

Mitigation Action Guides: 2021-26 Weld County

Ault (2 Projects)

I-Ault: Community Impact Study -Vulnerable Populations-Shelter Capabilities Planning	
PRIORITY: High	HAZARDS ADDRESSED: All hazards
LOCATION: Town of Ault	GOALS ADDRESSED: I-4
RECOMMENDATION DATE: 7/31/2021	OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED: A, B, C, D, E
TARGET COMPLETION DATE: 12/31/2021	Lifelines: Public Safety
<p>ISSUE: Due to the potential impact of severe storms, long term power outages, tornados, proximity of hazmat routes and the lack of sheltering capabilities in the community; the impact by natural hazards and cascading events would require Ault to acquire outside assistance to shelter local residents.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION: Conduct a Community Impact study to identify vulnerable areas and neighborhoods that be greatly impacted by identified high ranking natural hazards or the cascading effects of natural hazards. Identify shelter locations, that include generators, capability to sustain winds up to 200 mph, cots, blankets and maintain supplies for emergency provisions. Provide Train the Trainer course to include preparation for all hazards that could impact the community. Update Emergency planning to include early warning procedures and sheltering/shelter-in-place protocols. Harden infrastructure systems to prevent long term disruption of services and supplies. Identify and obtain grant funding for all components of above projects.</p>	
<p>ACTION: identifying shelters and designating them as critical facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing backup power through fixed generators - mitigating the shelters against hazards (wind, flood, fire, etc.) - building safe rooms or shelters for identified vulnerable areas that need them 	
LEAD AGENCY: Town of Ault	EXPECTED COST: Staff Time,
SUPPORT AGENCIES: Weld OEM,	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES: TBD
PROGRESS MILESTONES:	

2-Ault: Hazardous Materials - Community Impact Study	
PRIORITY: High	HAZARDS ADDRESSED: Hazardous Material
LOCATION: Town of Ault	GOALS ADDRESSED: I-4
RECOMMENDATION DATE: 7/31/2021	OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED: A, B, C, D, E
TARGET COMPLETION DATE: 12/31/2021	LIFELINES: Public Safety, Hazmat, Communications
<p>ISSUE: Due to proximity of Hazmat Routes and Railroad through Ault, Hazmat is the highest-ranking risk to the community at a 2.5. The risks include Hwy 85, Hwy 14 and UP Railway that runs parallel</p>	

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to Hwy 85 on the East side of town. A Hazmat spill on either route would significantly impact the entire community of Ault, traffic on Hwy 85 and Hwy 14, the residential area, and the environment.

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct a Community Impact study addressing the hazmat routes, UP railway commodity flow study, update the current commodity flow study using the recently developed Application (Zone Survey) develop a public awareness campaign and establish protocol and procedure for responding to most prevalent hazmat concerns based on the study. Conduct training for community, government and first responders to address Response, Mitigation, and shelter in place protocols. Identify options at the crossing guards to harden and/or lengthen the closure for a train. Identify funding opportunities for identified projects.

ACTION: Schedule a meeting with government officials, first responders, Weld OEM, Union Pacific, and CDOT/CSP to conduct a community impact study, consulting with Subject Matter Experts from every agency.

LEAD AGENCY: Town of Ault

EXPECTED COST: Staff Time

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Weld OEM, CSP,CDOT

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES: TBD

PROGRESS MILESTONES: