

The staff supporting the LMS Working Group is from BCSO EM. The staff facilitated the work of the Working Group by advertising the LMS meetings, notifying the members and general public on the upcoming meeting, preparing the meeting agenda, completing the meeting minutes, updating the LMS mitigation project list, keeping documented data on the natural hazard events that occur, and providing technical assistance or direction on the analysis as needed.

The participating jurisdictions, organizations, and individuals in the Bradford County LMS Working Group have all worked diligently to complete this plan and will continue to do so in the future to create a truly disaster resistant community for the benefit of all its citizens.

2021 Update

The COVID-19 Pandemic brought about many challenges to the work of the world of local governmental work. Due to the risk of infection, many in-person meetings were suspended. Financial strains caused projects to be delayed or cancelled. Outside funding had to be relied on to find ways to operate normal functions of government. The Bradford County LMS Workgroup was not exempted from these unique and trying times. Due to COVID-19, the Bradford County LMS Workgroup did not meet in CY 2020. Because of this, much of the traditional LMS process had to be changed.

To overcome the Pandemic, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division used the approved 2016 Local Mitigation Strategy as a framework for the preparation of this plan. The Emergency Management Division reviewed that information, along with items in Attachment I, to build a base for the new plan. Once that was done, the Emergency Management Division was able to update statistics and data about hazards with information occurring since the last revision, thus allowing our members to focus on the project list and to review, revise, and adopt the new plan.

As this process continues, the LMS Committee will hold public meetings, as well as open office hours for the public to inspect the plan, at which time they are encouraged to provide feedback for the plan, prior to its final adoption. Additionally, the Emergency Management Division continues to open its doors to the public for the purpose of discussing concerns.