

Section 2 – Planning Process

Requirements:

§201.6 (c) (1) - The plan shall include documentation of the planning process used to develop the plan, including how it was prepared, who was involved in the process for each jurisdiction, and how the public was involved.

§201.6 (b) (2) - An opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development, as well as businesses, academia and other private and non-profit interests to be involved in the planning process.

§201.6 (b) (1) - An opportunity for the public to comment on the plan during the drafting stage and prior to plan approval.

§201.6 (b) (3) - Review and incorporation, if appropriate, of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information.

§201.6 (c) (4) (iii) - Discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process.

§201.6 (c) (4)(i) - A section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle.

The Bradford County LMS is a local community plan, which was developed by the LMS Working Group in order to be in compliance with the DMA 2000 requirements, and currently in 2021 for the 5-year required update. The LMS Working Group consists of local government agencies, business interests, community organizations, regional agencies, institutions, and the general public. This section describes the organizational structure used to complete the public planning process.

The Bradford County LMS Working Group encourages participation by all interested local and neighboring jurisdictions, agencies, organizations, and individuals. Broad community representation is promoted in the Working Group and at public meetings to provide ample opportunity for public commentary and consideration of the local mitigation strategy. Bradford County is very fortunate to have an active LMS Working Group with over 59 members (including 2 residents and 6 representatives from local businesses) that participate in the mitigation efforts in the county.

While the Bradford County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division is the lead agency for scheduling and conducting the efforts of the LMS Working Group and is primarily