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Flood Risk Management: Wisconsin Silver Jackets Team



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Location/Description

Silver Jackets teams are collaborative, state-led interagency teams, continuously working together to reduce flood risk at the state level. Through the Silver Jackets program, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, additional Federal, state and sometimes local and tribal agencies provide a unified approach to addressing a state's priorities. Often, no single agency has the complete solution, but each may have one or more pieces to contribute. Wisconsin has participated in Silver Jackets flood risk management activities since 2009. The team convenes as the Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Team, and conducts annual meetings and supplemental meetings as necessary. The team participates in regional and national flood risk management planning events.

The primary goals of the Silver Jackets program are to:

- Facilitate strategic life-cycle flood risk reduction;
- Create or supplement a continuous mechanism to collaboratively solve state-prioritized issues and implement or recommend those solutions;
- Improve processes, identifying and resolving gaps and counteractive programs;
- Leverage and optimize resources;
- Improve and increase flood risk communication and present a unified interagency message; and
- Establish close relationships to facilitate integrated post-disaster recovery solutions.

Status

The team charter was completed and fully executed in January 2016. All team activities are coordinated with the Detroit and Rock Island Districts of the Corps of Engineers. The Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Team currently has one active pilot project:

- Flood plain structure inventory and mitigation plan study for the Wisconsin River corridor in Columbia County was completed in winter 2016. There was an additional meeting with the sponsor and local representatives to review the information and discuss potential future work in August 2016. The team will develop a plan to accomplish a state-wide flood inundation mapping program over several years.

Authority

The Silver Jackets team is a national coordination program activity funded by various authorities. Section 206, 1960 Flood Control Act; Section 22, WRDA 1974; and the Flood Control Act of 1955 (PL 84-99).

Fiscal

The following is a summary of the funds received for the Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Team pilot projects.

Total Federal funds allocated:

FY13: \$28,000
FY14: \$25,000
FY15: \$100,000
FY16: \$0