

Disaster Programming to Meet the Needs of Rural Communities: A Programming Leadership Example

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Henderson Co. Timeline

- Floods of 2008
- Mitigation
- Recovery Efforts
- COAD Development
- NIMS Training
- Exercise Activities
- Teen Programming



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August 2008

- Extension was contacted to assist in grant writing through a project entitled “Illinois Resource Network” which was funded through the Grand Victoria Foundation.



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2010

- Henderson County awarded \$13m in CDBG emergency funds for flood recovery
 - Buyouts
 - Mitigation Projects



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Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)

- All Disciplines
- Materials on Line
- Program Development
- Annual Meeting
- Linkage with NIFA
- Valuable Networking



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2011 Extension Reorganization

- Illinois went from 72 Units to 27 Units
- Henderson County became part of 4 County Unit
- Annual Mitigation Plan meetings continued
- Grant Assistance Continued
- Henderson County Board Support Strong



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Why Disaster Education?

- Extension Presence consistent
- Minimal Emergency Management Staffing or resources
- Extension expertise in Participatory Planning processes and Meeting Facilitation
- Opportunities in Every Program Area
- Value added program for local officials



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EDEN Pilot Project

- Facilitate the Development of COAD's in selected rural counties
- Document process, challenges, and successes
- Develop materials, guidelines, and technical resources through EDEN CED PAWG



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What does a COAD Do?

- Is not a first responder
- Serves as Coordinating body
- Operates in all phases of disaster cycle
- Assists Emergency Management director



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Who was Involved?

- Extension Staff
- Local officials
- Non profit entities
- State Voluntary Agency
- State VOAD Members



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Annex's (Committee's)

- Community Health
- Donations Management
- Mass Care
- Agriculture/Animal
- Volunteer Management
- Long Term Recovery
- Education/Preparedness
- Emotional/Spiritual



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Activities/Programming

- NIMS 700 & 800 Overview
- Tabletop Exercise – Tornado hitting County Fair
- Functional Exercise – Train Derailment
- Additional Awareness Opportunities



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Emergency Manager

- Cindy Rhinehart, Henderson County(IL)Emergency Management Director
- “The best time to coordinate a plan isn’t during a disaster but before it happens and it has been a pleasure to be included in the Pilot Project for the EDEN Community and Economic Development PAWG COAD Development Project. My small community of 7,300 people in Henderson County, IL will benefit from all of the help, information and suggestions we have shared in such a short time working with all of the participants and coordinators involved with the EDEN Community on this project. I feel like getting our local COAD and by-laws in place is one step in the right direction on getting our long term recovery and other action plans in ahead of the game. I am looking forward to continuing our working relationship with the Extension Offices surrounding our community on this project and hopefully, many more in the future.”



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Future Plans

- Continue COAD Activities as Umbrella
 - Youth Initiative Lead
 - Ready Business
 - Ag Preparedness Programs
 - Safe Food Programming
 - Tree Assessments with Communities/Homeowners
 - Etc., etc., etc.



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Conclusions

- Extension Programming opportunity across disciplines
- Limited only by time
- Vacuum of programming in rural communities
- Funding Opportunities
- Hosting EDEN Conference



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Join Us in September

- Extension Disaster Education Network Annual Meeting
- September 26-29, 2017
- Moline, Illinois
- <http://eden.lsu.edu/Pages/default.aspx>



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Questions?

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