

*LAKE COUNTY – 2010 CWPP MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
Goals, Strategies and Objectives*

CWPP MITIGATION PLAN GOALS:

The Lake County CWPP mitigation plan is based on four main goals:

1. Reduce human-caused wildfires throughout Lake County.
2. Provide continuing fire-prevention and education programs.
3. Work with communities to coordinate Firewise activities within the County.
4. Foster interagency, local government, and interdisciplinary cooperation when identifying, developing, and addressing hazardous fuels mitigation measures.

CWPP MITIGATION PLAN STRATEGIES AND OBJECTIVES

To accomplish the CWPP mitigation goals, a combination of strategies will be used. These strategies include the “3 E’s” of Education, Engineering, and Enforcement. Following is an overview of the key objectives for each strategy area.

STRATEGY #1 – EDUCATION

Objective 1: CREATE FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

Facilitate development of and support local jurisdictions in becoming recognized Firewise Communities.

Objective 2: CONDUCT FIREWISE ASSESSMENTS

Provide funding for Level 2 Firewise assessments for all residences and actively conduct Firewise trainings and assessments.

Objective 3: FOSTER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Conduct community stakeholder meetings in specific locations to gather feedback and foster resident education and cooperation on fire prevention.

Objective 4: KEEP COMMUNITIES REGULARLY INFORMED

Regularly submit news releases on wildfire prevention topics in Lake County newspapers and maintain Lake County Emergency Management website page with CWPP related articles, events, and related information.

Objective 4: DEVELOP FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES & MATERIALS

Develop topic-specific and age appropriate fire prevention themes that address fire issues in Lake County, such as: Firewise and defensible space, burn barrel education, and mitigating for structural ignitability when building. Continue to identify successful education programs and update materials to promote the fire prevention message.

Objective 5: PROVIDE OUTREACH & EDUCATION AT PUBLIC EVENTS

Create a calendar of public events in Lake County and identify opportunities for providing fire prevention education. Encourage and provide fire prevention messages at local community celebrations and events.

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Objective 6: PROVIDE OUTREACH & EDUCATION AT SCHOOLS

Coordinate fire prevention education with all K-12 schools in Lake County on an annual basis, such as: Smokey Bear Programs (K-2) , Good Fire/Bad Fire messages (3-6), and Firewise messages/trainings (7-12).

STRATEGY #2 - ENGINEERING

Objective 1: SUPPORT THE FEMA SPRINKLER GRANT PROGRAM

Provide 75% sprinkler system reimbursement to eligible, homestead Lake County applicants for the ARDC Wildfire Sprinkler Grant Program until August, 2012.

Objective 2: DEVELOP METAL ROOF GRANT PROGRAM

Develop and implement metal roofing grant program with cost share for homes located in Lake County in areas with increased wildfire risk as identified in the CWPP.

Objective 3: INSTALL DRY HYDRANTS AND WATER STORAGE TANKS

Develop and implement plan to install dry hydrants and water storage tanks for residential fire response in key locations.

Objective 4: DEVELOP BRUSH DISPOSAL / CHIPPER PROGRAMS

Organize and provide brush disposal / chipper programs in communities in Lake County in areas with increased wildfire risk as identified in the CWPP.

Objective 5: DEVELOP BURN BARREL PROGRAMS

Organize and implement burn barrel pilot projects /amnesty programs with Lake County communities.

Objective 6: DEVELOP NOAA EMERGENCY RADIO PROGRAM

Provide NOAA weather radios for emergency updates to property owners in remote, high-risk wildfire areas of Lake County.

Objective 7: DEVELOP GIS MAPS TO SUPPORT CWPP PLAN

Establish GIS mapping products to support the CWPP plan, such as locations of Firewise assessments, external wildfire sprinkler installations, dry hydrants and water storage tanks, etc.

Objective 8: PRIORITIZE HAZARDOUS FUELS TREATMENTS

Prioritize hazardous fuels treatments annually for all WUIs.

Objective 9: IMPLEMENT FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION MEASURES

Implement fire hazard reduction measures as identified for each of the 16 WUIs in coordination with land management partners (MNDNR, Forest Service, County, etc)

STRATEGY #3 - ENFORCEMENT

Objective 1: EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Work with partners to effectively communicate fire restrictions to the public as needed.

Objective 2: ENFORCE OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

Enforce open burning restrictions in coordination with local government, fire departments, police, and other key partners.

Objective 3: REVIEW AND UPDATE CWPP MITIGATION PLAN ANNUALLY

Conduct an annual review of the Lake County CWPP Mitigation Plan to review progress and develop implementation schedule for the next year.