

CSRP Tool Summary

PE7 Action: Evaluate Policies for Climate Resilience

July 8, 2024 - Updated January 8, 2025 to include municipal engagement (person appointed to facilitate, how they elicited participation, village departments involved, oversight of documentation)

Over the past five, the Village of Montour Falls has completed several plans and actions as identified in the CSRP Tool.

These Plans Include:

1.1 Municipal Master Plan	x		2019	Ten Years	https://www.villageofmontourfalls.com/uploads/8/6/7/9/86796416/montour_falls_comp_plan_junefinal.pdf
1.5 Natural Resource Conservation Plan		x			In 2023, the Village was awarded a grant to complete a tree inventory and management plan. The plan will be complete by 2026.
1.10 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan	x		2023	Five years	The Villages Plan is Part of the Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved by FEMA in 2023. Pages 349 - 372 https://www.villageofmontourfalls.com/uploads/8/6/7/9/86796416/schuyler_county_hmp_may2022_sm.pdf
1.18 Economic Development Plan/Strategy	x		2022	Five Years	Completed with Watkins Glen as part of the Regional Strategic Plan https://www.villageofmontourfalls.com/uploads/8/6/7/9/86796416/final_regional_strategic_plan_scoped_versions_17_082420_combined.pdf
1.22 Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan		x			Awarded a grant in 2022 to create a LWRP Plan. The plan should be completed by 2026.
1.23 Climate Action Plan	x		2021	Annual	https://www.villageofmontourfalls.com/uploads/8/6/7/9/86796416/updated_government_operation_climate_action_plan.pdf

1.24 Other: Heat Emergency Plan	x		2020	https://www.villageofmontourfalls.com/uploads/8/6/7/9/86796416/heat_emergency_plan_revised_6.26.20.pdf
1.25 Other: Complete Streets Plan	x		2022	https://www.villageofmontourfalls.com/uploads/8/6/7/9/86796416/mfco_mpletestreets_final_.pdf
1.26 Other: Climate Vulnerability Assessment	x		2022	https://www.villageofmontourfalls.com/uploads/8/6/7/9/86796416/climate_vulnerability_assessment_with_addendum_march_22_2024.docx.pdf
1.27 Other: Levee Recertification Study	x		2021	https://www.villageofmontourfalls.com/uploads/8/6/7/9/86796416/cert_eval_and_scoping_study_report_final_stacked_rev_2_1_1_.pdf

There are still several plans and actions identified in the CSRP Tool that the village is planning to complete over the next five years. These include:

- Update Comprehensive Plan (2027)
- Annual review of the Government Operations Climate Action Plan (Annually in March)
- Historic Preservation Plan (2028)
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. (Started in 2023 with completion anticipated in 2026)

The Deficit Findings of the CSRP Tool and next steps:

- The Village needs to evaluate and plan for costs associated with natural disasters especially flooding
- Increased community engagement and preparation around disasters
- More robust integration of municipal plans into government operations
- Creation of a long-term recovery plan for disasters
- Utilization of the Hazard Mitigation Plan in long term planning

The deficit findings were presented to the Sustainability Committee in July 2024 and a plan is being developed to address the finding and will be presented to the Village Board of Trustees in 2025.

The CSRP tool was completed through robust municipal engagement.

- Amanda Rodriguez Demaria, Economic and Community Development Advisor, was appointed to facilitate the review and was the primary reviewer. In addition to Economic and Community Development, Ms. Demaria has written several of the plans on behalf of the village and oversees most climate smart actions.

- Dean Hillyard, Department of Public Works Supervisor, was appointed as the municipal point of contact for all plan reviews and to assist in eliciting participation with all departments. The Village has a full time staff of 10 and Mr. Hillyard oversees planning, code enforcement, and permitting in addition to all Public Works. As such, Mr. Hillyard is familiar with the majority of the plans and is responsible for their implementation.
- Mayor Jim Ryan provided guidance as needed.
- Additional staff involved with review were the Village Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, the Climate Justice fellow.
- The Village Sustainability Committee has reviewed the review and findings and is responsible for continual annual review and the development of a plan to address the deficit findings.