Iowa Interagency Flood Risk Management Team Meeting

State and
Interagency partners
Lowering
Vulnerability and
Easing
Risks through

Joint
Actions to
Control and
Keep
Excess runoff from
Topping
Streambanks and floodplains

IFRMT Charter Agency Signatories:
State: HSEMD, DNR, IEDA, DOT, IDALS
Federal: USACE, FEMA, NRCS, USGS,
NOAA-NWS, HUD
Other: Iowa Flood Center, Iowa Water
Center, Iowa Floodplain and
Stormwater Management Association

4 August 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Oak Room, Iowa HSEM Hickman Office
7900 Hickman Rd, Ste 600, Windsor Heights, Iowa
Virtual Option: meet.google.com/yqn-wsgk-ewm

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Weather Outlook National Weather Service
- 3) Updates on Active FPMS and Interagency "Silver Jackets" Projects
- 4) FY25 FPMS Interagency Nonstructural Proposals Submitted
 - a) Missouri Valley Willow Creek RBank Nonstructural Investigation
 - b) Public Buildings in Floodplain Identification
 - c) Flood Mitigation for Disadvantaged Communities
 - d) Flood Loss Estimating in Iowa with FDA
 - e) Levee Sponsor Workshops

5) Monitoring progress of 2023 Iowa Hazard Mitigation Plan flood-related mitigation actions

The State must review progress on most mitigation actions annually. Delegation has been made to Silver Jackets for flood-related actions and issues. There are 30 flood-related mitigation actions. Proposed to review 5- 8 at each SJ meeting. For this meeting:

#	Mitigation Action	Programs/agencies with staff who can assist with action progress reporting	How Implementation Progress Tracked
1.	Alert communities prone to location- specific hazards (e.g., landslides, earthquakes, wildfires, floods, levee/dam failure, sinkholes, and expansive soils) and encourage land-use planning and regulation that reduces risk from such hazards by providing training, funding, and/or outreach on appropriate codes, ordinances, site assessments, and enforcement measures.	HSEMD / BRIC, FMA, HHPD	Report to both SJ and SHMT on # of jurisdictions contacted with such info/resources
1.	Work with IDNR and IDALS to ensure, as Section 319 and other watershed plans are developed in conjunction with their staff, that flood impact data is shared and local emergency management	HSEMD, DNR, IDALS / EPA 319	Report on what 319 and other watershed planning efforts reached out to local emergency

	personnel in subject watershed areas are informed of watershed planning initiatives.		management and other local officials to get their input on flood concerns in the subject watershed(s).
1.18	By 2028 provide technical assistance (TA) to help 15 communities understand their flood issues to explore alternatives for mitigation.	HSEMD, USACE, DNR/ RiskMAP, BRIC, HMGP	Annually check how many communities provided TA through any "Silver Jackets" member agencies
2.23	Encourage programs for residential properties (like Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program) that implement on-site stormwater management practices (such as gutters, drains, concrete work, and landscaping that direct water away from homes).	HSEMD, IEDA / CDBG	Report and discuss annually with SJs what programs are known. Discuss where to get funding and how to establish.
3.1	Improve awareness of hazard risks and ways to reduce their impacts through signage projects or awareness campaigns that partner local jurisdictions with federal and state resources.	DNR, HSEMD, & rest of Flood Risk Mgmt. Team (Silver Jackets) / USACE, HMGP	Report # of jurisdictions awarded funding through HSEMD or assisted by a Silver Jackets member agency with signage or awareness campaigns (include BRIC projects that have funding in budget for such measures).
3.3	Discuss and consider the recommendations of the December 2022 "Iowa Statewide Levee Districts Study" (Study), including establishing a state levee safety program and consolidating levee districts at the USACE system level (described more in Appendix F of the Study). Work toward implementing the recommendations that garner support amongst stakeholders.	Silver Jackets agencies	Annual report from Levee Safety Office delivered to SJ members. Discussion & consideration to follow.
3.8	Annually provide training and/or outreach about mitigation opportunities, available resources, and application specifics with a special focus on smaller communities, underserved communities, EDRCs and those with higher socially vulnerable populations	IDALS, DNR, HSEMD / BRIC, EMPG	Report # of communities to whom outreach was made to provide such information

6) Updates on continuing efforts to Help CUT Flooding

If you know of a community needing such technical assistance, go to survey

at https://arcg.is/0zmq8v which can be filled out by you or any community representative.

- 7) Other Cooperating Technical Partners/RiskMAP updates from Iowa DNR Chris Kahle
- 8) LiDAR and Hydro-conditioning report on recent efforts, and discuss next steps
- 9) Update Iowa Flood Risk Data Inventory with any recent studies (Inventory at http://iowawis.org/lab/floodriskinventory/application.php)
 Get anything not on the map to Nate Young, nathan-young@uiowa.edu so it can be put on the inventory.
 Or give to USACE.

10)	Other	items	from	Silver	Jackets	Team:
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a) IEDA

b) DOT

h) USGS

c) IDALS

i) NOAA-NWS

d) DNR

j) HUD

e) USACE

k) Iowa Flood Center

I) Iowa Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association

f) FEMA

m) Iowa Water Center

11) Other Items

g) NRCS

12) Next Iowa Flood Risk Management (Silver Jackets team) Meeting – Early November?