

## **Chapter 3**

### **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

The following goals and objectives were developed to reflect the priorities of Chippewa County with consideration of the impact of each natural hazard that can affect the County.

Protection of life is considered the top priority for the County. Not only those that live in the County but also tourists or other visitors. Secondary to protection of life is to protect property or the key facilities and infrastructure that are vital in emergencies. The third goal is to identify projects or areas that need improvement or that would mitigate damage before it occurs. And finally, to encourage and educate people on self-help and protection measures.

1. Protect lives, health, and safety of the citizens and visitors of Chippewa County from the effects of potential hazards.
  - a. Provide adequate early warning
  - b. Maintain essential, trained emergency services
  - c. Provide emergency shelters
  - d. Identify vulnerable population areas
2. Protect critical facilities, key assets, and public infrastructure.
  - a. Minimize damage to public and private property
  - b. Provide alternative electrical and communication sources
  - c. Identify, evaluate, maintain, and upgrade infrastructure
  - d. Employ hazard specific preventative measures
3. Identify specific projects to mitigate damage that are cost-effective and affordable.
  - a. Adopt and enforce appropriate policies/zoning/building codes
  - b. Utilize natural and man-made barriers/open spaces in prevention efforts
  - c. Develop specific site emergency plans as appropriate
  - d. Utilize proven strategies that prevent loss of life and property
4. Encourage self-help and self-protection measures to mitigate the effects of hazards on public and private property.
  - a. Provide community with preventative information
  - b. Increase public awareness
  - c. Encourage participation in mitigation and preparedness efforts

The goals of this plan focus on health and safety issues associated with natural hazards and the importance of people being able to protect themselves and their property from damage.

These goals and objectives are based on the community's hazard analysis, as well as input from the citizens, home and business owners, public and private agencies and other interested entities.

The Hazard Analysis Committee also established a set of criteria for which any action proposed or taken would have to meet. The criterion set forth by the Committee is described in more detail in Chapter 8.