

Table 31. Faribault County Master Mitigation Action Chart (2017-2021)

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1	All-Hazards	Education & Awareness Programs	Work to ensure that all Faribault County residents are aware of and sign-up for the Nixle 360 emergency notification system.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiestler, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	Emergency Management in coordination with local city and township government	This is a standing effort of the Faribault County Emergency Management Program. Sign-up for Nixle 360 is available on the Faribault County website. Cities also work to promote sign-up by local residents by sharing information on city websites and announcements at public meetings.	County Budget
2	All-Hazards	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Ensure the ability to provide emergency notification to the public (including residents, visitors, and those with functional and access needs) via all available means.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management	This is a standing effort of the Faribault County Emergency Management Program. The County uses its Nixle 360 mass notification system, radio and TV to reach the public with emergency notifications.	County Budget
3	All-Hazards	Education & Awareness Programs	Provide education and awareness to the public on how to prepare emergency supplies to be self-sufficient for 3-days or how to develop an evacuation go-kit.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management & Faribault/Martin County Public Health in coordination with local cities/townships and schools.	This is a standing effort of the Faribault County Emergency Management Program as well as Faribault County Human Services.	County Budget

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4	All-Hazards	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Provide annual exercise training and drills to engage local elected officials and response partners (i.e., law enforcement and fire departments) in emergency preparedness for a range of hazard events.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management	This is a standing effort of the Faribault County Emergency Management Program's annual exercise program of training and drills.	County Budget
5	All-Hazards	Education & Awareness Programs	Participate in the American Red Cross' "Pillowcase Program" that focuses on educating children on being prepared for an emergency, including making a go-kit using a pillowcase.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	Faribault/Martin County Public Health	This is a new project that would be spearheaded by Faribault/Martin County Public Health in coordination with the American Red Cross.	American Red Cross project funding



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6	All-Hazards	Local Planning & Regulations / Mitigation Preparedness and Response Support	Ensure there are designated facilities throughout the county that are prepared to provide emergency mass care services for residents due to a severe storm, flooding, extreme temperatures, or other hazard event.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	FC Emergency Management & Faribault/Martin County Human Services in coordination with local cities and the American Red Cross	Planning for mass care sheltering is an ongoing effort of Faribault County Emergency Management & Faribault/Martin County Human Services in coordination with local cities. The City of Wells has designated their Community Building, the City of Blue Earth has designated the Senior Center, and the City of Frost has designated the Viking Community Center as an emergency shelter. Designation of additional shelter facilities is needed in other areas of the county. Securing backup power for our designated shelter facilities is a priority.	County / City Budgets
7	All-Hazards	Local Planning & Regulations / Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Have educational information and resources available to assist victims as part of response to any disaster event.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management	This is a standing effort of the Faribault County Emergency Management Program for response and recovery from all-hazard events.	County Budget

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8	All-Hazards	Local Planning & Regulations / Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Create and maintain an evacuation plan for all cities in the event of any hazard event that poses an imminent threat to the community.	Ongoing	Moderate	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management	This is an Ongoing effort of Faribault County Emergency Management in coordination with local cities. Evacuation is a critical task that Faribault County and all cities work to be prepared for in the event of a natural disaster or any other hazard event that poses a risk to life safety and requires removing people from the affected area.	County Funding
9	Severe Winter & Summer Storms	Mitigation Preparedness and Response Support	Identify critical facilities or infrastructure that do not have backup power in the event of a major power outage resulting from severe winter or summer storms. <i>(Critical facilities may include: police/fire departments, EOC, health care facilities, water & sewer treatment facilities, and other facilities deemed as critical, i.e. public schools and sheltering facilities).</i>	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago and School Districts	Emergency Management, City Admin & Public Works	Faribault County and numerous jurisdictions have identified a need for backup power for government buildings or other critical facilities or infrastructure. Currently, generator backup power is provided to the Faribault County Sheriff's Office that includes the jail, 911 dispatch center, and EOC. There is also generator backup power at the Blue Earth Fire Hall/Police Department, the Minnesota Lake Fire Hall, and the Blue Earth Area High School.	County/City budgets

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10	Severe Winter & Summer Storms	Mitigation Preparedness and Response Support	Purchase and install generator hook-ups and encourage local generator purchases for identified critical facilities that require backup power.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago and School Districts	Emergency Management, City Admin & Public Works	Faribault County, local city governments, and schools will evaluate feasibility to purchase and install generators for key facilities.	County/City Budgets, MDH WHP grant, Possible FEMA HMA 5% Initiative Funding for Generators
11	Severe Winter & Summer Storms	Structure and Infrastructure Projects	Work with rural electrical coops, municipal utilities, and utility companies to identify and address mitigation measures for above ground power lines (i.e., strengthening/burying) that are susceptible to damage from severe storms in order to reduce potential power outages.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	Blue Earth Light & Water, Wells Public Utilities, Benco Electric Co-Op, and Xcel Energy in cooperation with local cities	Power lines in nearly all communities in Faribault County are located above ground and are very susceptible to wind damage and/or ice/snow accumulation. Faribault County and cities will work with electric coops to identify areas of concern and discuss potential measures such as converting overhead lines to underground lines in areas that have been subject to repetitive damage. Rural electric cooperatives may be eligible to apply for FEMA HMA funding.	Electric Coop Funding, Possible FEMA HMA funding for Infrastructure Retrofit

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12	Severe Winter & Summer Storms	Local Planning & Regulations	Utilize city ordinances to discourage placement of trees near power lines.	Ongoing	Moderate	2017-2021	Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	Local City Admin and Public Works	The cities of Winnebago and Minnesota Lake have Urban Forestry policies. Other cities and township are encouraged to adopt a similar policy to address trees and overhead power lines.	City Budget
13	Severe Winter & Summer Storms	Education & Awareness Programs	Provide education to the public on the dangers of severe winter and summer storms to help protect life safety during severe winter and summer storm events. Encourage the public to listen to local news sources during times of severe winter storms.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management & Faribault/Martin County Public Health in coordination with local cities	This is a standing effort of the Faribault County Emergency Management Program. FC Emergency Management participates annually in the National Weather Service's Winter Hazard Awareness Week each November and Severe Weather Awareness Week each April to provide education to the public. Cities are encouraged to further share information within their jurisdictions (i.e., website, FB posting).	County/City Budgets
14	Severe Winter & Summer Storms	Education & Awareness Programs	Promote the use of NOAA weather radios by critical facilities and the public to receive information on severe weather from the National Weather Service.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	FC Emergency Management & Faribault/Martin County Public Health in coordination with local cities	This is a standing effort of the Faribault County Emergency Management Program. Local cities are also encourage to promote the use of NOAA weather radios within their jurisdictions.	County/City Budgets

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15	Severe Winter Storms / Erosion	Natural Systems Protection	Identify and install (plant) windbreaks in key areas to serve as a “living snow fence” (LSF) to help prevent blowing and drifting snow onto key transportation routes.	New	Moderate	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC SWCD, FC P&Z in coordination with private land owners, local road authorities, and townships	Planting of LSFs will help to mitigate a safety hazard for motorists. LSFs will also serve to reduce flooding in ditches from melting snow and may help to reduce soil erosion due to high winds blowing across agricultural fields.	County Budget, Possible FEMA funding for Soil Stabilization projects , Also possible State, DOT, USDA funding
16	Severe Summer Storms	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Provide/participate in the National Weather Service’s SkyWarn “Storm Spotter” training in various parts of the County for first responders and community residents.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	FC Emergency Management in collaboration with local cities and NWS	Faribault County hosts a SKYWARN class each year and all police and fire departments participate in storm spotting. These individuals help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to their local National Weather Service office as well as our dispatch center. FC utilizes its network of trained Storm Spotters to help spot and report severe summer storm activity.	County Budget and NWS funding to deliver program

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17	Severe Summer Storms	Structure and Infrastructure Projects	Identify areas where vulnerable populations are susceptible to tornadoes or extreme wind events (i.e. schools, campgrounds, or mobile home parks) and evaluate for construction or retrofit of safe rooms or storm shelters. Work with all school districts to make sure that schools have a safe room for students and staff to go to in the event of a tornado.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiestler, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago and School Districts: Blue Earth Area School District, United South Central School District, Maple River School District	FC Emergency Management & Faribault/Martin County Public Health in coordination with townships, local cities, and school districts	There are no designated community safe rooms located in Faribault County. There are communities, parks, schools, and camps that would benefit from a safe room structure, but they must be evaluated for feasibility of construction or retrofit. Faribault County Emergency Management will encourage all school districts to evaluate their buildings for construction or retrofit of a safe room. The Blue Earth Area High School is a concern as the HS is all ground level. Construction of a safe room for the United South Central School District has also been expressed as a concern for a safe room. All schools practice tornado drills as part of school emergency preparedness.	County/City Budgets, Possible FEMA HMA funding for Safe Room Construction

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18	Severe Summer Storms	Structure and Infrastructure Projects	Implement construction or retrofit projects for safe rooms or storm shelters in identified vulnerable locations.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago and School Districts: Blue Earth Area School District, United South Central School District, Maple River School District	FC Emergency Management & Faribault/Martin County Public Health in coordination with townships, local cities, and school districts	Any community safe room projects that the County is involved in will be part of the FC Emergency Management program. FC Emergency Management will work with any school or jurisdiction seeking to develop an application to FEMA for a safe room project.	County/City and School District Budgets, Possible FEMA HMA funding for Safe Room Construction
19	Severe Summer Storms	Education & Awareness Programs / Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Encourage and provide assistance to communities in Faribault County to work towards and obtain "Storm Ready" from the National Weather Service.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management	FC Emergency Management works to encourage all cities to become Storm Ready communities.	County/City Budgets

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20	Severe Summer Storms	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Plan for ability to provide emergency shelter and notification to campers in parks in the event of severe summer storms (thunderstorms, hail, straight line winds, or tornadoes).	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Winnebago	FC Emergency Management in coordination with cities and FC Public Works	There are 7 recreational campgrounds located in the County. Two city owned are located in Blue Earth and Winnebago. Three privately owned are located at Bass Lake and rural Bricelyn. There are two that are County owned. FC Emergency Management will work with the operators of these campgrounds to ensure they post safety information and evaluate the safety of their campgrounds for severe wind or tornado events.	County / Campground private funding
21	Extreme Temps (Heat / Cold)	Education & Awareness Programs	Educate the public on the dangers of extreme heat or extreme cold and how to take personal safety measures during periods of extreme temperatures.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management, Faribault/Martin County Public Health and School District Staff	This is done as part of the NWS annual spring and winter severe weather awareness weeks. It is also done during actual periods of extreme temperatures. Information on staying safe during periods of extreme heat or cold is relayed to the public through channels such as radio, TV, and Facebook.	County Budget

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22	Extreme Temps (Hot / Cold)	Public Education & Awareness Programs / Mitigation Preparedness and Response Support	Broadcast National Weather Service temperature advisories to warn residents of dangers imposed by extreme heat or extreme cold/wind chill.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management in coordination with local media partners (radio/TV)	Faribault County Emergency Management ensures National Weather Service warnings are communicated to the public when necessary on an ongoing basis.	County Budget
23	Extreme Temps (Hot / Cold)	Mitigation Preparedness and Response Support	Close public and private schools when necessary for safety of students and staff in times of severe weather or extreme temperatures.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	All School Districts	School Superintendents and Staff	All school districts within Faribault County have a school closing policy and a communications plan in place if inclement weather or temperatures create a hazardous situation for students or staff. Schools have notification systems which allow them to notify all families who are registered in the school system with up-to-date information, in addition to utilizing the local media for announcements.	School District Budgets

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24	Flooding	Local Planning & Regulations	Work with all jurisdictions to identify and prioritize areas where there are flooding issues with rural roads, culverts, and drainage systems.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Drainage Dept. & FC SWCD, FC P&Z in coordination with all cities and townships	This is a standing effort of the Faribault County SWCD and Drainage Department. Many road systems are overwhelmed during high precipitation events and suffer from repeated washouts and closures.	County/City/ Township Budgets, Possible FEMA grant funding may be available for Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects, Green Infrastructure Reserve
25	Flooding	Local Planning & Regulations / Structure & Infrastructure Projects	Develop, improve, or maintain stormwater management plans and improve stormwater management systems at the city level.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	FC Drainage Dept., FC Public Works, FC Highway Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z, local city planning/public works depts., MNDNR, MPCA	Development of stormwater management plans applies to the cities of Bricelyn, Wells, Winnebago, and Minnesota Lake. Kiester is also actively proceeding to do some stormwater management projects. Easton is also looking at doing some projects in conjunction with ditch work.	County/ SWCD budgets. Possible MPCA/PFA grant funding, Green Infrastructure Reserve
26	Flooding	Education & Awareness Programs	Work to provide education to homeowners in all cities on green infrastructure methods to assist in local stormwater management.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	FC Drainage Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z, and local city Public Works	Local cities are encouraged to adopt a Green Infrastructure (GI) Policy and education program to promote proper installation of green infrastructure practices throughout area on both public and private land.	County /City Budgets, Township Budgets

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27	Flooding	Structure & Infrastructure Projects	Work to implement green infrastructure projects at the county/city level to mitigate localized flood reduction issues.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	FC Drainage Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z, and local city Public Works	Identification of green infrastructure projects around buildings that are at risk should be researched and implemented to mitigate against flood damage. Many flooding issues are not due to riverine sources but due to outdated infrastructure, increased impermeable surfaces, and climate change.	County/City Funding, Possible FEMA Funding for Green Infrastructure Projects
28	Flooding	Local Planning & Regulations	Ensure that wellhead protection plans are in place to address flooding that may lead to contaminated drinking water.	New	High	2017-2021	Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	FC SWCD, MN Dept of Health and local city planning/public works depts.	Cities work directly with the Minnesota Department of Health on the development or update of wellhead protection plans to ensure they meet State requirements.	MDH Source Water Protection grant funding for wellhead improvement projects

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29	Flooding	Local Planning & Regulations	Work with farmers in locations where agricultural flooding is an issue and encourage taking their floodplain land out of production.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC SWCD, FC P&Z, FC Drainage Department	Agricultural drainage in Faribault County consists of 115 public drainage systems and countless miles of private tile. Within the County's borders, over 240 miles of public open ditch and 700 miles of tile remove excess water from the landscape. This in addition to approximately 460 miles of natural flowing rivers and streams. The FC SWCD and Drainage Dept. seek to work with agricultural landowners on reducing localized flood issues. However, funding is needed to provide a financial incentive to farmers to take their floodplain land out of production.	County Budget/State and Federal Grants/ PFA

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30	Flooding	Local Planning & Regulation	Purchase retired farmland located west of Easton for planned stormwater management project by Faribault County.	New	High	2018	Faribault County	FC SWCD, FC P&Z	The farmland located west of Easton has been a high priority location for a stormwater management project by Faribault County SWCD for over 5 years. The land is being retired from farming by the owner and will be available for purchase. Faribault County SWCD has the funding to implement the project, but not the money to purchase the land. This additional funding is critical in order to implement this project.	For land acquisition, possible funding may be available through FEMA HMA Grant Program for Floodplain & Stream Restoration. Other funding sources will be investigated by SWCD.
31	Flooding	Structure and Infrastructure Project	Implement flood diversion and storage project with the drainage system that the City of Easton uses as an outlet.	New	High	2018-2019	Faribault County City of Easton	FC Drainage Department, FC SWCD, FC P&Z, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MCPA)	Two parcels are available and will provide a divide between city responsibility and county responsibility.	MPCA Funding is available for the implementation of this project, but not land acquisition.
32	Flooding	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Install generators and pumps to be able to pump water in the event of a flood where outlet to a city is a drainage system to reduce/prevent damage to structures (buildings/houses).	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County, Easton, Frost, Delavan, Wells, and Winnebago	FC Drainage Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z	The FC Drainage Department has identified that this need currently exists for the cities of Easton, Frost, Delavan, Wells, and Winnebago	County Budget, FC Drainage, City, State funding

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33	Flooding	Structure and Infrastructure Projects	Ensure proper sizing of culverts to prevent roads and driveways washing out during flooding, specifically on drainage systems.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago and all Townships	FC Drainage Dept., FC Public Works, FC SWCD, FC P&Z	Faribault County strives to constantly improve its road and culvert infrastructure against flooding, but is limited by financial resources to go beyond maintenance on some projects. Education is needed to understand the implications of making changes to the culvert and drainage systems.	County, City and Township Budgets
34	Flooding	Natural Systems Protection	Restore streams (re-meandering, leveling berms) and floodplain culverts to prevent road damage and reduce bank erosion	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Drainage Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z	In many places of the County, we need to reconnect the floodplain to the stream. Currently there is a lot of channelization, berms, and culverts. Stream restoration is needed to help reduce localized flooding.	County Budget, BWSR, DNR, Possible FEMA grant funding for Floodplain and Stream Restoration
35	Flooding	Local Planning & Regulations	Work with the MN DNR and FEMA to develop updated Digital Floodplain Insurance Maps (D-FIRM) for Faribault County.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Drainage Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z in coordination with MN DNR	The floodplain maps for Faribault County need to be updated and digitized. Current maps are outdated and more accurate maps are needed to reflect current flood elevation information. The MN DNR Floodplain Manager reports that Faribault County is not currently scheduled for updated modeling or mapping.	MN DNR

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36	Flooding	Local Planning & Regulations / Structure & Infrastructure Projects	Work with communities to ensure that stormwater management plans are in place and to upgrade existing storm sewer systems in order to handle future high-impact rain events.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County Blue Earth, Bricelyn, Delavan, Easton, Elmore, Frost, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Walters, Wells, Winnebago	FC Drainage Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z in coordination with local city planning/public works, MN DNR and MPCA	Every city in Faribault County needs stormwater infrastructure improvements and upgrades. All cities have undersized infrastructure constructed out of outdated materials.	County/City budgets, Possible MPCA/PFA grant funding
37	Flooding	Natural Systems Protection	Create water storage for stormwater overflow; pond storage systems – for both urban and agricultural areas.	Ongoing	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Drainage Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z	Encouragement of and careful review of well-designed water storage projects in all Faribault County areas is a priority of the FC SWCD and Drainage Department.	County Budget, State and Federal Grants, PFA, Possible FEMA grant funding for Aquifer Storage and Recovery
38	Flooding	Natural Systems Protection	Work with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to clean-up debris in the Blue Earth River to increase the outflow of water and the capacity of the river to carry water, thus reducing flooding to Township Roads.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County All Townships	MN DNR	This project would be under the responsibility of the MN DNR. Over 10 years ago this project was done and was successful. However, the funding for the project did not allow for maintenance, so once the river filled back in with debris fields, the road started flooding again. The hope is that the river can be again cleaned up but also maintained to prevent future flooding from debris buildup.	County/ Township Budgets, Possible FEMA Grant Funding for Floodplain and Stream Restoration

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39	Flooding	Structure & Infrastructure Projects	Work with the MN DNR and all Faribault County townships to address repetitive flooding to right-of-way along township roads where water drainage is an issue. Also work to schedule bridge replacements as needed, and enhance structures to reduce damage to inlets and outlets of culverts and bridges from flooding.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County All Townships	FC Drainage Dept., FC Highway Dept., FC SWCD, FC P&Z, MN DNR, in coordination with Township road authorities	Faribault County Drainage Department and Highway Department regularly seek to provide assistance to townships to address drainage projects. Mitigation measures for drainage issues may include re-claiming the road ditch or elevating the road. Emerald and Foster Townships have both expressed a need for assistance with flood control for roads and improvements for culverts and bridges.	County/ Township Budgets, Possible FEMA Grant Funding for Floodplain and Stream Restoration
40	Flooding/ Erosion	Natural Systems Protection	Work with landowners to identify and implement Best Management Practices that will stabilize and reduce bank erosion.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC SWCD, FC P&Z and FC Drainage Dept. in coordination with MN DNR	With the implementation of the MN Buffer Law, Public Waters and Public Ditches will be protected with vegetated buffers. Targeting of additional Best Management practices in the upland areas would stabilize and reduce bank erosion.	County Budget, Possible FEMA Grant Funding for Soil Stabilization Projects, State Funds
41	Flooding/ Erosion	Natural Systems Protection	Utilize existing, and initiate new programs that target the restoration of wetlands for the purpose of reducing the impacts of flooding.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC SWCD, FC P&Z and FC Drainage Dept. in coordination with MN DNR	The FC SWCD and the FC Drainage Department continue to work together to target and initiate Water Retention projects throughout the County.	County Budget, Possible FEMA Grant Funding for Aquifer Storage and Recovery projects, other State programs

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42	Flooding/ Erosion	Local Planning & Regulations /Education & Awareness Programs	Plan for watershed management at a drainage scale to target areas that are feasible for water storage and erosion control. Talk to landowners about these areas and practices to raise their awareness.	New	High	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC SWCD, FC P&Z and FC Drainage Dept. in coordination with MN DNR	The County is being steered into watershed approach water management through state initiatives.	County Budget, Possible FEMA Grant Funding for Aquifer Storage and Recovery projects
43	Wildfire	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Maintain existing dry hydrants throughout Faribault County and identify additional areas where water resources are limited to support fire suppression. Evaluate feasibility to install additional dry hydrants in new locations.	New	Low	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC SWCD, FC P&Z in coordination with local fire departments and MN DNR	The County does have several dry hydrants, but there are many rural areas that do not have good access to water resources for fighting fires. This results in water having to be trucked in to the scene to fight the fire. Where projects may be feasible we will seek to work in coordination with the MNDNR for dry hydrant projects. Local fire departments do have Mutual Aid Agreements in place to support both structure and wildland fire suppression response as needed.	Possible MNDNR Firewise funding

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44	Wildfire	Local Planning & Regulations / Natural Systems Protection	Continue to work in cooperation with the MN DNR to address land management in fire prone areas (clearing of brush and vegetation and fighting wildfires) with all area fire departments.	Ongoing	Low	2017-2021	Faribault County	Local fire departments and MN DNR	This in an effort that continues to be in-progress between local fire departments and the MN DNR Forestry Department.	County Budget
45	Wildfire	Education & Awareness Programs	Provide education to the public and private landowners on the dangers of and prevention of wildfire, particularly when burn bans are issued due high risk conditions (drought, high winds).	Ongoing	Low	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC Emergency Management in collaboration with local fire departments, MN DNR	This is an Ongoing effort of Faribault County Emergency Management in coordination with FC SWCD, MN DNR, and local fire departments. Grass fires in rural areas or agricultural fields are the main concern for “wildland” fires in Faribault County. Wildfire is ranked as a low hazard.	County/City Budgets
46	Drought	Local Planning & Regulations	Install water meters for participating community water systems to allow the County and/or local cities to implement a Water Meter Program.	New	Moderate	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC P&Z and FC Drainage Dept. in coordination with local cities and MN DNR	This would assist the County in educating the public on water conservation measures in times of drought conditions and develop plans to limit water use in times of drought. Some communities need their existing meters upgraded, but do not have funding for the project.	County/City Budgets
47	Drought	Local Planning & Regulations	Implement additional Observation Well Monitoring with the DNR.	New	Moderate	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC SWCD, FC P&Z in coordination with MN DNR	Additional wells would allow for more accurate groundwater information.	MN DNR

#	Hazard	Mitigation Strategy	Mitigation Action	Status	Priority Ranking	Time-frame	Jurisdictions	Responsibility	County Comments on Planning Mechanisms for Implementation	Possible Funding
48	Drought	Local Planning & Regulations	Develop and enforce county and city-level water restriction policies/ordinances and utilize water conservation strategies during periods of drought.	Ongoing	Moderate	2017-2021	Faribault County	FC SWCD, and FC P&Z in coordination with local city planners	More work is needed in this area, including enforcement of ordinances restricting water use on hot days and drought time periods. Restrictions are implemented when conditions dictate the necessity, posting of restriction must follow State Statute. Educational campaign will be done using radio and press releases to educate those not in areas affected by water restrictions.	County/City Budgets

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