

# Hazard Mitigation Planning for Missouri's Rural Electric Cooperatives

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# Missouri's RPCs and COGs

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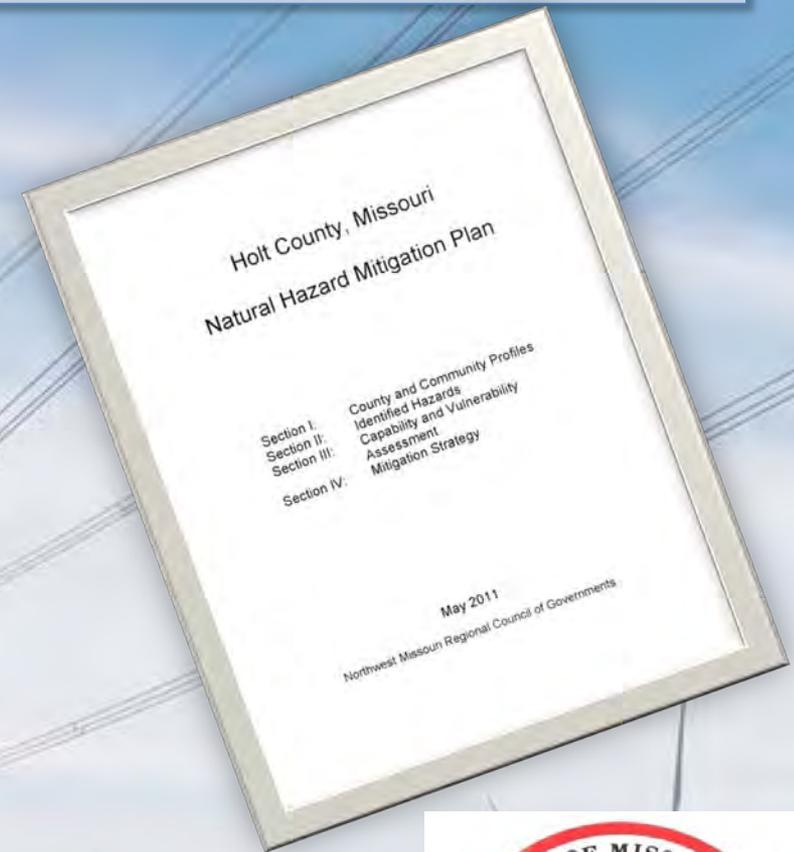
- 19 Regional Planning Commissions
- Our Commission Serves:
  - Five Counties
  - 40 Cities
  - 42,876 People

# A Little Background...

- Congress passed the *Disaster Mitigation Act* in 2000 that requires state and local governments and other public bodies to plan and prepare for future natural disasters.
- Having a federally-approved **Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)** is a key eligibility component for federal disaster mitigation dollars

# A Little Background...

- Missouri RPCs have been writing **Hazard Mitigation Plans** for cities and counties since the early 2000's.
- Using pre-disaster mitigation (404) funds, Missouri SEMA contracts with Regional Planning Commissions to facilitate county-level plans



# A Little Background...

- In 2009, the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC) approached SEMA about Hazard Mitigation Funding



- Due to our success with county-level HMPs, **SEMA recommended** AMEC work with Missouri's RPCs on developing a statewide hazard mitigation plan for RECs

# Structure and Process

- SEMA requested a sole contract (versus 47!)
  - Single Point of Contact
  - Shorter Plan Development Timeline
  - Standardized Reporting & Documentation
- The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments agreed to enter into contract to complete the statewide plan.

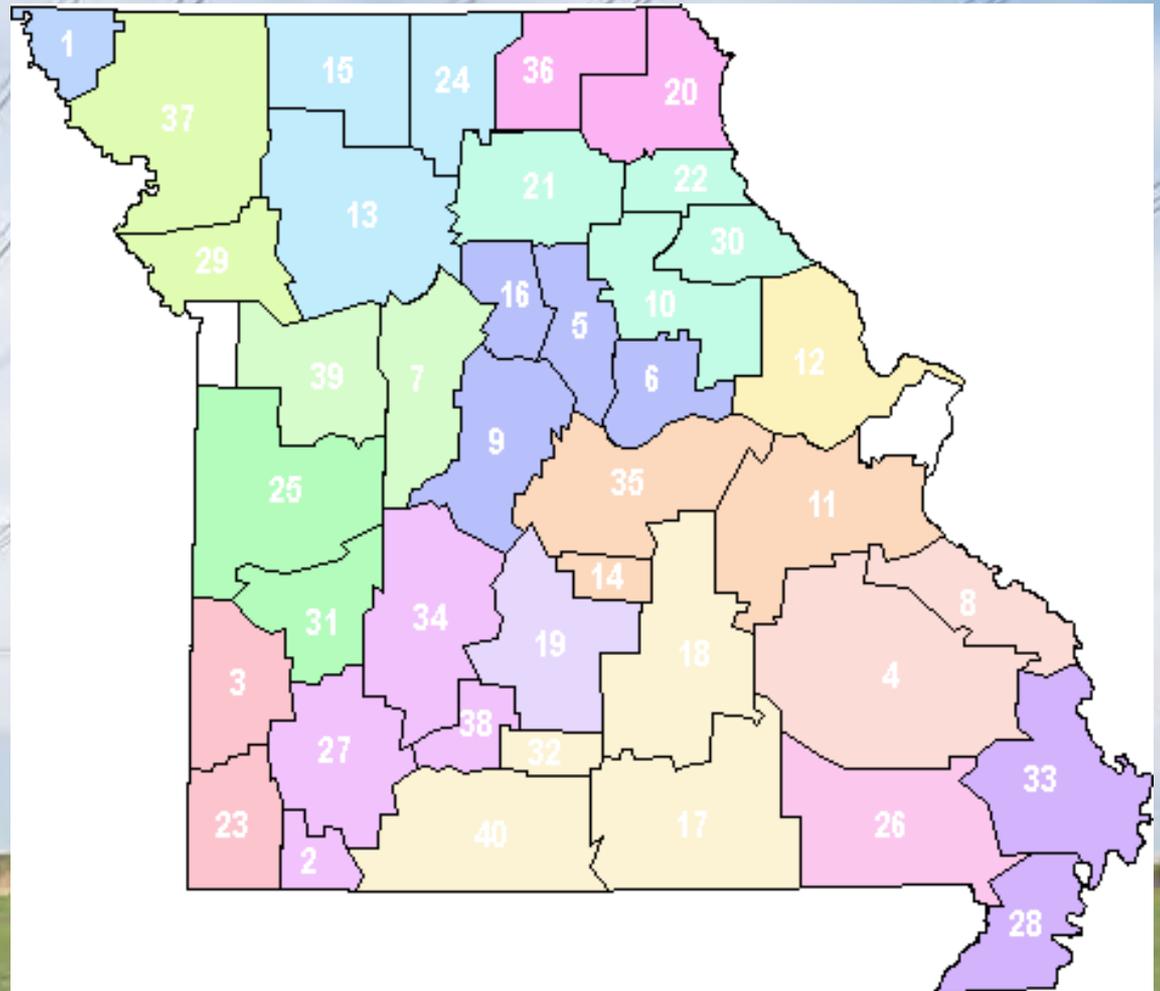


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- The Statewide HMP is broken into two general parts:
  - Part One: Plan elements common to every electric cooperative
  - Part Two: Individual “chapters” for each cooperative that list specific hazard considerations and vulnerabilities, infrastructure inventory, and mitigation strategies.

# Structure and Process

Each of the 40 Electric Distribution Cooperatives and 7 Generation & Transmission Districts were assigned an RPC

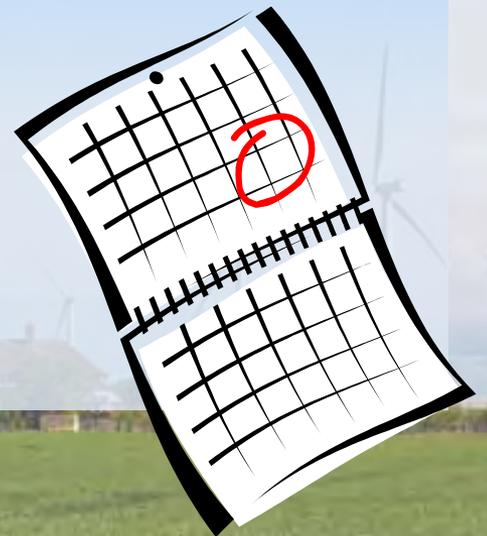


# Structure and Process

- Each Regional Planning Commission facilitated a **hazard mitigation planning process** with the 47 cooperatives / G&Ts.
- That planning process is documented in 47 “chapters” of the statewide plan.
- Chapters document:
  - Specific Hazard Vulnerabilities
  - Infrastructure Inventory
  - Mitigation Strategies

# Where Are We Now?

- Draft chapters are due **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- First draft of statewide plan due **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.
- Final draft due **May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
(project started Jan. 2011)



# Benefits

- Project demonstrates **multi-sector partnership**
  - FEMA
  - SEMA
  - AMEC  
(and 47 electric cooperatives)
  - MACOG  
(and 19 regional planning commissions)



# Benefits

- Strengthens our strategic partnership with Missouri SEMA
  - They approached us
- Establishes a new planning partner with Missouri Rural Electric Cooperatives



# Benefits

- Ensures electric cooperatives can access hazard mitigation dollars (decreasing future service interruptions)
- Provides a coordinated planning effort for long-term mitigation
  - Integrates mitigation plans of city, county State, and RECs

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