm	Provides housing services for individuals and families.	The Dalles					✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Law Help - Legal Aid Service 421 High Street, Suite 110 Oregon City, Oregon, 97405 Tel: 503-655-2518 Fax 503-655-2701	Provides legal aid services to low-income residents.	Clackamas and Mid-Columbia Area						✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce PO Box 220 Maupin, OR 97037 Tel: 541-395-2599 Website: www.maupinoregon.com	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Wasco County	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Mid Columbia Employment & Training Center 1113 Kelly Ave. The Dalles, OR 97058 Tel: 541-298-4101	Provides employment assistance	Wasco County	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Mid-Columbia Center For Living 1610 Woods Court Hood River, Oregon, 97031	Provides assistance for mental, health, alcohol, drug abuse, and gambling addiction treatment.	Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties			✓				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Provides emergency response system to area

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Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, Inc 312 East 4th Street The Dalles, Oregon, 97508 Tel: 541-298-5131 Fax: 541-298-5141 Website: www.mccac.com	Evaluates the programs aimed at reducing poverty, fosters community partnerships, and provides resources to reduce poverty.	Wasco, Hood River, and Sherman Counties				✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Mid-Columbia Council of Governments 1102 12th St. Hood River, OR 97031 Tel: 541-386-6300 Fax: 541-386-2189	Provides services to businesses and families.	Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Mid-Columbia Economic Development District 515 E. 2nd Street The Dalles, OR 97058 Tel: 541-296-2266 Website: http://www.mcedd.org/	Provides economic development services to communities	Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Mid-Columbia Senior and Disabled Services 500 Summer St. NE, E02 Salem, OR 97301-1073 Tel: 541-386-9080		Mid-Columbia Region			✓	✓			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Mid-Columbia Senior Center 1112 W 9th St The Dalles, OR 97058 Tel: 541-296-4788		Mid-Columbia Region				✓			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Mt. Hood Economic Alliance 4336 SW Condor Avenue Portland, OR 97201 Tel: 503-228-5565 Fax: 503-228-7456 Website: http://www.mthoodea.org/	Administers the Regional Investment and Rural Investment Programs which fosters and promotes economic development.	Clackamas, Hood River and Wasco Counties	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Next Door, Inc - Residential Services P.O Box 661, Hood River, Oregon, 97031 Tel: 541-386-6665 Fax: 541-386-5440 Website: www.nextdoorinc.org	Provides various programs and counseling for children, youths, adults, and families.	Hood River and The Dalles		✓				✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Region Nine Educational Services District 400 East Scenic Drive, Suite 207 The Dalles, Oregon, 97058 Tel: 541-296-5155 Fax: 541-296-2965 Website: www.r9esd.k12.or.us/	Provides educational support services for K-12 public schools.	The Dalles, Hood River and Wasco Counties		✓	✓				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Social Security Office 420 East 3rd Street The Dalles, Oregon, 97058 Tel: 541-298-2734 Website: www.ssa.gov	Issues social security numbers and benefits for retirement, disability, and survivorship. Also provides security income program for those in need.	The Dalles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Special Olympics 922 East 2nd Street The Dalles, Oregon, 97508 Website: www.specialolympics.com	Provides a year round of sports training to individuals with developmental disabilities.	Wasco and Sherman Counties		✓	✓			✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
The Dalles Chamber of Commerce 404 W. 2nd Street The Dalles, OR 97058 Tel: 541-296-2231 Fax: 541-296-1688 Website: www.thedallescchamber.com	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Wasco County	✓							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
The Dalles Employment Center 700 Union The Dalles, OR 97058 Tel: 541-296-5435	Provides employment assistance	Wasco County	✓							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
The Gorge Translink - Public Transportation 201 Federal Street The Dalles, Oregon, 97058 Tel: 541-298-5345 Fax: 541-296-5674 Website: www.gorgetranslink.org	Provides public transportation for people in the Mid-Columbia region to travel within the are or between counties.	Skamania, Klickitat, Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman Counties	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation

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Wasco County Commission on Children and Families 610 Court Street The Dalles, OR 97058 Tel: 541-506-2670	Works toward creating community partnerships that help improve the lives of children and families.	Wasco County		✓				✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Wasco County Juvenile Department 211 Weber Street The Dalles, Oregon, 97058 Tel: 541-298-3132 Fax: 541-296-2965 Website: www.wcid.co.wasco.or.us	Provides adolescents who committed crime to be punished.	The Dalles		✓					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Wasco Sherman Public Health Department 419 East 7th Street The Dalles, Oregon, 97058 Tel: 541-506-2600 Website: www.wshd.org	Enforces public and environmental health laws of federal, state, and county government.	Wasco and Sherman Counties	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation