

CHAPTER 1. CITY OF ATHOL ANNEX

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1.2 JURISDICTION PROFILE

The following is a summary of key information about the jurisdiction and its history:

- **Date of Incorporation**— 1909
- **Current Population**— 689 as of 2013 (U.S. Census population estimates)
- **Population Growth**—The population of Athol increased by 2.4 percent from 676 in 2000 to 692 in 2010 (U.S. Census).
- **Location and Description**—The City of Athol is located in northern Kootenai County, Idaho. The Silverwood theme park is located in close proximity. Farragut State Park is located several miles east of town at the southern end of the Lake Pend Oreille.
- **Brief History**— A Northern Pacific Railroad station was built in Athol in 1882, and settlers hoped for a vast agricultural paradise. The jack pine forest first attracted early settlers to Athol, and logging, milling, and agriculture created prosperity. By 1903 there were many businesses opened, including the Pacific Hotel, a drugstore, a smithy, a jewelry store, restaurants, a mercantile company, and a saloon. The depression reduced Athol's importance, and the community declined until the 1940s when Farragut Naval Training Station opened.

Athol was first known as Colton, the town was renamed Athol by a settler who came from Athol, Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Athol was named after a town in Scotland named for the Duke of Atholl.

- **Governing Body Format**— The City is governed by a mayoral/council form of government with 4 City Council Members and a Mayor, all of which are elected to 4 year terms. This body will assume the responsibility for the implementation and adoption of this plan. The Mayor oversees the day-to-day operations of the City. Services provided by the City include Public Services including Public Works, Cemetery, Road Maintenance, and Water.
- **Development Trends**— Athol has maintained a consistent level of growth that has a slow increase. With the highway bypass now in use, Athol is experiencing a slow in business activities, which could result in growth decrease. A number of projects are now being reviewed and in the first stages of discussion and development.

Forecasted projects that will impact the City include:

- Bike path development – Unclear cost at this time
- Public park restrooms – Unclear cost at this time

- Projected new building – Unclear cost at this time
- Cemetery development – Unclear cost at this time

Issues arising from past and forecasted development include:

- increased demand for services Fire, Police, Streets, Parks, Legal, IT;
- Increased call volume for First Responders (Fire/Police);
- Increased sewer volume needing to be addressed, and a plan for research and development of a sewer treatment facility;
- increased demand for recreation facilities, which places a major responsibility on the Parks and Recreation; and
- Increased demand for trash and recycling.

With the increase in population the use, want and need of infrastructure resources has increased without an increase in employees at this time, which puts more burden on the existing employees and creates delays in action which are scrutinized by the public. This lack of additional employees could create a potential hazard during a crisis or event.

CHAPTER 2.CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT

An assessment of legal and regulatory capabilities is presented in Table 2-1. An assessment of fiscal capabilities is presented in Table 2-2. An assessment of administrative and technical capabilities is presented in Table 2-3. Information on National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance is presented in Table 2-4. Classifications under various community mitigation programs are presented in Table 2-5.

**TABLE 2-1.
LEGAL AND REGULATORY CAPABILITY**

	Local Authority	State or Federal Prohibitions	Other Jurisdiction Authority	State Mandated
Codes, Ordinances & Requirements				
Building Code <i>Comments: None</i>			State	
Zoning Code <i>Comments: Planning and Zoning Ord.263. 7-12-2005</i>	City			
Subdivisions <i>Comments: General provisions. Short and long plots. General ord. 230,5-3-1994. Short plots ord.230,5-3-1994. Long plots ord. 230,5-3-1994</i>	City of Athol			
Stormwater Management <i>Comments: none</i>				
Post-Disaster Recovery <i>Comments: None</i>				
Real Estate Disclosure <i>Comments: None</i>				
Growth Management <i>Comments: None</i>				
Site Plan Review <i>Comments: None</i>				
Public Health and Safety <i>Comments: Law Enforcement ,minors, animals. Nuisance ord. 265, 5-2-2006, curfew ord.251,12-3-2002,live stock ord.246,1-2-2001</i>	County			
Environmental Protection <i>Comments: Health and sanitation. Nuisance Ord.271, 7-1-2008.</i>				
Planning Documents				
General or Comprehensive Plan Yes <i>Is the plan equipped to provide linkage to this mitigation plan?</i> <i>Comments: Plan is 1980</i>	City			
Capital Improvement Plan <i>What types of capital facilities does the plan address?</i> <i>How often is the plan updated?</i> <i>Comments: no</i>				
Floodplain or Basin Plan <i>Comments: No</i>				
Stormwater Plan <i>Comments: No</i>				

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LEGAL AND REGULATORY CAPABILITY**

	Local Authority	State or Federal Prohibitions	Other Jurisdiction Authority	State Mandated
Habitat Conservation Plan <i>Comments: No</i>				
Economic Development Plan <i>Comments: No</i>				
Shoreline Management Plan <i>Comments: N/A</i>				
Community Wildfire Protection Plan <i>Comments: No</i>				
Response/Recovery Planning				
Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan <i>Comments: In progress</i>				
Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment <i>Comments: In progress</i>				
Terrorism Plan <i>Comments: no</i>				
Post-Disaster Recovery Plan <i>Comments: No</i>				
Continuity of Operations Plan <i>Comments: no</i>				
Public Health Plan <i>Comments: No</i>				

**TABLE 2-2.
FISCAL CAPABILITY**

Financial Resources	Accessible or Eligible to Use?
Community Development Block Grants	Yes
Capital Improvements Project Funding	Yes
Authority to Levy Taxes for Specific Purposes	Yes
User Fees for Water, Sewer, Gas or Electric Service	Yes
Incur Debt through General Obligation Bonds	Yes
Incur Debt through Special Tax Bonds	Yes
Incur Debt through Private Activity Bonds	Yes
Withhold Public Expenditures in Hazard-Prone Areas	Yes
State-Sponsored Grant Programs	Yes

Development Impact Fees for Homebuyers or Developers	Yes
Other	Please Describe or Leave Blank

**TABLE 2-3.
ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITY**

Staff/Personnel Resources	Available?	Department/Agency/Position
Planners or engineers with knowledge of land development and land management practices	Yes	Contracted out
Engineers or professionals trained in building or infrastructure construction practices	Yes	Contracted Out
Planners or engineers with an understanding of natural hazards	Yes	Contracted out
Staff with training in benefit/cost analysis	Yes	Contracted out
Surveyors	Yes	Contracted out
Personnel skilled or trained in GIS applications	Yes	Contracted out
Scientist familiar with natural hazards in local area	Yes	Contracted out
Emergency manager	Yes	Local fire department
Grant writers	Yes	Contracted out

**TABLE 2-4.
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE**

What local department is responsible for floodplain management?	N/A
Who is your floodplain administrator? (department/position)	N/A
Are any certified floodplain managers on staff in your jurisdiction?	N/A
What is the date of adoption of your flood damage prevention ordinance?	N/A
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit or Community Assistance Contact?	N/A
Does your jurisdiction have any outstanding NFIP compliance violations that need to be addressed? • If so, please state what they are.	N/A
Do your flood hazard maps adequately address the flood risk within your jurisdiction? • If no, please state why.	N/A
Does your floodplain management staff need any assistance or training to support its floodplain management program? • If so, what type of assistance/training is needed?	N/A
Does your jurisdiction participate in the Community Rating System (CRS)?	No
• If so, is your jurisdiction seeking to improve its CRS Classification?	N/A
• If not, is your jurisdiction interested in joining the CRS program?	N/A

2.2 HAZARD RISK RANKING

Table 2-7 presents the ranking of the hazards of concern. **Error! No text of specified style in document.** hazard area maps are included in Volume 1 of this mitigation plan. These maps are based on the best available data at the time of the preparation of this plan, and are considered to be adequate for planning purposes.

TABLE 2-7. HAZARD RISK RANKING		
Rank	Hazard Type	Risk Rating Score (Probability x Impact)
1	Sever Weather	54
1	Wildfire	54
2	Earthquake/ Volcano Ash Fall	36
3	Flood	4
5	Land Slide	4
6	Avalanche	4
7	Dam Failure	4
8	Drought	4
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2.3 HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN AND EVALUATION OF RECOMMENDED INITIATIVES

Table 2-9 lists the initiatives that make up the **Error! No text of specified style in document.** hazard mitigation action plan. Table 2-10 identifies the priority for each initiative. Table 2-11 summarizes the mitigation initiatives by hazard of concern and the six mitigation types.

**TABLE 2-9.
HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN MATRIX**

Applies to new or existing assets	Hazards Mitigated	Objectives Met	Lead Agency	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Timeline	Included in Previous Plan?
A-1 Create a Continuity of Operations Plan for the City of Athol.							
New	All	4,10	City	\$0	Local	Short Term	No
A-2 Identify the Community Center as a facility to be used by the public during hazardous conditions. Educate the public on where to go in case of an emergency.							
New	All	1,3,4,19	City	\$0	Local	Short Term	No
A-3 Look into establishing a Armature radio site in the city to be used during emergency events.							
New	All	1,4,10,13	City	Unk	Unk PDM	Short Term	No
A-4 Increase public awareness of all hazard events that may impact the City and develop a public awareness brochure.							
New	All	1,4	City	Unk	Local PDM	Short Term	No
A-5 Replace old generator that currently supports the City Hall building, which will be used during evacuation conditions.							
New	Severe Weather	3,19	City	Unk	Local Grants	Short Term	No
A-6 Create a City Website recommending actions to prevent wildfire and list evacuation instructions (persons & animals). Include Shelter in Place instructions.							
New	All	1,3,4	City	\$0	Local	Short Term	No
A-7 Continue to participate in the KC AHMP Update Process for the next five years.							
New	All	16	City KC	\$0	Local	Short Term	No
Initiative #—Description							
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**TABLE 2-10.
MITIGATION STRATEGY PRIORITY SCHEDULE**

Initiative #	# of Objectives Met	Benefits	Costs	Do Benefits Equal or Exceed Costs?	Is Project Grant-Eligible?	Can Project Be Funded Under Existing Programs/ Budgets?	Priority ^a
1	2	Low	Low	Yes	No	Yes	High
2	4	Low	Low	Yes	No	Yes	High
3	4	Medium	High	No	No	Yes	Medium
4	2	Low	Low	Yes	No	Yes	High
5	2	High	High	Yes	No	No	Low
6	3	Low	Low	Yes	No	Yes	High
7	1	Low	Low	Yes	No	Yes	Medium

a. See the introduction to this volume for explanation of priorities.

**TABLE 2-11.
ANALYSIS OF MITIGATION INITIATIVES**

Hazard Type	Initiative Addressing Hazard, by Mitigation Type					
	1. Prevention	2. Property Protection	3. Public Education and Awareness	4. Natural Resource Protection	5. Emergency Services	6. Structural Projects
Severe Weather	5	5	1,2,4,6,7		1,3,5	
Wildfire			1,2,4,6,7		1,3	
Earthquake/ Volcano Ash Fall			1,2,4,6,7		1,3	
Flood			1,2,4,6,7		1,3	
Land Slide			1,2,4,6,7		1,3	
Avalanche			1,2,4,6,7		1,3	
Dam Failure			1,2,4,6,7		1,3	
Drought			1,2,4,6,7		1,3	

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